



ROYAL OAK
FIRST
A United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 1, 2024
10:00 AM Worship

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Gathering Song

“Whom Shall I Fear”

House Band

Verse 1

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear?

Verse 2

You crush the enemy
Underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear?

Chorus

I know who goes before me
I know who stands behind
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side
The one who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies
Is always by my side

Verse 3

My strength is in your name
For you alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory
Whom shall I fear?
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Chorus (x2)

Bridge

Nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in your hands
I'm holding on to your promises
You are faithful

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Chorus (x2)

Greeting

Joanna Whaley

Call to Worship

L: Come, all who labor and are weighed down with responsibility, uncertainty, and worry.

C: We come, because the load we carry is heavier than we can bear alone.

L: Come, all you who seek to relate work and worship, leisure and service, into a meaningful whole.

C: We gather for spiritual renewal and practical challenge, for help in making choices and carrying out our commitments.

L: Come, sinner and saint, with your hatreds and loves, your failures and successes, your sorrows and joys.

C: We respond to the Spirit's leading and open ourselves to receive God's gracious gifts.

All: Amen

Song

"Raise a Hallelujah"

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah, in the presence of my enemies

I raise a hallelujah, louder than the unbelief

I raise a hallelujah, my weapon is a melody

I raise a hallelujah, heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus

I'm gonna sing, in the middle of the storm

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar

Up from the ashes, hope will arise

Death is defeated, the king is alive!

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Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah, with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah, I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah, in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah, fear you lost your hold on me!

Chorus

Bridge

Sing a little louder (in the presence of my enemies)
Sing a little louder (louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder (my weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder (heaven comes to fight for me)
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Sing a little louder (louder than the unbelief)
Sing a little louder (my weapon is a melody)
Sing a little louder (heaven comes to fight for me)
Sing a little louder!

Chorus

Song

“Trust in God”

Verse 1

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough

Chorus

I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail

Verse 2

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
I'm praising my risen King and Savior all the day long

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Chorus (x2)

Bridge

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
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That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him
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Chorus (x2)

Bridge (x2)

Welcome & Invitation to Mission

Jeff Nelson

Time of Prayer

Nicole Wilson

Invitation to Offering

Chris Mikell

Musical Offering

“Goodness of God”
by Jenn Johnson

Laci Basel

Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Amen

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Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-14

Song

“War of Hell”
by Joanna Whaley

Joanna Whaley

Message

“Fearless”

Jeff Nelson

Song

“House of the Lord”

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

Chorus

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise
(Oh-oh, oh) we shout out Your praise
(Oh-oh, oh)

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Chorus

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Bridge (x2)

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

Chorus (x2)

Benediction

Departing Music

“House of the Lord”

Chorus

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There's joy in the house of the Lord today
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SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER

New socks are some of the most important items for homeless folks in the winter. Our friends at NOAH at Central give out over 10,000 pairs of socks annually as part of their work supporting the unhoused of Detroit. It is our goal to contribute 1000 pairs of socks to NOAH this year, in addition to restocking the supply at Outreach on 7th. **Please bring a package or two of NEW MEN'S CREW SOCKS to church during the month of September**, and help us reach our goal. Please drop off socks in the white bin near the Tower entrance or in the white bin by the Welcome Desk near the Lafayette entrance.



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 new men's crew socks for our traditional "Sock-it-to-Me September" sock drive.



PRODUCE SHOPPING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you for your continued support in providing fresh produce monthly to the families served through Redford Brightmoor Initiative's Free Store! **We are in need of shopping volunteers on September 13 and a delivery driver on September 14.** Scan the QR code to sign up.



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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.



ESSENTIALS PANTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 9/7 AND BEYOND

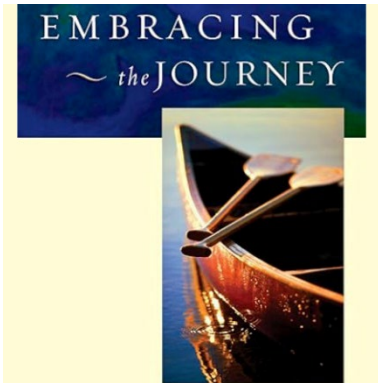
The first Saturday of the month, from 8:30-10:30 a.m. the Essentials Pantry is open. **We need volunteers on September 7 and beyond** to gather from our supply inventory and hand out these supplies to those in need. If you are able to volunteer, please scan the QR code to sign up.



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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EMBRACING THE JOURNEY – A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE THIS FALL

Have you experienced a stirring in your soul to deepen your relationship with God and with others at church? Do you want more connection and a place to be known? Are you interested in sharing both the ups and downs of your faith journey and want to express your doubts or questions without judgement or pat answers? **Join a small group of fellow companions this fall for five sessions.** We will be using the book “Embracing the Journey” which you will be able to purchase for \$13 at the church. Each meeting will focus on just one short chapter that includes helpful prompts and questions to encourage your self-reflection prior to our time together. **Watch for the Signup Genius soon.**



COFFEE BAR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Are you looking for a fun, easy way to connect with other people at church while being of service? We have just the spot for you! Coffee bar volunteers prepare coffee, tea, water, and snacks all before service. Then after service, they keep the coffee coming and wipe tables and counters while interacting with our congregants. **If this sounds interesting to you, please scan the QR code.**



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

MEN'S CLOTHES NEEDED!

Currently, **we specifically need the following items for the Outreach on 7th Clothing Closet:**

- Men's Tennis/Athletic Shoes
- Men's Blue Jeans (sizes 34, 36, 38)
- Shaving Cream

Please drop items off at the Church office Mon-Thu between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Thank you for your support!

PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

Prayers for Our Church Family:

Nancy Matson • Mary Nahhat • Woody Siddall • Marian Kremer •
Megan Mckenzie-Grimm • 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 and Joyce Barber • Margaret Maas

Sympathies to:

The family and friends of Shirley Shafer on her death on August 1, 2024

Congratulations to:

Margie Dallavo on her 101st birthday today, September 1st!

*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,

This weekend, we come together for worship in the midst of the annual Arts, Beats & Eats Festival! Over Labor Day Weekend, our beloved city of Royal Oak will welcome hundreds of thousands of people who will enjoy the wide diversity of food, music, and art that will be on display. (Perogis and deep fried Oreos!!! I am in!) It is a joy to be surrounded by such energy and excitement, and it's one of the wonderful aspects of being a downtown church.

On Sunday, we will hold our worship service outdoors on the Baker College Americana Stage, located at Sixth and Lafayette—just one block down from the church. Service will begin at 10:00 a.m., and parking is conveniently available in the structure directly across the street from the stage. As a special treat, all attendees will receive wristbands that grant free access to the festival after the service!

So, feel free to invite a friend or neighbor to share in the joy of this unique worship experience. It will be a wonderful opportunity to bring God's message of love and courage to our community.

Grace and Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". Below the signature is a simple line drawing of a smiley face with two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.

Pastor Jeff Nelson