



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

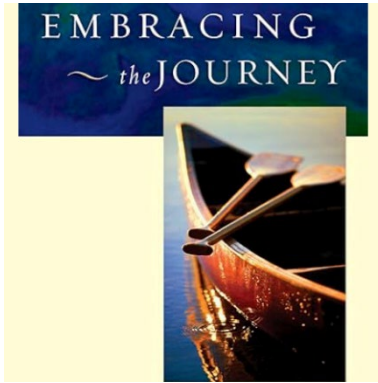
**Sunday, September 22, 2024**  
**11:00 AM Worship**

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Meditation” by Gordon Jacob	Michael Rosas
<b>Call to Worship</b>		James Brooker
<b>Opening Hymn #2222***</b>	“The Servant Song”	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>Musical Response #62*</b>	“All Creatures of Our God and King,” v. 7	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jennifer Tripoli & Jeff Nelson
<b>Noisy Bucket</b>	“Waltz of the Flowers” Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky	Leonard Benyas, piano
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Special Music</b>	“Love Can Build a Bridge” by Jarvis, Judd & Overstreet	Megan Porath & Laci Basel
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Walk Humbly With Your God” by Joel Raney	Sanctus Choir
<b>Doxology #95*</b>	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Scripture Reading**</b>	Colossians 1:15-20	
<b>Message</b>	“In the Shadow of a Roadside Jesus”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Closing Hymn #298*</b>	“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	Improvisation on “CRUCIFER”	

*\*United Methodist Hymnal*  
*\*\*New Revised Standard Version*  
*\*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## 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 can purchase for \$13 at the church after service. 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. **Scan the QR code to sign up.**



## LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO READ SCRIPTURE DURING SUNDAY SERVICE

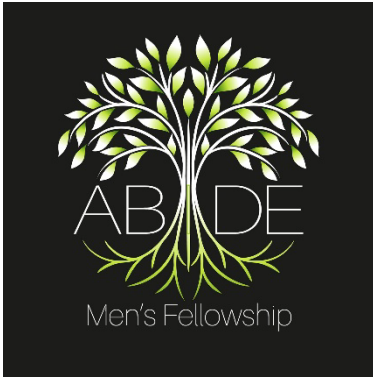
We are always looking for **new people to read the scripture (and other liturgical pieces) at our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service.** We provide the training and the script; you just need to arrive at 10:45 a.m., stay for your part of the service, and then you are done and can enjoy the rest of the service. **Please contact Michael Rosas at 248.541.4100 x 1119 or email [mrosas@rofum.org](mailto:mrosas@rofum.org) if you are interested.**



## MISSIONS TEAM PLANNING MEETING

Please join us on **Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 305 for our next Missions Team planning meeting.** We will recap recent missions and make plans for upcoming programming. New participants and new ideas are always welcome! **If you have ideas but are unable to attend, please email our Mission Coordinator, Karla Goetz, at [missions@rofum.org](mailto:missions@rofum.org).**

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## ABIDE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Resuming on Tuesday, September 24, the ABIDE Men's Fellowship will meet on the last Tuesday of each month at the Royal Oak Tap House (714 S. Washington, Royal Oak) at 7:00 p.m. All other meetings during the month will be held at the church every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. ALL men are welcome and invited to join us at any of the meetings. This will be a time of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Our ABIDE Men's Fellowship has three goals: 1. Make space for friendship and fellowship. 2. Create opportunities to serve. 3. Offer opportunities to grow in faith. We hope you can join us!



## MOMS AT PUBS (MAP)

MAP is a group that meets for fun and fellowship at a local pub, giving moms a chance to relax, laugh, and enjoy the fellowship of other moms. **This month we will meet on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m. at Cantaritos Mexican Bar & Grill, 386 N. Main, Royal Oak.** Please join us! If you have any questions or want to be added to our email list for upcoming events, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at [jtropoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtropoli@rofum.org) or phone/text 248.703.8805.



## PASTOR CHAT-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

If you're new to Royal Oak First and you'd like to know more about our church or if you'd like to learn the next steps about how to become part of everything going on here, then come to the Pastor Chat. The next **Pastor Chat will be on Sunday, September 29 at 10:15 a.m. in the Parlor** and last no more than 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you!

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## **Big Boy Night is Back!**

**Tuesday, October 8, 4-8pm**



## **BIG BOY NIGHT!**

Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, October 8, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for Big Boy Night!** This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild for our summer choir camp. The restaurant is giving us 15% of all sales between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m. We will be at the Troy Big Boy (200 W. Maple, Troy, MI 48084). There will be lots of wonderful items donated by our members as door prizes. Come on out and meet your church family and friends for a tasty dinner, get a door prize or two and support our kids going to camp. Pick up a card at the Connections Table to give to the cashier at Big Boy.

## **PRODUCE COLLECTION**

**Volunteers  
Needed!**

## **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 2 shopping volunteers on October 11 and a delivery driver on October 12. Scan the QR code to sign up.**



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## **FAITH & BLUE**

Royal Oak First is helping to host the Faith & Blue event that celebrates the partnerships between places of worship and our Royal Oak Police and Fire Departments. **Please plan to join us on 7th Street on Saturday, October 12, 1-3 p.m. for an afternoon of family fun.** Expect fire trucks, bounce houses, food, and crafts. We are hoping for 8-12 volunteers to help grill/serve food and supervise the craft tables. **Please scan the QR code if you are able to help.**



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## GREETERS & USHERS NEEDED

Would you like to be in service while also being of service that very same day? **Greeters** make sure that everyone who comes to worship with us on Sundays is met with a friendly face to welcome them into our church home. **Ushers** are responsible for welcoming people as they enter the Sanctuary and for passing out Sunday Bulletins. They are also responsible for helping to collect the offering during worship. **Please stop by the Connections Table to sign up or email Paula Derkowski at [prderkowski@yahoo.com](mailto:prderkowski@yahoo.com).**



## SOCK-IT-TO-ME SEPTEMBER (UNDERWEAR TOO!)

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 or underwear 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 or NEW MEN'S UNDERWEAR to church during the month of September**, and help us reach our goal. Please drop off socks and underwear 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!

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

- Men's Tennis/Athletic Shoes
- Men's Blue Jeans (sizes 34, 36, 38)
- Winter Weather Sleeping Bags
- Backpacks

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:**

Mary Nahhat • Amy Youngquist • Nancy Matson • Michele Prud'homme •  
Joyce Negrich • Jaime Luczak • Mark and Lori Gothard • Woody Siddall •  
Marian Kremer • Megan Mckenzie-Grimm • Rob Filipp • Sue Minch •

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

Dave Lozowski • Leeanna and Max Hamlet • Steve Sealander •  
Pat Timmons • Pamala Winnie • Darby Dickenson • Micki Rhen •  
Missy Winter • Marie Russian • Betty and Jim Goodrich • Jessica Boyer •  
Barbara Witherspoon • Carol Marshall • John Barber, Jr. •  
John and Joyce Barber • Margaret Maas •

## **Sympathies to:**

Cathy Thatcher and Debbie Togger on the death of their sister, Cindy Katz on  
September 18, 2024

Cathy Fall and Liz Kempf on the death of their brother in law, Mark Weirick on  
September 9, 2024

## **Congratulations to:**

Leeanna and Max Hamlet on the birth of their son, Grayson Alex Hamlet on  
September 11, 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,

I want to update you on a couple of interim staff positions that have been filled.

Karla Goetz, our current Missions Coordinator, will also take on the role of day-to-day Operations Coordinator for our Outreach on 7th Program. She will collaborate with our Kitchen Coordinator, Shirley Harris, and the rest of the staff to ensure the smooth operation of our daily lunch program, clothing ministry, and monthly Essentials Pantry. Karla will continue to support our various other mission projects as well. We are grateful for her dedication and commitment to this role through the month of November while the leadership discerns the next steps in staffing this essential program for our community.

James Dunstan will serve as our interim Sound Engineer, stepping in to fill the vacancy left by Scott Didech, who recently accepted a new full-time position. James will ensure that our musicians, worship services, and events—such as concerts, weddings, and funerals—are well-supported while we search for permanent staff for this vital ministry.

I am thankful for our staff and lay leadership as they continue to keep our church running smoothly.

This Sunday, I will take a moment to express my gratitude and share some spiritual insights from my current journey with my dad as he prepares for his eternal rest. Your prayers and support during this tender time have meant so much to me.

Thank you for your care and concern for our community, its ministries, staff, and pastors.

Grace and Peace,

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

Pastor Jeff Nelson