



# ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



*WELCOME TO WORSHIP*

**MAY 25, 2025**

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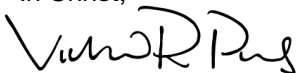
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

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,



Rev. Victoria Robb Powers


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# THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

SIXTH 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**

God, you sent an apostle to preach the gospel  
to women gathered by a river,  
in a secluded place of prayer.  
There a businesswoman named Lydia  
was led by the Spirit to hear your word as truth.  
God opened her heart in love,  
and she opened her home for the spreading of the gospel.  
By the power of your Holy Spirit,  
fling wide the doors of our hearts this day  
as we hear your word of life,  
that we too may open our lives to serve your world in love.

## **Voluntary**

Concerto in A Minor (first movement)  
by J.S. Bach

*David Weigle*

## **Call to Worship & Invocation**

*Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation*

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.

Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

**We have come to hear the Word of God.**

**We have brought with us all that weighs us down.**

Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.

Be glad together and sing for joy.

**Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.**

**Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.**

God reigns among us and fills the world with light.

We are invited to make our home with the living God.

**May God's ways be known within and among us.**

**May God guide all nations in ways of peace.**

Let us pray:

**Loving companion, you give your people visions,  
allowing us to believe in your words.**

**We come to you today**

**to keep our word, profess our love,  
and proclaim our faith.**

**Nurture our hearts with your teachings,  
and nurture our minds with your grace. Amen.**

## **Hymn 250**

*Congregation*

Living Stones

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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](http://royallane.org/register) or with the QR code.*





## Scripture Lesson

*Charlotte Sewell*

### Acts 16:9-15

*[Page 900 of the pew Bible]*

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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 60

*Congregation*

Like a River Glorious  
WYE VALLEY

## **Call to Confession**

*Garland Hamic & Congregation*

Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
but confess your sins and God will give you peace.

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us pray:

**Loving God,  
we confess that we are an anxious people  
who deny your blessing and fail to keep your word.  
Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins,  
that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world;  
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

*We now silently confess our sins together.*

## **Promise of Forgiveness**

Let your hearts be still,  
for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing.  
Beloved, receive the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Hymn 396**

*Congregation*

For Such a Time As This

**MELTA**

*(stanzas one and four)*

## Prayers of the People

*Gloria Chang & Congregation*

In this season of the Spirit  
let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the world, saying,  
Lord, send out your Spirit  
and renew the face of the earth.

All creation lives to praise you, O God.  
As the earth yields its blessing,  
may we honor and protect the precious gifts of nature  
and give thanks for the beauty, healing, and sustenance it  
provides for all.  
Lord, send out your Spirit  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

You bless your church throughout all the ages  
with leaders like Paul and Lydia  
to share in the spreading of the gospel.  
Give to your church this day a  
profound sense of the mission  
to which you now call us  
for the life and health of the world.  
Lord, send out your Spirit  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

You judge the people with equity  
and guide the nations of the earth.  
Give to all leaders and people  
the gift of wisdom and the spirit of peace,  
that we may walk by your light as we serve  
the common good.  
Lord, send out your Spirit  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

You promise to be with us always  
through the comfort of your Holy Spirit.  
Give to all who suffer violence, grief, or pain  
an enduring trust in Jesus that joy will rise again.

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*Prayers of the People continues  
on the following page.*

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

*We now share silence together.*

Let us pray:

**We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives,  
that as we follow Jesus,  
he journeys with us day by day  
through the presence of your Holy Spirit, our Advocate and teacher.  
Amen.**

## **Anthem**

*Choir*

### **Shall We Gather at the River**

**by Robert Lowry, arr. Robert H. McIver**

*J.T. Hauser, soloist*

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel's feet have trod;  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

*Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river,  
gather with the saints by the river, that flows by the throne of God.*

When we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

## **Sermon**

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

## **Moment of Contemplation**



## Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

*Bruce Luedke*

The news of our faith began outside of Jerusalem with a woman named Lydia and her group of women, who met on the Sabbath day at the waters to pray. Paul gave her the good news of Jesus and she invited them to come and share her home. Our giving today will allow us to spread the same news of Jesus and invite others to come along and follow us “home.”

Hear now this prayer.

God, Sister Lydia dealt in purple cloth and our exchange is money. We, like she, offer you what we have to share so that others might journey with us to the Holy City. We give these gifts with thanksgiving in the name above every name. Amen.

## Offertory

*David Weigle*

Carillon  
by Herbert Murrill

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



## Benediction

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

## Organ Dismissal

*David Weigle*

Postlude on “Old Hundredth”  
by Fred Bock

*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.*



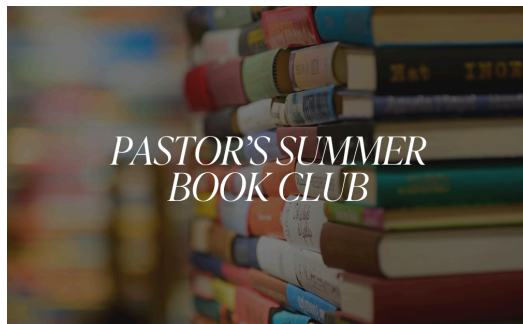
# ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



## **Biblical Queer-ies**

*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?



## **Pastor's Summer Book Club**

*Thursday, May 29, 8:00pm*

All women of the church are invited to join Pastor Victoria monthly for book club! First book is Valarie Kaur's *See No Stranger*. Other meeting dates are June 26, July 24, and August 21. Contact the church office for meeting address.



## **Men's Whiskey and Music Club**

*Thursday, May 29, 8:00pm*

All men of the church are invited to get together monthly for Whiskey and Music Club. First album is Paul Simon's *"Graceland"*. Other meeting dates are June 26, July 24, and August 21. Contact the church office for the meeting address.



## **Pentecost/Pride Sunday**

*Sunday, June 8, 9:00 and 11:00am, Vickrey Hall*

Join us for Pentecost/Pride Sunday in Vickrey Hall! We will affirm God's inclusive love for all as we celebrate the diversity and belovedness of our community. Services will be offered at 9 & 11am.

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*See Coming Events on our website for more information.*

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# WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

## **Sunday, May 25**

12:15pm: Social Justice Committee — Christian Education Building, Room 212

## **Wednesday, May 28**

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

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

## **Thursday, May 29**

8:00 pm: Pastor's Summer Book Club — Times Ten Cellars

8:00 pm: Men's Whiskey and Music Club — The Powers' Home

## **Saturday, May 31**

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

## **Sunday, June 1, Ascension Sunday**

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

## *SUMMER* WORSHIP

Beginning June 8, join us at 9 or 11am  
every Sunday for worship in Vickrey Hall  
while our sanctuary undergoes renovations.  
Stay tuned for construction updates.



# COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



## VBS Supply Drive

Our VBS is fast approaching and we would love to have your help with supplies! Visit the Amazon List via the QR code to donate supplies we will need to host this event. Be sure to make your purchases before June 16!



## Upcoming Community Dinner

Our Community Dinners are back! Mark your calendars for June 28<sup>th</sup> and sign up if you plan to attend. Groups of 8-10 folks will be assigned to community members' homes to gather for dinner and fellowship. We hope to see you there!



## Diaper Drive

We are collecting diapers for Hope Supply for one more week! Please bring size 5 or 6 diaper by the church office before the end of May so we can participate in this crucial ministry effort.





## 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.

## 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.



*Scan for children and youth program options.*

## 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.

# WORSHIP *NOTES*



## Hymn Notes

### **Living Stones**

Words: Terry W. York, 1985 (1 Pet. 2:4-6)

Music: William Croft, 1708

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LifeWay Worship)

### **Like a River Glorious**

Words: Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Music: James Mountain, 1876

### **For Such a Time As This**

Words: Thomas A. Jackson, 1988 (Esther 4:14)

Music: John B. Dykes, 1861

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### **Shall We Gather at the River**

by Robert Lowry, arr. Robert H. McIver

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# HOW TO *CONNECT*

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## 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](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer). Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

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*REQUEST*

*PRAYER*



## Deacons on Call

Rodney Macias & Charlotte Sewell

# *GIVING* AT ROYAL LANE

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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](http://royallane.org/give).

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*ONLINE*

*GIVING*



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## ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship  
Rev. Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families  
Tori Jones, Communications & Ministry Coordinator  
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Program Coordinator

David Weigle, Organist  
Mike Hurder, Maintenance Director  
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