



WONDERFULLY
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August 6, 2017
11:00 am Traditional Worship
Royal Oak First United Methodist Church
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Welcome to Royal Oak First United Methodist Church

Visitors are encouraged to fill out the Friendship Folder along with our members.

Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments following worship.

Hearing enhancement devices and large print bulletins are available from the ushers.

*All who choose may stand

FWS: Song printed in black The Faith We Sing Hymnal **UMH:** Song printed in blue United Methodist Hymnal

Prelude

Arabesque on Great is Thy Faithfulness

arr. John G. Barr

* **Hymn #617 (UMH)**

I Come with Joy

* **Call to Worship**

Adapted from 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Joan Johnson

One: Come, you who are losing control, and find order.

All: Come, you who are discouraged, and find comfort.

One: Come, you who are weak, and find help.

All: Come, everyone, and rejoice always, pray continuously, and give thanks in every situation.

One: We won't brush off Spirit-inspired messages.

All: We will examine everything carefully and hang on to what is good.

One: All are welcome here!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

* **Hymn #2164 (FWS)**

Sanctuary

* **Greeting Your Neighbor**

Invitation to Mission

Time with Children

Sunday school will follow Time with Children. If you are attending for the first time, parents should accompany children to the Narthex to meet the leaders and sign in. Children can be picked up in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory

Violin Concerto, op. 8
excerpt, Lento ma non troppo
Allison & Neal Harris

Richard Strauss

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

* **Hymn #364 (UMH)**

Because He Lives

Scripture

Psalms 139:1-14a

New Revised Standard Version

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

Message

Wonderfully Made

Marshall & Susan Dunlap

The Lord's Supper

Communion Music

All Creatures of Our God and King

Phillip Keveren

Be Still and Know

Faye Bond and Debi Szeliga

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Prayer After Communion

Thank you God, for the opportunity to welcome old friends, to make new ones, and to "come home" to fellowship in You. No matter where we go, nor how far we might stray, we give thanks that always You welcome us home, make us one, and send us out again. Amen.

* **Hymn #140 (UMH)**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* **Benediction**

* **Postlude**

Rigaudon

Andre Campra

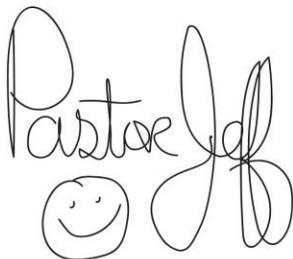
Dear Friends,

One of the great blessings of being a pastor is the connection with so many great colleagues. I have four or five fellow clergy that I keep on quick dial, friends I call to talk through situations or bounce ideas off of. I have been asked to mentor younger clergy (wait... aren't I still "young" clergy) and offer advice and counsel from my experiences working with the church. And I have several "elder" pastors that I look up to and who have helped me become a better and more effective pastor. I am lucky to be a part of this great network of preachers.

That is why I am so excited to welcome back to Royal Oak First Reverends Susan and Marshall Dunlap. Susan and Marshall were lead pastors here from 1999 until 2008. They served during a significant time of strategic visioning, planting the seeds that have now become the building renovation and the ROFUM Rebirth. Under their leadership the church saw renewed interest in our Choir Camp program and an expansion of Fish Dinners. It is Susan and Marshall's leadership that has helped this church take steps towards becoming more inclusive and social justice minded. When I asked those of you who were here during their tenure, what you remembered most was that Susan and Marshall were loving and compassionate pastors who cared for the people of the church in powerful and important ways.

Royal Oak First has been blessed with strong, effective pastoral leadership. I am proud to a part of that lineage. We look forward to the message that the Dunlap's will bring!

Grace and Peace

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jeff". The word "Pastor" is written in a cursive style, and "Jeff" is written in a more stylized, looped cursive. Below the word "Pastor" is a simple smiley face drawn with a circle and two dots for eyes and a curved line for a mouth.