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**ALL Kids are OUR Kids**

**August 26, 2017**

**4:00 pm Saturday Afternoon Worship**  
**Royal Oak First United Methodist Church**

Pastor Jeff Nelson

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**All: Remember God loves you and there is nothing you can do about it!**

One: Remember that no matter where you are or what you do, you will always be welcome here among your church family.

**All: We bless you in Jesus' name.**

**We bless you because we love you and we believe in you!**

One: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,  
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

**Song**

*Be Thou My Vision*  
Maddie Longe

Traditional Irish

## Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

**Mission Moment**

\* **Doxology Hymn #95 (UMH)**

**Hymn**

Join the Stream of Living Water  
with Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

C. Williams

**Scripture**

Acts 15:36-41

*Common English Bible*

Some time later, Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit all the brothers and sisters in every city where we preached the Lord's word. Let's see how they are doing." Barnabas wanted to take John Mark with them. Paul insisted that they shouldn't take him along, since he had deserted them in Pamphylia and hadn't continued with them in their work. Their argument became so intense that they went their separate ways. Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus. Paul chose Silas and left, entrusted by the brothers and sisters to the Lord's grace. He traveled through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.

**Message**

Encouragement

Myra Moreland

\* **Hymn #206 (UMH)**

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

**Blessing**

Dear Friends,

Royal Oak First is downtown for good!

We are a faith community smack dab in the middle of a vibrant downtown. We are neighbors with shop owners, restaurant workers, yoga instructors, and hair stylists. Every day hundreds and hundreds of people are walking up and down the streets that surround us.

How do we make Christ's love real in downtown Royal Oak?

How can we be a force for good?

This last week we saw how it works. Over 150 people gathered on our front lawn to watch the eclipse. Many of the people who gathered were new to our church, but they came to experience this moment with us. And, they came to shed a light on the hungry. By the time the day was over, hundreds of bags of groceries had been collected (thank you Randy Riggs and the Boy Scouts) and \$6,000 had been raised for Gleaners Food Bank.

We are downtown for good!

Next weekend we will be in the middle of Arts, Beats and Eats, one of Metro Detroit's largest music and arts festivals. Half a million people will descend upon the area to enjoy the music, food, art and each other. And we will be right in the middle of it all!!!

Our church lawn will be used for families to sit and eat. There will be a nursing and diaper changing station and we are the volunteer headquarters for the entire event.

We will also be having our Sunday worship as a part of the event. That's right - we will be on the Bud Light Country Stage for one worship service at 9:30 am. Please see all the details in our bulletin for information about parking and passes. And remember, this is a great chance to bring your friends to experience our unique style of worship and our deep commitment to being agents of love and change for the world.

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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.