



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, August 25, 2024
10:00 AM Worship

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Laurie Comer
Greeting		Joanna Whaley
Song	“Yes and Amen”	House Band
Song	“Your Grace is Enough”	
Welcome & Invitation to Mission		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
Mission Moment	“Noisy Bucket”	Leonard Benyas, Piano
Children’s Moment	“Blessing of the Backpacks”	
Time of Prayer		Nicole Wilson
Invitation to Offering		
Musical Offering	“This is Me Trying” by Taylor Swift	Rosa Moody & Luke Jehnke
Doxology	“Give Thanks”	
Scripture Reading	John 4:1-42 (portions)	
Message	“This is Me Trying”	Jeff Nelson
Song	“Great Are You Lord”	
Benediction		
Departing Music	“Your Grace is Enough”	

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“SERVICE FOR OTHERS TODAY” SANDWICH ASSEMBLY

Please stop by the Parlor after service TODAY where we will join in service for others. We will be assembling sandwiches for our Outreach on 7th Lunch Program.



SPECIAL ARTS, BEATS & EATS SERVICE

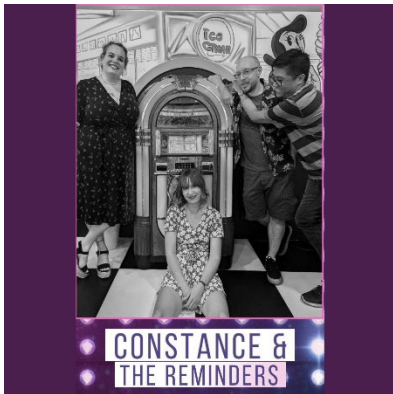
We will have **only one worship service during Arts, Beats & Eats on Sunday, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. on the outdoor stage located at 6th and Lafayette.** If you don't plan on staying for the festival, park in the parking structure across and down the street from the church until 11:00 am. If you are planning to attend the festival after worship, all worshippers that day get a ticket for free admission to the festival, free parking at Royal Oak High School (1500 Lexington Blvd.), along with a free shuttle from the high school to drop you off and pick you up right next to the stage.



FALL KICKOFF SUNDAY

Please mark **Sunday, September 8 on your calendar and plan to join us for the kickoff of the 2024-25 worship year. We will have one service inside in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. that morning followed by a block party on 7th Street.** There will be hot dogs, ice cream, a bounce house and games for the kids, along with the Cornhole Tournament! We ask you to bring a pair of socks for our traditional “Sock-it-to-Me-September” sock drive.

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CONSTANCE & THE REMINDERS CONCERT

Part of the Greater Detroit District “Mission Revival” Concert Series

On Friday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Oak First United Methodist Church, enjoy the unique Americana sound of alt-country twang and dream pop by Constance & The Reminders (Erica Plesco & Megan Porath with vocals, Monday Busque on bass, and Jason Sherman on drums), featuring songs to soothe a lonesome heart and revive a weary spirit. Bring your friends and family to this free concert. About the Greater Detroit District Mission Revival Concert Series: The Mission Revival is an annual event organized by the Greater Detroit District, designed to celebrate and showcase the diverse and vibrant musical talents within our churches. This year's theme focuses on highlighting the unique sounds of church music across the district, from praise bands and organ recitals to classical music concerts and choir performances. Our goal is to create a series of events that not only showcase these talents but also foster a sense of community and shared worship.



TWO WORSHIP SERVICES RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 15

Join us as we return to our normal worship times of **9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, September 15.** Our 9:00 a.m. service is a more contemporary service and our 11:00 a.m. service is a more traditional service.

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SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION FOR FERNDALE LOWER ELEMENTARY

Late summer brings the return of the Royal Oak First School Supply Collection! We are continuing our partnership with Ferndale Lower Elementary and will be collecting the following items which they requested: **glue sticks, Expo markers, Crayola 24ct crayons, Ticonderoga pencils, and kid scissors.** Other items are welcome, but those listed are of greatest need. Please drop off items in the white bin near the Tower entrance or in the white bin by the Welcome Desk near the Lafayette entrance.

Men's Clothes Needed for Outreach on 7th Clothing Closet!



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The Clothing Closet of Royal Oak First's Outreach on 7th Program is the source of shoes, clothing, and small essentials for many of God's homeless children. **The closet's greatest needs right now include: men's shoes (sneakers, athletic shoes), men's blue jeans, men's short sleeve shirts and men's shorts.** Please take time to look in the back of your closets for these items that could help provide for those in need. **Please drop items off at the Church office Mon-Thu between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.**



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.**



Royal Oak First is always grateful when people give of their TIME, TALENT and/or TREASURE.

Did you know that there are several different ways to give financially?

Text to Give: Text the amount you wish to give to 855.566.0093.

In Person: You can place a check or cash in an offering envelope and drop it in the offering plate when it goes by or in one of the offering collection boxes just outside the Sanctuary.

Giving App: Download the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app to set up one-time or recurring donations.

Online: Visit rofum.org/giving to set up and manage your one-time and recurring gifts.

You can always check out our website, www.rofum.org for **Volunteer Opportunities** or subscribe to our weekly email, by going to this link: <http://eepurl.com/c9m7L9> or by stopping by the Connections Table in the Gathering Space.

For more information, contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at 248.541.4100 ext. 1225 or email jtripoli@rofum.org.

Thank you!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Mary Nahhat • Woody Siddall • Marian Kremer • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm •
Nancy Matson • Rob Filipp • The Gothards • Sue Minch •

Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Betty and Jim Goodrich • Jessica Boyer • Barbara Witherspoon •
Carol Marshall • Ann Avesian • The O'Mara Family • Deana Sawicki •
Matthew Fletcher • Victor and Christy Pantin • John Barber, Jr. •
John & Joyce Barber • Margaret Maas

Congratulations to:

Richard Leighton and Timothy Murphy on their marriage on August 22, 2024

*If you would like to add someone to the Prayer List,
please contact Danielle Moody at prayers@rofum.org.*

TIME OF PRAYER

Every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Join Pastor Bridget Nelson and Congregational Care Coordinator Danielle Moody, as we spend about 45 minutes together praying for everyone on the prayer list as well as any other concerns we have that day. We spend some time in silence catching our breath and connecting with God. All are welcome!



LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

As summer draws to a close-can you believe it? I want to highlight three special events coming up in the next few weeks.

****Arts, Beats & Eats****

Labor Day weekend is a cherished time for the Royal Oak community as hundreds of thousands flock to our city for four days filled with amazing food, music, and art. It's a wonderful holiday tradition, and Royal Oak First is excited to be a part of it! We will open our lawn as a welcoming space for family dining, complete with diaper changing and nursing stations. And don't forget, we'll gather for worship on Sunday morning, September 1 at 10:00 a.m. at the Americana Stage on 6th Street and Lafayette Street. Come, bring a neighbor, and enjoy the festival together!

****Kick-Off Sunday****

On Sunday, September 8, we will have our final combined service of the season at 10:00 a.m. Let's warmly welcome our new Director of Worship & Music, Michael Rosas! After the service, join us outside for hot dogs, chips, ice cream, and beverages. We'll even host a Cornhole tournament along with other fun activities. It's a great way to kick off the fall season here at Royal Oak First!

****Sock-it-to-Me September****

Every September, we come together to support the NOAH Project, one of Detroit's vital ministries for the unhoused and underserved, by collecting socks. Warm, dry socks are essential for helping our neighbors navigate the cold and wet winter months. I encourage you to pick up a pack of socks and bring them to church this month. Together, we can make a meaningful difference!

Thank you for all you do to make Christ's love real. You are truly appreciated.

Grace and Peace,



Pastor Jeff Nelson