



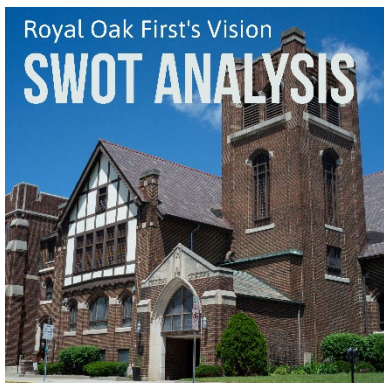
**ROYAL OAK**  
**FIRST**  
A United Methodist Church

**Sunday, July 7, 2024**  
**10:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

|  |  |                     |
|--|--|---------------------|
| <b>Prelude</b>                             | Variations on “Amazing Grace”<br>arr. Denis Bedard | Kyle Webber         |
| <b>Call to Worship</b>                     |  | Erica Plesco        |
| <b>Opening Hymn #89</b>                    | “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”                    |                     |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b> |  | Jennifer Tripoli    |
| <b>Hymn #191</b>                           | “Jesus Loves Me”                                   |                     |
| <b>Children’s Moment</b>                   |  | Michelle Haight     |
| <b>Moment of Recognition</b>               |  |                     |
| <b>Time of Prayer</b>                      |  | Nicole Wilson       |
| <b>Invitation to Offering</b>              |  |                     |
| <b>Musical Offering</b>                    | “Never Leave”<br>Joanna Whaley                     | Joanna Whaley       |
| <b>Doxology #95</b>                        | “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”          |                     |
| <b>Scripture</b>                           | Mark 6:1-6   |                     |
| <b>Message</b>                             | “Familiarity & Faith”                              | Jennifer Tripoli    |
| <b>Sacrament of Holy Communion</b>         |  |                     |
| <b>Song</b>                                | “Come to Me”<br>by Dan Forrest                     | Liz Wright, Soprano |
| <b>Closing Hymn #529</b>                   | “How Firm a Foundation”                            |                     |
| <b>Benediction</b>                         |  |                     |
| <b>Postlude</b>                            | “How Firm a Foundation”<br>arr. Janet Linker       |                     |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## THE CHURCH'S VISION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The next step of our church-wide planning process is to assess the gap between where we are right now in relation to our vision for the future which we created in March at our Visioning Day. To assess that, we will do a SWOT analysis, which stands for Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats. We need you, invested members of the congregation at every age and stage of life, to help us identify:

1. Royal Oak First's current strengths and weaknesses in relation to each of the long-term vision elements we created.
2. The external opportunities before us at Royal Oak First that we can seize and/or create to help move us toward our vision.
3. The external dangers and threats Royal Oak First needs to anticipate and be aware of that could derail progress toward our vision.

**We hope you can join us on Monday, July 8 from 5:30-9:00 p.m. We will have a light dinner from 5:30-6:00 p.m. and then begin the SWOT analysis at 6:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited whether or not you were able to attend the Visioning Day in March. Please scan QR code to sign up.



## LOVE GIFT FOR KYLE WEBBER

Help us say "goodbye and good luck" to Kyle Webber. After two years of beautiful music, it is time for us to say farewell to our Worship & Arts Director, Kyle Webber. Sunday, July 7th will be his final Sunday at Royal Oak First. To help us say "Thank you for the music!" we are collecting a special "Love Gift". If you would like to contribute, checks may be made out to Royal Oak First with "Kyle Webber Love Gift" in the memo line or scan the QR code.



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## CROCHETING FOR CANCER PATIENTS

Do you know how to crochet or want to learn? Shawl Ministry has a mission project for you that you can do from home. Crochet 9x9 inch Solid Granny Squares, any color combo, that the Shawl Ministry will then crochet together to make blankets to be donated to cancer patients at a local hospital. **Beginner crochet lessons are taught each Sunday after the 10:00 a.m. service (crochet hooks and yarn will be supplied**



## DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP & MUSIC JOB OPENING

Royal Oak First United Methodist Church seeks an experienced worship and music director and organist who can lead people in music and worship in a full-time position with the church. The Worship and Music Director is the primary facilitator of the creative and planning process for the worship experience, while also directing all areas of music. This person leads the worship team to ensure the delivery of high-quality, meaningful worship services for the congregation. With a focus on inclusion and diversity of styles, the Worship and Music Director works with a team of paid and volunteer staff and musicians to ensure our weekly services are well-planned and well-organized. **Scan QR code for job description and details on how to apply.**



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## PRIDE & ALLY GROUP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS AT OUR LAST PRIDE EVENT!

Our Pride & Ally Group needs **volunteers for our booth at Pride Royal Oak on Friday, July 26 and Saturday, July 27**. Please scan the QR code to sign up! If you have any questions, please email [prideandally@rofum.org](mailto:prideandally@rofum.org).



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## RBI PRODUCE COORDINATOR NEEDED

One of our co-coordinators for the Redford Brightmoor Initiative (RBI) Produce Program is looking to step down, **so we are looking for a new co-coordinator**. The two co-coordinators work together to update the digital sign-up and send out the informational email to the volunteers. When we are short on volunteers, they work with Karla to find additional helpers or if they are able, one of the coordinators will fill in, but it is not expected. A more detailed description of duties is available by emailing [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org) or by stopping by the Connections Table after service.

## GOT KITCHEN SUPPLIES? WE NEED THEM FOR CHOIR CAMP!

We are in need of kitchen supplies for our **Cooking Class that will happen during this year's Choir Camp!** If you can donate (or loan), **please drop off at the Church Office by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 18**. Here is what we need: Hot plates • Blenders • Mixing Bowls • Hand Mixers • Food Processors.



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## JOIN US FOR OUR CHURCH PICNIC ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

Our Church Picnic will be held on Wednesday, August 7 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Normandy Oaks, 4234 Delemere Blvd., Royal Oak, 48073. Bring a side dish to pass, a chair, and your beverage of choice. There is a kids splash pad, so bring a swimsuit and a towel. We will provide the hot dogs, the fellowship, and the fun. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 248.541.4100 or [office@rofum.org](mailto:office@rofum.org).



## ROYAL OAK FIRST DADS ARE GETTING TOGETHER

Dads of all ages are getting together for breakfast, fellowship and faith to discuss life as fathers and the challenges we all face. **We will next meet on Wednesday, July 17 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.** We have rotated locations where we meet, so please check in with Michael Spath at [michaelspath1980@gmail.com](mailto:michaelspath1980@gmail.com) to learn more.

# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## **Prayers for Our Church Family:**

Whitney Brown • Lee Hoffmann • Diana Shornak • Allison and Bill Hempstead •  
Nancy Matson • Joyce Negrich • Sheryl Safran • Woody Siddall • Mike Long •  
The Gothards • Al and Gloria Knappenberger • Sue Minch •

## **Prayers for Our Extended Family:**

Vayda Worden • Bobby Edward • Matthew Fletcher • Margaret Maas •  
Jasean Esper • Victor and Christy Pantin • Michael Retaskie •  
Lee and Mary Warmouth • Effie Lambros • Audrey Sproul •  
Harold and Sue Williams • Blake Hurley • Sheryl Moreno • Deana Sawicki •  
John Barber, Jr. • Jim Louchery •

## **Sympathies to:**

The Moro family on the death of Maria's aunt, Mary Evangelista on July 2, 2024  
The Ross family on the death of Lee's mother, Phyllis Turner on June 22, 2024

## **Congratulations to:**

David and Lauren Schrock on the birth of their son, Gabriel on June 30, 2024

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,  
please contact Danielle Moody at [prayers@rofum.org](mailto:prayers@rofum.org).*

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Bridget and I are not able to be with you this weekend. We will be over in West Michigan attending our son Sam's band concert. For the last week and a half, Sam has been at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp. This annual experience has helped him grow as a musician and has broadened his network of friends. He loves it! And seeing him play music in such an accomplished band is a real highlight for us. Thank you for your support as we support our Sam!

We are especially sad to not be here this weekend to say goodbye to our colleague Kyle Webber. Kyle has been an integral part of our life here at Royal Oak First since September of 2021. He has brought joy, passion and kindness to the music ministries of our community. And beyond his musical leadership, Kyle brought a gentle strength to our whole community. We will miss him and his family. We wish him nothing but the best going forward.

I have been working together with our Compass Team and music ensembles to fill all the different roles Kyle has played among us. We hope to be able to make some announcements soon.

I am thankful to Pastor Jennifer Tripoli and Erica Plesco who will be leading worship this Sunday. I simply ask that you keep everyone in prayer in this time of transition. We trust that God will guide us into these phases of our life together.

Good luck, Kyle. We will miss you!

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in grey ink that reads "Pastor Jeff" with a simple smiley face drawn below the name.

Pastor Jeff Nelson