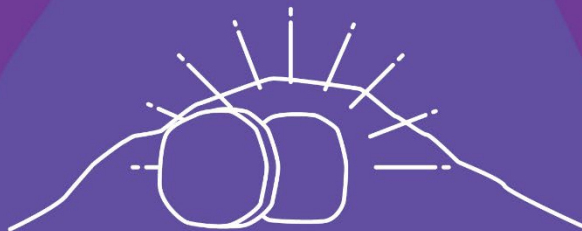


# Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 20, 2025  
11:00 a.m.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

<b>Prelude</b>	“Christus Vincit” Christopher Walker	Sanctus Choir & BrassWorks
<b>Call to Worship</b>		Nicole Wilson
<b>Opening Hymn #302**</b>	“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (verses 1-4)	
<b>Affirmation of Faith</b>		
<b>Musical Response #638**</b>	“This Is the Feast of Victory”	
<b>Welcome &amp; Invitation to Mission</b>		Jeff Nelson & Jennifer Tripoli
<b>Time of Prayer</b>		
<b>Invitation to Offering</b>		
<b>Musical Offering</b>	“Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord” arr. Joel Raney	
<b>Doxology #94**</b>	“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”	
<b>Gospel Processional #2043**</b>	“Alleluia”	
<b>Scripture Reading*</b>	Luke 24:1-12	
<b>Sermon Song</b>	“My Redeemer Lives” Nicole Mullen	Danielle Patterson
<b>Easter Poem</b>		Karyl Reynoso
<b>Message</b>	“Makin’ it Real: Love Wins”	Jeff Nelson
<b>Closing Hymn #307**</b>	“Christ is Risen”	
<b>Benediction</b>		
<b>Postlude</b>	“Festival Piece” Chaz Bowers	BrassWorks with Michael Rosas, organ

*\*New Revised Standard Version*

*\*\*United Methodist Hymnal*

*\*\*\*The Faith We Sing*

*-Please be aware that the church office will be closed on Monday, April 21-*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HANDS OF MERCY



### Lenten Essentials Collection

## HANDS OF MERCY – LENTEN ESSENTIALS COLLECTION

Throughout the Lenten season, we will be joining together to provide gifts of mercy for our neighbors in need. We are asking you to bring in a grocery bag filled with full size (not jumbo/bulk size) personal hygiene items (toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo & conditioner) to stock the Outreach on 7<sup>th</sup> Essentials Pantry. These are items that everyone needs, but are not covered through assistance programs.

## Moms at Pubs

(MAP)



## MOMS AT PUBS--THURSDAY, APRIL 24

Moms at Pubs (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. We normally meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month so our next meeting will be **on Thursday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. at Royal Oak Brewery, 215 E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Royal Oak.** Each month we pick a different location where to meet. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Pastor Jennifer Tripoli at [jtripoli@rofum.org](mailto:jtripoli@rofum.org).

## HANDS WITH DETROIT

The Hands with Detroit service day, put on by the Greater Detroit District UMC, is returning on Saturday, May 3. Royal Oak First member, Susanna Klimek organizes this event for the District! This is a fantastic opportunity to join in service with volunteers from other United Methodist Churches throughout our district to make an impact. Morning and afternoon shifts are available and you can select the tasks that you prefer: kitchen help, grounds cleanup, light maintenance projects, document destruction, Tiny Homes, painting, or hygiene kit assembly. This service day is designed for ages 10+. Please scan the QR code for additional information and to sign up.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Cinco de Mayo Carry-Out Tacos



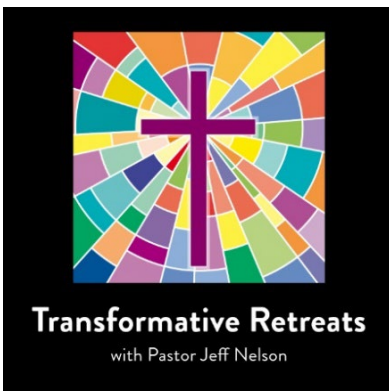
## CINCO DE MAYO CARRY-OUT TACOS— Monday, May 5, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

This is a fundraiser sponsored by Royal Oak First's Music Guild and all funds from this event will benefit our Summer Choir Camp. Each meal is \$15 and includes 3 tacos in flour or corn shells, with chips and salsa. Options include: Seasoned Ground Beef, topped with lettuce and a Mexican cheese blend; Pulled Pork, topped with Asian slaw and cilantro; Shredded Chicken Salsa Verde, topped with pickled red onion and Queso Fresco; or vegetarian option of Seasoned Tofu, topped with grilled onions and bell peppers, lettuce and pickled onion. Scan the QR code to place your pre-order and reserve your pick-up time.



## “LIVE IT OUT” VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 23-26, 2025 6:00-8:00PM

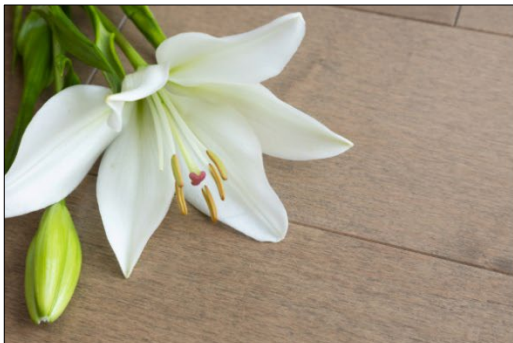
Come join us as at Vacation Bible School where we will explore what it means to love like Jesus, by showing kindness and forgiveness, praying for and serving others. We'll learn how to "Live It Out" by showing Jesus' love in everything we do! Any questions, please contact Tori Kozan at [tkozan511@gmail.com](mailto:tkozan511@gmail.com). Scan the QR code to sign up.



## FINAL TRANSFORMATIVE RETREAT

We hope you can attend our last transformative retreat “A Morning with the Mystics” with Pastor Jeff on Saturday, May 17, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Our retreats are intentional spaces designed to cultivate a deeper relationship with the divine, offering you the opportunity to recharge your spirit and discover the profound peace that comes from being in God's presence. Scan the QR code to sign up.





# *Easter Lilies Decorating Our Sanctuary*

## **In Memory of**

John L. Buxton

Vel and Mark Lowman

Richard and Gladys Szymanski

Jim and Ellen Carmichael

Mary Ann Tucker

Jim and Marie Dunstan

Diego Garcia

Linda Pollard

Sharon Muoio

Mom and Dad

Dennis and Kathy Nelson

Richard Reynolds

Bill and Virginia Hassberger

Dorothea Joyce Renforth

Neva Callihan

Josie Nunez

Marilyn and Mike Tovarez

Joseph Tripoli

Paul Edward

Greg Umstead

Mike and Carol Fletcher

Keith and Audrey Leenhouts

## **Given by**

Cheryl, Rick, Kevin and Suzanne Buxton

Jenny and Dan Cattran

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Jenni, Doug, Jarod, and Paige Clark

Zelda Diamond and Grayson Hamlet

Jay and Patty Dunstan

The Garcia Family

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The Gibson Family

Sue & Roger Lynn

Jeff, Bridget, Casey and Sam Nelson

The Plaxton Family

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R.D. Renforth

Sue and John Showers

The Tovarez Family

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The Tripoli Family

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Carlene, Patrick and Meghan Umstead

Michelle and Sophia Wirsu

William Leenhouts



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## **In Memory of**

Art Miller

My mother Miriam Rowe Boyd

Janis Stroud

Robert LaDuke

Jorge Suarez, Sr.

Shirley Campbell

Nancy Matson

Charles and Audrey Donnelly

Reed and Helen Wilson

## **Given by**

Delores Miller

Sandra Prokopp

Kim Stroud and Frank Rashid

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The Suarez Family

The Suarez Family

Nancy Matson's Family

Linda and Jim Wilson

Linda and Jim Wilson

## **In Honor of**

Steve and Theresa Ciennik

Elsa Reynolds

Phyllis Hassberger

The dedicated church staff

Jim and Kathy Leenhouts

Joe and Kay Nowaczok

Jim and Bev Miller

## **Given by**

Mike Dabney

The Plaxton Family

The Plaxton Family

Elsie Consolacion

William Leenhouts

The Miller Family

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# PRAYERS & CELEBRATIONS

## Prayers for Our Church Family:

Jerry Elliott • LeeAnn Witherspoon • Grace Perkins • Judy Bryan •  
Ren Renforth • Mark Thatcher • Woody Siddall • Ann Anderson •  
Tom Landry • Mary Lou Graeber • Bill & Allison Hempstead •  
The Thurman Family • Landon & Sawyer Cattran • Tim Murphy •

## Prayers for Our Extended Family:

Scott & Cathy Dawe • Marykay McCaskey • Brett Thatcher •  
Carla Hempstead • Reese • RaeDena • Robert Baker • Bernie Stubitsch •  
Michael Elliott • Beth Copeland • Karen Cunningham • Michael Retaskie •  
Jeff Callihan • Lance Wilburn • Ellen Delangy • Carol Marshall •

## Sympathies to:

Bob and Michele Prud'homme on the death of their friend, Pat Timmons on April 1, 2025

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



## TIME OF PRAYER

All are welcome to the Time of Prayer on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. at church. We review the church prayer list, spend time in silence and pray together in the Sanctuary.

This is wonderful opportunity to uplift your personal prayer requests.

# LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Beloved Community,

Welcome to Easter!

Easter the ultimate game changer.

It's the moment when time itself took a deep breath and said, "Surprise!" Easter stands tall as history's defining moment.

In the resurrection of Jesus, God made a bold declaration: Does death have the word? Not by a long watch!

Remember Jesus didn't just rise from the grave. In the resurrection, Jesus breathed life back into His movement, igniting a resurrection of peace, justice, mercy, and inclusion. This day stands as a vibrant testament that the world Jesus envisioned—a world filled with grace and connection—is indeed how God intended for us to live together.

At Royal Oak First, Easter isn't just a day on the calendar, it's a lifestyle choice! For us, it's not an abstract idea, it's as personal as the stories we share. We see it in the eyes of those overcoming addiction, in the laughter of new friends finding a place in our community. We witness it through the testimonies of the hungry and the unhoused, who remind us that we're all on this journey together. And yes, we even find it in our own lives, in the small moments that make our hearts leap with joy.

So, welcome! We are truly glad to have you with us today. May you not only hear about the power of the resurrection but experience it in all its glorious reality.

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