



June 18, 2017

11:00 am Traditional Worship

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

Pastor Jeff Nelson

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

Prelude

Prelude on *Morning Has Broken*

David Lasky

* **Hymn #547 (UMH)**

O Church of God, United

* **Call to Worship**

One: Weird people of the world unite! Come all, short and tall, big and small, hear the call!

All: Weird people of the world unite!

One: Come young and old, hot and cold, shy and bold!

All: Weird people of the world unite!

One: Come grinning and pouting, inning and outing, hopeful and doubting!

All: Weird people of the world unite!

One: In this space, in this place, in this rEVOLution of love, all are welcome!

All: Thanks be to God!

* **Hymn #2226 (FWS)**

Bind Us Together

* **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.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Parker Eric Jones

Carson Jack Jones

Spencer Luke Jones

Children of Meghan and David Jones

Music Ministry

You Raise Me Up

Rolf Løvland & Brendan Graham

Laci Marie

Time of Prayer

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer for Forgiveness

One: God of all, you knit us together, cell by cell and heart to heart. You weave webs of love between us and call us to risk vulnerability. We have trouble trusting, though.

When someone looks different,

All: help us trust.

One: When someone annoys us with their driving or talking or politics,

All: help us trust.

One: When we don't even like ourselves,

All: help us trust.

One: In every breath of every day,

All: help us trust.

Moment of Silent Prayer

One: Fire of Love, rekindle in us a passion for justice, a drive for mercy, and a habit of grace.

All: In your unquenchable love, unleash us to get out and change the world!

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

What a Fellowship

arr. Gil Martin

Sanctus Choir

* Doxology Hymn #95 (UMH)

Scripture

Acts 2:42-47

Common English Bible

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Message

What a Fellowship

Jeff Nelson

* Hymn #133 (UMH)

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

* Benediction

* Postlude

Sinfonia

J.S. Bach

Dear Friends,

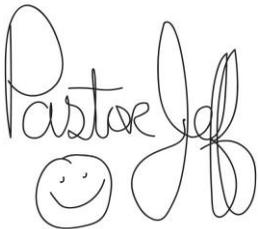
Last week we lived the bible story of The Feeding of the 4,000. Together we made around 4,000 sandwiches to be shared with the hungry and homeless of our community. The food “multiplication” stories in the Bible — stories of Jesus feeding the crowd with just a few fish and few loaves of bread — tell us that abundance is the true foundation of God’s reality. Our faith, with its inherent overflowing, always has more than enough of itself to give.

At Royal Oak First, we know that we are made to share God’s love. We want to make Christ’s love real! However, the flow of God’s grace through us can get blocked when we live inside a worldview of scarcity. Scarcity - the belief that there is not enough: not enough of God, enough of me, enough food, enough healthcare to go around, enough room to include all, enough mercy to forgive all faults. It is very easy to let a mindset of scarcity take over. So when we say, “God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it!” we are saying that there is enough love to go around, we are saying that our God is a God of abundance not scarcity.

We want to live in the divine economy of abundance. We want to trust that there is enough grace to go around, enough room to draw our circle wide, enough resources to be a blessing beyond our walls. Will you keep showing up expecting God to do far more with us together than we could ever do on our own?

Thank you for being a part of this movement of abundance. You are a part of what makes this place so special. Let's continue to shower our church, our community, our world with the goodness of God.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style, and "Jeff" is written in a more stylized, looped cursive. Below the letter "P" in "Pastor", there is a simple smiley face drawn with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

PS - Thank you to Laurie O'Donnell and her team for helping us make this story real! Your abundant spirit is so appreciated.