



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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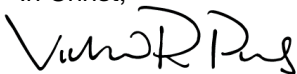
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

Rather than escaping the world, we gather at Royal Lane with the hopes of transforming the world. We believe the heart of the gospel is to share, in word and deed, the life-giving, liberating, and loving word of God. Therefore, we commit ourselves to a proclamation of the Christian faith that is responsible, socially concerned, and relevant to our needs as a caring and inclusive fellowship.

The Church is an imperfect institution, and Royal Lane is no exception. We do not presume to be a perfect place, but we do commit ourselves to the practice of faith and grace. If you're joining us this morning, our hope is that you'll sense God's love in our fellowship and that you'll come to know more deeply your own belovedness as a child of God. No matter who you are, you are welcome here. There are no prerequisites to your worthiness. We are all God's children, and it's a gift when we come together.

If you'd like to learn more about our church or how to become a member, please see the "New Here" card in the pew back in front of you. Thank you for being here!

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Victoria Robb Powers".

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

☦ = *please rise in body or in spirit*

Chiming of the Hour

It's a new day. Every scripture on this Easter season Sunday calls us to new life, new outlook, new hope, and a new call to love. As Peter explains his vision that all things created by God are holy and pure, he launches a new vision of the early church, one that will include all who are open to the Spirit's powerful presence.

God draws no distinction between peoples, for God loves all equally. Through a vision, Peter is shown that the Gentiles are to be included in the promises of God.

Voluntary

David Weigle

The Women At The Tomb (A Prelude on "Hail Thee, Festival Day")

by Dorothy J. Papadakos

☦ **Call to Worship & Invocation**

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Gathered as one, welcoming all,
we worship as a community of love.

Gathered in love, giving thanks for life,
we come to sing God's praises.

Let us pray:

**Loving and gracious God, we turn to you in our need.
Help us be a community that looks to you for guidance.
Help us be a people that turns to you for the tasks you would have us do.
Help us be a church that looks to you for understanding and wisdom.
Help us be a community that knows the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Thine Is the Glory

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Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

If you are a guest with us this morning, we invite you to register your attendance by filling out a "New Here" card which can be found in the pew racks. You may also register online at royallane.org/register or with the QR code.



Scripture Lesson

Jeff Hill

Acts 11:1-18

[Page 895 of the pew Bible]

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us, **Thanks be to God!**

Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Beth Johnson

Children 3-years of age through 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.

Hymn 273

Congregation

In Christ There Is No East Or West

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Call to Confession

Patsy Meier & Congregation

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new,
let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Risen Christ, rise in our hearts and in our lives.

Bring new life into our midst when death threatens our hope.

Expand our love within our communities when love is in short supply.

Grant mercy in our world when sin and shadows threaten the peace.

**Resurrect us with your grace, and raise us up as new creations in your love,
we are forgiven, accepted, and free.**

With joyful gratitude, we pray. Amen.

We now silently confess our sins together.

Promise of Forgiveness

God promises to dwell with us, to ease our pain and wipe tears from our eyes. Dare to trust, for God accepts us as we are, that we might become all we are meant to be. God grants us the opportunity to repent. It is a gift that leads to new life. Accept God's offer of new life in Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn

Congregation

Help Us Accept Each Other

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1. Help us ac - cept each o - ther as Christ ac - cept - ed us; Teach
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life We
 3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved In
 4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, Who

us as sis - ter, — bro - ther, each per - son — to — em - brace. Be
 strug - gle to be — hu - man and search for — hope and faith. Teach
 liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the — truth in love; To
 hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice, and — for bread, We

pre - sent, Lord, a - mong — us and bring us to be - lieve We
 us to care for ac - cept - tance, for all, not just for some, To
 prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart The
 need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on; Re -

are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to — love and live.
 love them as we — find them, or as they may be - come.
 ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
 new us with your — Spi - rit; Lord, free us, — make us one!

Prayers of the People

Maddie Wiltse & Congregation

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Fill the church with the spirit of your redeeming love. Make us steadfast in our proclamations of your grace for all people without exceptions, especially those often overlooked in our communities. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Awaken joy in the beauty and abundance of your creation. Show us the wonder of your presence from the smallest flower to the tallest tree. Recommit us to preservation of wild places everywhere. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Instruct all world leaders to protect the most vulnerable among us. Guide those in power toward equitable and just economic policies, so that all might have sufficient resources to live safely and with dignity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Abide with all who are victims of racism, especially people who are doubly marginalized because of gender, sexuality, or ability. Destroy all forms of systemic oppression, and renew our commitment to healing the wounds of our collective body in this community and beyond. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Pour out your love on all in need of care: those mourning losses, enduring trauma, experiencing broken relationships, yearning for companionship, or facing illness. Wipe away every tear.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud...

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

**We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting
that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our
risen Savior. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Christ Is Risen!

Jan Sanborn

Christ is risen! Allelujah!

Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more.

Death has no dominion over Him.

For in that He died, He died unto sin.

For in that He lives, He lives unto God!

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Moment of Contemplation

Hymn 234

Congregation & Choir

Spirit of the Living God

IVERSON

Offertory Prayer

Rosa Belgard

Hear now this prayer.

Living God, send your Holy Spirit to bless these gifts with your life and hope. Send your Holy Spirit upon us, that we also may bring life and hope to others as we share our gifts in the world. Love through us, live through us, that others may know your life-giving love. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott
by Johann Walther

*We invite you to use
this time to give to
Royal Lane's Ministry.*



Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Voluntary on “Thine Be the Glory”
by Matthew Corl

At the close of the service, if you would like to receive prayer, several of our deacons will remain at the front of the sanctuary and would be glad to pray with you.



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Young Adult Event

Monday, May 19, 6:00pm, Pierremont Townhomes' Clubhouse

Young Adults, bring your swim gear, drinks, and pizza money for a great evening with friends. Contact Pastoral Intern, Kenna Curry, for more info.



Biblical Queer-ies

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Wednesdays, May 21-July 30, 6:00pm, Library

Join our Pastoral Intern, Kenna Curry, for a weekly study on the Bible and LGBTQ inclusion. What does the Bible really say?



Care Group Brunch

Saturday, May 24, 12:00pm, DeeDee Young's House

The Mostly All Saints Care Group is invited to brunch! Please RSVP by 5/21 to: Anne Sewell, Anna Lou Brown, or DeeDee Young



Vacation Bible School

June 23-27, 9:00am

Our VBS is almost full - a couple spots remain for 4th and 5th graders - reach out to Rev. Beth Johnson to register!

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Sunday, May 18

12:15 pm: Called Church Conference — *Sanctuary immediately following Worship*

Monday, May 19

6:00 pm: Young Adult Pool Party — Pierremont Townhomes' Clubhouse

Tuesday, May 20

6:30 pm: "Life Support" Group — Harris Youth Cottage

Wednesday, May 21

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

6:00 pm: Biblical Queer-ies Study — Church Library

6:15 pm: Children's Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Harris Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday, May 24

12:00 pm: Mostly All Saints Care Group Brunch — DeeDee Young's House

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, May 25

9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building & Library

9:45 am: Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Harris Youth Cottage

11:00 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Third Grade

COMMUNITY *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

HOPE SUPPLY *DIAPER DRIVE*



*One in two families struggle with Diaper Need: simply not being able to afford enough clean diapers to keep baby healthy.

Please join us this May in bringing diapers to help the most vulnerable in our beloved community. Royal Lane will provide larger sized diapers, focusing on sizes 5 and 6. We are collecting diapers Sundays and Wednesdays in May.



DONATIONS ACCEPTED MAY 2025

**ON VIEW
IN THE
BOX
GALLERY:**

"God's Gift of Seeing"
by David Clanton
Now through June 28





Bible 101

Library, 2nd /4th Sundays, 9:45 am

- Led by Kenna Curry and Rev. Alan Wright
- Description: A space for engagement and discussion of the biblical texts. The class teaches both Bible basics and sustainable practices for reading and interpreting Scripture.

Sacred Rhythms

Home of Theresa & John Helms, Sundays, 9:45 am

- Contact church office for address
- Led by Brad Eason
- Description: A different take on a "Bible Study." The class uses spiritual practices from ancient Church Mothers and Fathers to bring the church's weekly texts to life. Scriptures are seen from a new angle as the Spirit is invited into our readings. No experience needed in spiritual practices. Beginners welcome.

Foundation Stones

Room 212, Sundays, 9:45 am

- Led by Scott Bryant
- Description: Members come to the class from a variety of faith backgrounds. The goal of the class is to help members move to a deeper knowledge and understanding of the principles and truths which form the foundation of our Christian faith.

Formations Class

Portable 1, Sundays, 9:45 am

- Led by Paulette Harrison, Patsy Meier, and Mike Keith
- Description: Designed to help participants study Scripture seriously within the context of the larger Christian tradition and, through the process, find their faith renewed and strengthened. The class enjoys open discussions which create a venue for participants to express their faith while respecting the views of other classmates.

Questers

Zoom, Saturdays, 2:00 pm

- Zoom link available on the church website
- Led by Nancy Ferrell
- Description: A culture of dialogue and questioning. The class reviews books and topics of interest and reflects on them for the purpose of applying new insights to our Christian journey. Most often, the class uses book studies to spark conversation.



*Scan for children
and youth program
options.*

WORSHIP *NOTES*



Hymn Notes

Thine Is the Glory

Words: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; tr. Richard Birch Hoyle, 1923

Music: George Frederick Handel, 1748; harm. *Harmonia Sacra*, 1753

Words © World Student Christian Federation

In Christ There Is No East Or West

Words: John Oxenham, 1908, alt. (Gal. 3:28; Luke 13:29)

Music: African-American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939

Help Us Accept Each Other

Text: Fred Kaan, Copyright © 1975 Hope Publishing Company

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Christ Is Risen!

by Jan Sanborn. Words taken from Romans 6:9,10.
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Spirit of the Living God

Words: Daniel Iverson, 1926

Music: Daniel Iverson, 1926; arr. B.B. McKinney, 1937

Words and Music © 1935 Birdwing Music (Admin. by EMI Christian Music Publishing)

HOW TO *CONNECT*

Event Details

See the Weekly News & Journal or Web Calendar for links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events. royallane.org/resources/event

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the green prayer cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. You can also submit requests by filling out the prayer request form on the website at royallane.org/prayer. Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

*REQUEST
PRAYER*



Deacons on Call

Jeff Hill and Garland Hamic

GIVING AT ROYAL LANE

We encourage you to support the missions and ministries of our church. Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200 or scan the QR code. Follow the prompts to complete the process. Standard text message rates may apply. You can also donate online at royallane.org/give.

*ONLINE
GIVING*



ROYAL LANE STAFF

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