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Praying in a noisy world.

April 2, 2017

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

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Welcome to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

Visitors are encouraged to fill out the Friendship Folder along with our members.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following worship.

Hearing enhancement devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

*All who choose may stand

FWS: Song printed in black Faith We Sing Hymnal **UMH:** Song printed in blue United Methodist Hymnal

Prelude

Herzlich Tut Verlangen

Deitrich Buxtehude

Welcome

* **Hymn #432 (UMH)**

Jesu, Jesu

* **Call to Worship**

Myra Moreland

One: We gather in the presence of our God:

**All: the calm presence in times of confusion,
the comforter in the midst of struggle.**

One: We gather with fellow pilgrims seeking to follow the way of Jesus:

**All: brother to those walking in fear,
and friend to all overwhelmed by loss.**

One: We are brought together by the Spirit
who lives both within, and among us:

**All: the peace that never leaves us
and love that never abandons us.**

One: All are welcome in this place!

All: Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn #2164 (FWS)**

Sanctuary

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Welcome and Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Sunday school will follow Time with Children. If you are attending for the first time, parents should accompany children to the Narthex to meet the leaders and sign in. Children can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Musical Offering

Stay With Me/Abide with Me
Beth Simms

arr. Caleb Williams

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory Anthem

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Sanctus Choir

* **Doxology Hymn #95 (UMH)**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

Time of Prayer

Hymn #2057 (FWS)

Be Still and Know That I Am God

Prayer Practice

The Lord's Prayer

Scripture

Isaiah 58:6-11

Isn't this the fast I choose:

releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke,
setting free the mistreated,
and breaking every yoke?

Isn't it sharing your bread with the hungry
and bringing the homeless poor into your house,
covering the naked when you see them,
and not hiding from your own family?

Then your light will break out like the dawn,
and you will be healed quickly.

Your own righteousness will walk before you,
and the Lord's glory will be your rear guard.

Then you will call, and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here."

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the finger-pointing, the wicked speech;
if you open your heart to the hungry,
and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted,
your light will shine in the darkness,
and your gloom will be like the noon.

The Lord will guide you continually
and provide for you, even in parched places.
He will rescue your bones.

You will be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water that won't run dry.

Message

Live Your Prayer

Jeff Nelson

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving #13 (UMH)

Communion Anthem

Communion Prayer
Angelus Choir

Allen Pote

* Hymn #530 (UMH)

Are Ye Able

* Benediction

* Postlude

Dear friends,

Next week is big! It's Holy Week! It's the week when the story of Jesus will be on full display. I promise you will not want to miss any of it! Our worship team and staff are working hard to ensure that we see the sights and hear the sounds and experience all the feelings and emotions of this culminating week in the life and ministry of Jesus. It is our story and you don't want to miss out.

So here is a quick run down of next week's powerful events.

Palm Sunday Celebration: Saturday, April 8, at 4:00 pm and Sunday, April 9, at 9:00 and 11:00 am

It will be an exciting service of music and palms. Feel the excitement and chaos of Jesus' triumphal entry. You will get swept up and swept away in the joyous parade of palms.

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 pm

We will be recreating the intimacy of the Upper Room where Jesus shared his last meal with his closest friends. We will take communion together and feel the closeness of community. You won't want to miss this experience!

Good Friday: Friday, April 14, at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm

We will gather two times this day. Once at noon and once in the evening. Our noon service will feature Communion. Our evening service will feature poets as we come to hear the 7 Last Words spoken from the cross.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 15, 4:00 pm

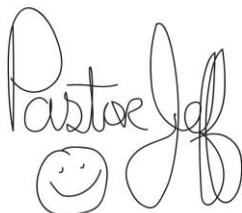
The ancient church always used this day of silence to prepare for the Easter miracle. Come sing and pray this deep and meaningful liturgy.

Easter: Sunday, April 16, 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 am

This is where the journey culminates. Three services with three chances to experience the hope and promise of the faith.

I am looking forward to walking this journey with you. It is the holiest of weeks. Come and walk this journey with us!

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff