

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 22, 2023

10:55 A.M.

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

Following Christ's call is risky and full of uncertainty. The Season after Epiphany invites us to journey into the choices and changes that mark the lives of those who follow in God's ways—and discern together what it means to follow Jesus today. God's call often comes through the gradual unfolding of events and experiences in our lives. This call becomes our invitation to follow in God's ways, extending the good news of God's saving love to others.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Little Prelude & Fugue in G Major — J. S. Bach

✝ Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

We come seeking God,
the one who guides us and protects us.
People of God, there is nothing to fear,
for God dwells in our hearts.
Let us shout with joy, for God is here!
Let us sing praises to the Holy One!
—*Psalm 27*

Let us pray:

Inviting God, you call us to follow, to witness and to wonder. You call us to follow and risk all we know so that the change we need can finally be seen. Amen.

✝ Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

You Call to Us, Lord Jesus — AURELIA

Words of Welcome

Dan Thompson

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

*[Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.
You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Matthew 4:12-23 [Pew Bible page 785 of the New Testament or see insert]

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!

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play,
You may collect your children in the Godly Play Room located in the Education wing following the service.*

Elliott Maeve Miller

Daughter of Shannon & Blake Miller

Grandmother

Karen Simmons

Grandparents

Kathy & Charlie Miller

Minister

Shannon & Blake, why have you come before this congregation?

Parents

We recognize the responsibility of parenthood and our dependence upon God for strength and wisdom to faithfully discharge our duties. We come to present Elliott before God in loving commitment.

Minister

Where will you find strength for this task?

Parents & Grandparents

Realizing our need for divine assistance, we recommit ourselves to Christ and to Christ's church.

Minister

Members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, what is your responsibility and commitment?

(continued)

Congregation

We will give our time, talents, and money, in order that we may help provide spiritual instruction and nurture for Elliott. We will love her, care for her, teach her, and model Christian living for her.

Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray:

**O God of everlasting covenant, we rejoice in every gift of life.
Be present always to strengthen and guide this your child
that she may increase in wisdom and in years,
and in divine and human favor
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore — PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

Call to Confession

Cathy Webb & Congregation

If we come to God with open hearts and honest words, we will not be pushed away but wrapped in God's loving and forgiving embrace. Let us join together in confessing our lives to God.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Holy One, we have so many questions, but we do not pause to listen to your still small voice, to your invitation to follow, or to your call to serve. Instead, we push forward.

We do what needs to be done, without aim or direction, responding to the most immediate demand for our attention. We cross it off the list and move on to the next.

Forgive us for our preoccupation and our self-importance. Call us again to seek your face and follow the Christ. We are listening now. Amen.

We now share silence together

Promise of Forgiveness

Dear Children of God, God is listening. God has heard our prayer and wishes us peace. God forgives us and loves us. This is the good news.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn 486 [see insert]

Congregation

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult — RESTORATION

Gracious God, you have called us by name and invited us to be your disciples.
 You have claimed us as your children, and we are grateful.
 We are grateful for the gift of this day, and this beautiful planet
 where we live, work, worship, and play.

Help us preserve its beauty and the natural life it supports.

We are grateful for the communities in which we live.

**Grant us willing hearts and hands to make them places of
 welcome, work, and opportunity.**

We are grateful for the people in our lives:

our co-workers, neighbors, friends, and families;

those near and far, those we see often,

and those we can only see in our fondest memories.

We call on you to be near to those whose lives, bodies and spirits are broken.

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

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

We now share silence together

Let us pray:

**O God, we call on you to give wisdom and prudence to our leaders, that they
 may seek to do your will. We call on you to bring peace where conflict rages
 and comfort where despair looms large. Jesus, we have heard your call. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Come, Thou Fount — Eric Nelson

*Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
 Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
 praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
 and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
 Jesus sought me when a stranger wandr'ing from the fold of God;
 he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
 Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandr'ing heart to Thee.
 Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ The Miracle of Faith ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 649 [see insert]

Congregation

Christ, You Call Us All to Service — IN BABILONE

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Offertory Prayer

Brittany Jones

We are called to follow, yet are often slow to respond, God of grace. We are blessed with more than we ever need or can use, yet we are reluctant to part with even a portion of this abundance. As we offer our gifts to you, remind us that learning generosity is part of our call to follow the One who models your gracious nature in every word, every gesture, every day. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

By Still Waters He Leadeth Me — arranged by Charles Callahan

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

Presentation of Decisions

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠Sending Forth

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Go now, beloved,
to follow the love of God
to be surprised by God's wonder
to lift your voice for love and compassion.
Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — Louis Bourgeois

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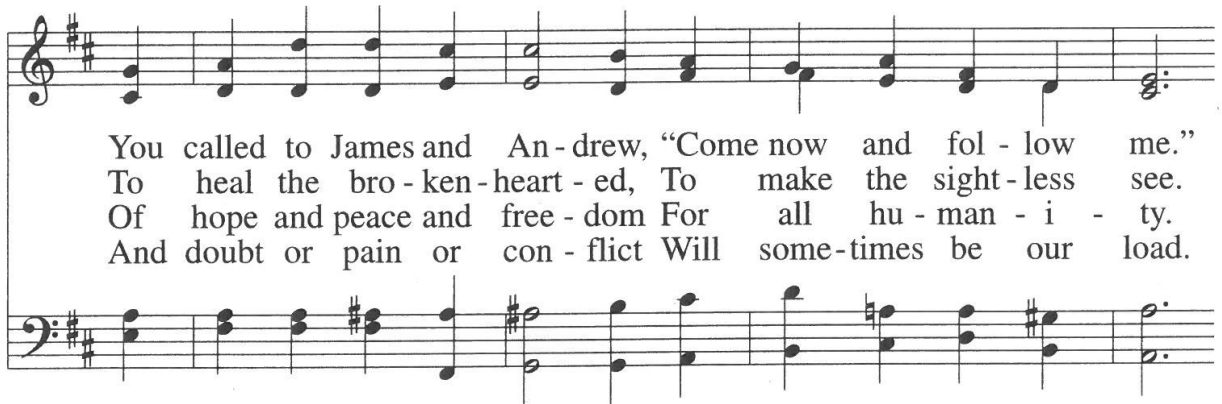
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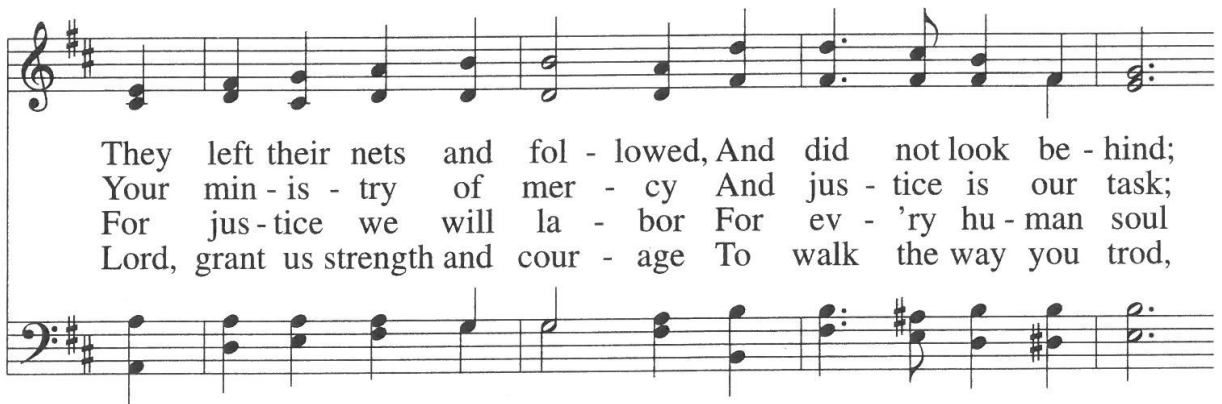
You Call to Us, Lord Jesus



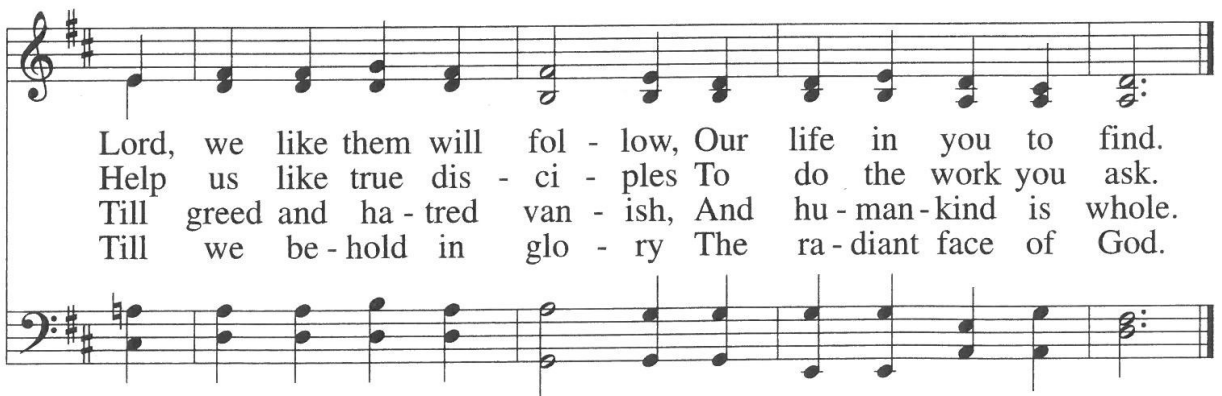
1. You call to us, Lord Je - sus, As once in Gal - i - lee
2. You came to preach de - liv - 'rance, To set the cap - tives free,
3. You sum - mon us to vi - sions Of what this world can be,
4. The path you bid us fol - low Is not an eas - y road,



You called to James and An - drew, "Come now and fol - low me."
To heal the bro - ken - heart - ed, To make the sight - less see.
Of hope and peace and free - dom For all hu - man - i - ty.
And doubt or pain or con - flict Will some - times be our load.



They left their nets and fol - lowed, And did not look be - hind;
Your min - is - try of mer - cy And jus - tice is our task;
For jus - tice we will la - bor For ev - 'ry hu - man soul
Lord, grant us strength and cour - age To walk the way you trod,



Lord, we like them will fol - low, Our life in you to find.
Help us like true dis - ci - ples To do the work you ask.
Till greed and ha - tred van - ish, And hu - man - kind is whole.
Till we be - hold in glo - ry The ra - diant face of God.

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Tú Has Venido a la Orilla

Unison

D A7 D

1 Lord, you have come to the lake - shore
 2 You know so well my pos - ses - sions;
 3 You need my hands, full of car - ing,
 4 You, who have fished oth - er o - ceans,

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla,
 2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go:
 3 Tú nec - ce - si - tas mis man - os,
 4 Tú, pes - ca - dor de o - tros mar - es,

G A7

look - ing nei - ther for wealth - y nor wise ones;
 my boat car - ries no gold and no weap - ons;
 through my la - bors to give oth - ers rest,
 ev - er longed for by souls who are wait - ing,

no has bus - ca - do ni a sa - bios ni a ri - cos,
 en mi bar - ca no hay o - ro - ni es - pa - das,
 mi can - san - cio que a o - tros des - can - se,
 an - sia e - ter - na de al - mas que es - per - an,

D A7 Dsus D Dsus

you on - ly asked me to fol - low hum - bly.
 you will find there my nets and la - bor.
 and con - stant love that keeps on lov - ing.
 my lov - ing friend, so now you call me.

tan só - lo quie - res que yo te si - ga.
 tan só - lo re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
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 a - mi - go bue - no, que a - si me lla - mas.

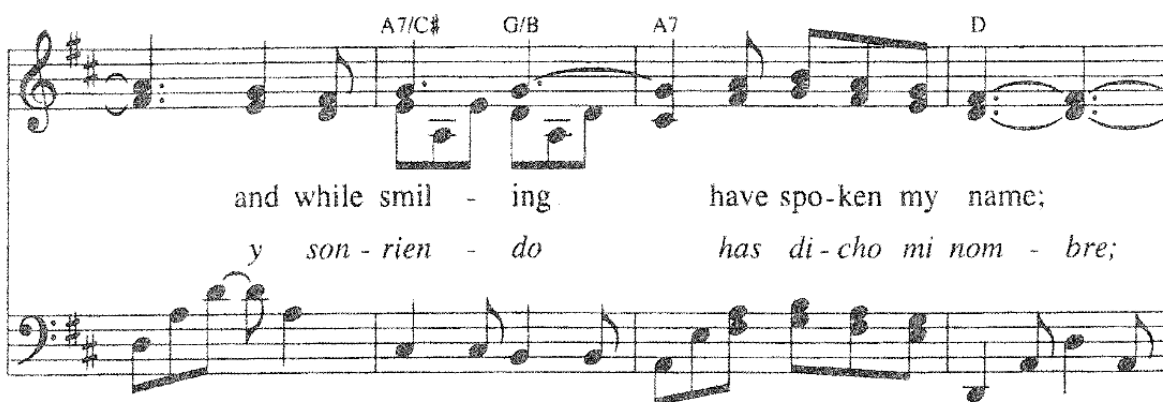
Refrain

D7 G D




O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,
Se - ñor, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos

A7/C# G/B A7 D



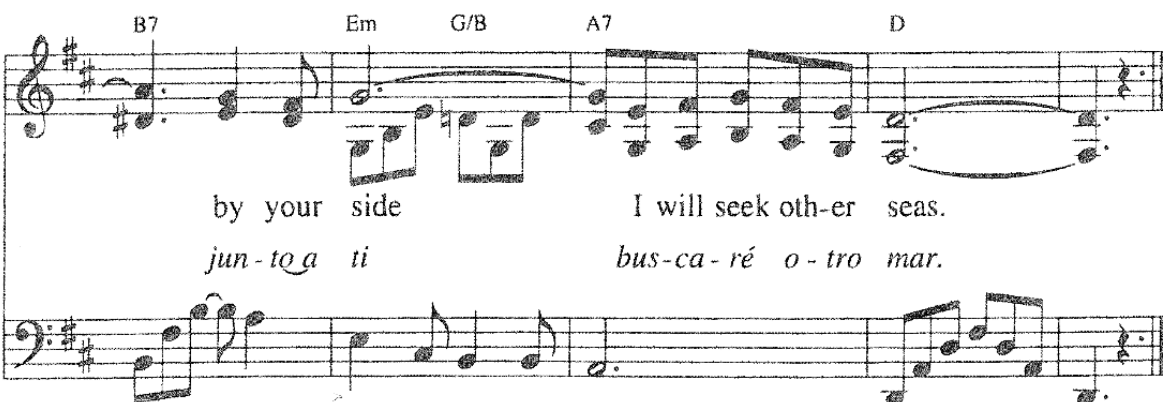
and while smil - ing have spo-ken my name;
y son - rien - do has di - cho mi nom - bre;

D7 G F#m7



now my boat's left on the shore-line be-hind me;
en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;

B7 Em G/B A7 D



by your side I will seek oth-er seas.
jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild rest - less sea;
2. Je - sus calls us from the wor-ship of the vain world's gold - en store,
3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of toil and hours of ease,
4. Je - sus calls us: by Your mer - cies, Sav - ior, may we hear Your call,

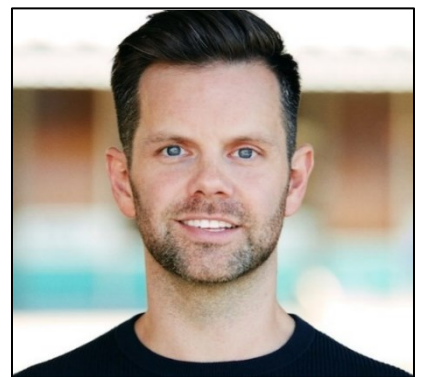
day by day His sweet voice sound-eth, say - ing "Chris - tian, fol - low me!"
from each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing "Chris - tian, love me more."
still He calls in cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love Me more than these."
give our hearts to full o - be - dience, serve and love You best of all.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult". It features two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written between the staves. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The music is in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

Jonathan Merritt – Guest Preacher
February 5, 2023

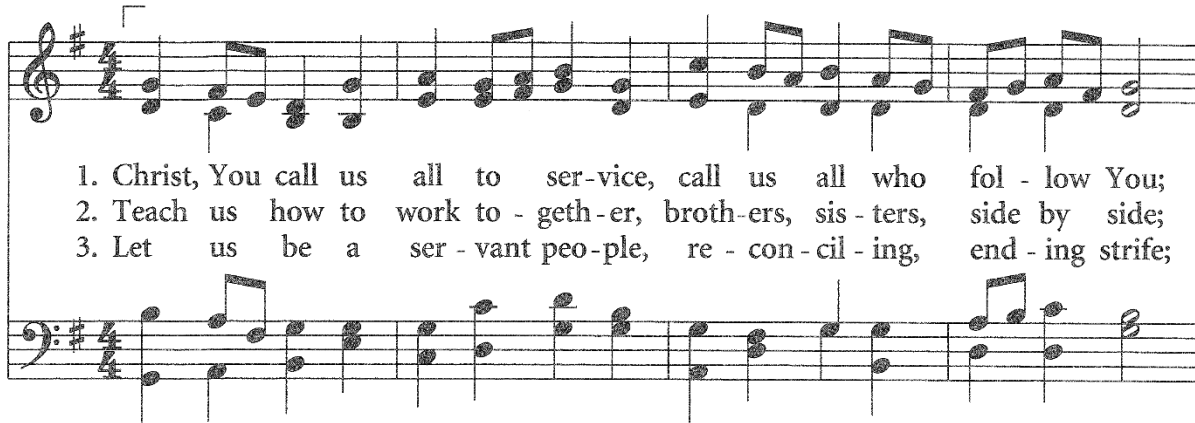
Following worship: Q&A and Potluck Lunch in Vickrey Hall

Jonathan is an award-winning faith and culture writer who has published over 3,500 articles in outlets such as USA Today, The Washington Post, BuzzFeed and Christianity Today. He is a contributing writer for The Atlantic and The Week. His articles are viewed more than 2.5 million times each year. Jonathan has been interviewed by CNN, ABC World News, NPR, MSNBC, Fox News, and The New York Times and is author of several books including his newest book *Learning to Speak God from Scratch*. He was recently named one of 30 young leaders reshaping Christian leadership by Outreach magazine.

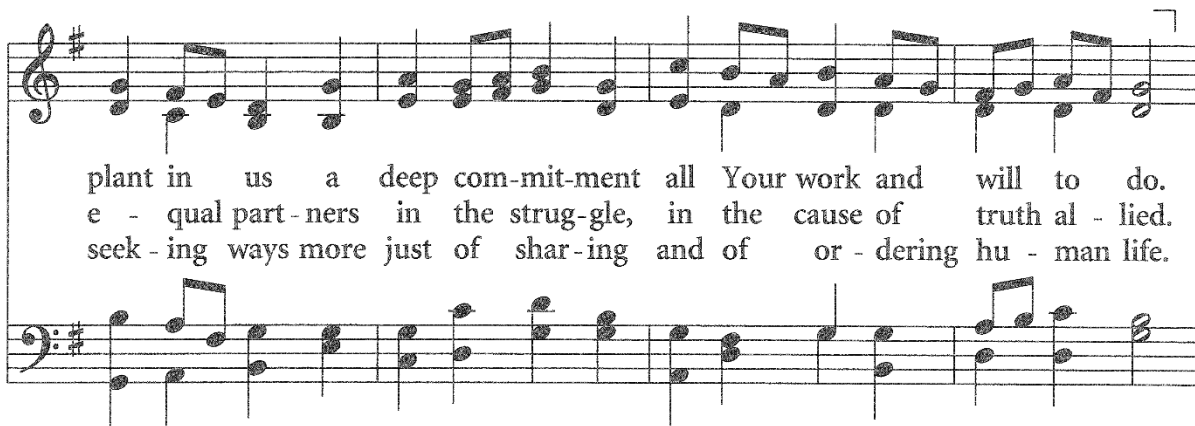


Known for his ability to tackle difficult issues through both the written and spoken word, Jonathan has become a sought-after speaker by universities, seminaries, churches, and conferences on cultural and religious issues. He holds a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, North Carolina) and a Master of Theology from Emory University Candler School of Theology (Atlanta, Georgia). He resides in Brooklyn, New York.

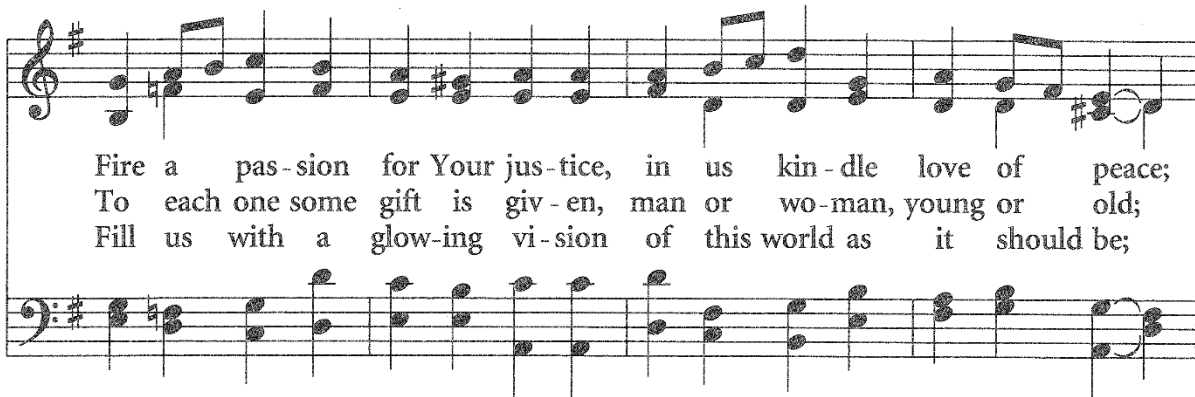
Christ, You Call Us All to Service



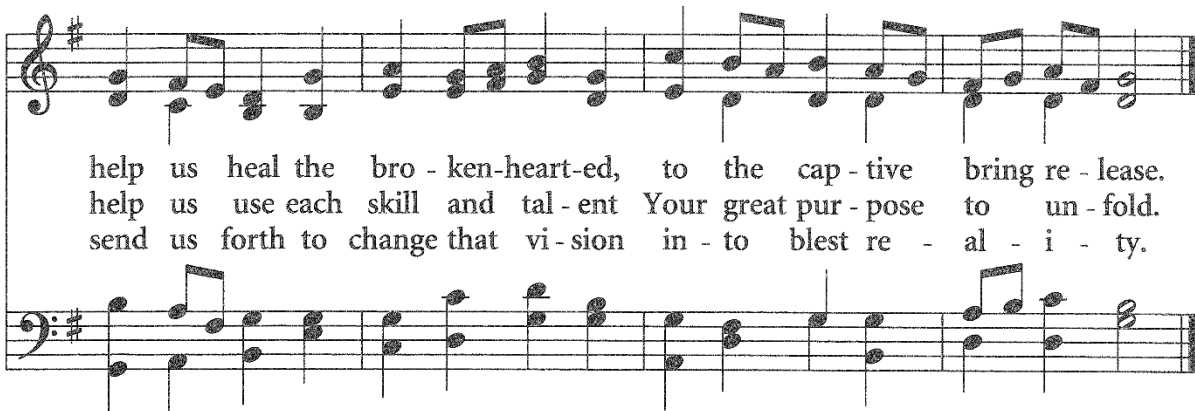
1. Christ, You call us all to ser-vice, call us all who fol - low You;
2. Teach us how to work to - geth-er, broth-ers, sis - ters, side by side;
3. Let us be a ser - vant peo-ple, re - con - cil - ing, end - ing strife;



plant in us a deep com-mit-ment all Your work and will to do.
e - qual part-ners in the strug-gle, in the cause of truth al - lied.
seek - ing ways more just of shar-ing and of or - dering hu - man life.



Fire a pas-sion for Your jus-tice, in us kin - dle love of peace;
To each one some gift is giv - en, man or wo-man, young or old;
Fill us with a glow-ing vi-sion of this world as it should be;



help us heal the bro - ken-heart-ed, to the cap - tive bring re - lease.
help us use each skill and tal - ent Your great pur - pose to un - fold.
send us forth to change that vi-sion in - to blest re - al - i - ty.

The Scripture this morning is Matthew 4:12-23, which may be found on page 785 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

(NRSV)

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!**

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Total units pledged: 88

Total pledged: \$604,980



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, February 11, 6:30-8:00 PM, Vickrey Hall
VALENTINE'S dinner

Plan for an evening of food, fun and stories of love from people you love.

Garey Wisdom and Brad Carter,
Judy and Jack Mullinax
Matt Powers and Victoria Robb Powers

Childcare provided by reservation:
Cookie Stokes, 214-770-1637,
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Study for Wednesday Evening

with

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+.

Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment,
that supplement today's scripture at
games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



Artist's Reception, Saturday, February 4, 2023, 4:30 – 6:30 PM

Join us for a complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres reception in the Box Gallery

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **January 22 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**
12:15 pm Children's Leadership & SS Teachers — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday** **January 25**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Beef tacos with fixings, beans, rice, and salad. Dessert: Chocolate Cake
6:15 pm Midweek Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday** **January 28**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **January 29 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children's SS Classes — Christian Education Building
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Installation of Rev. Victoria Robb Powers February 26, 2023

Installation of Rev. Victoria Robb Powers will be held at the 10:55 AM worship service on Sunday, February 26. Following morning worship, we will gather for a reception in Vickrey Hall.



Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets”
on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests
or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org/prayer
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call – Dan Thompson & Kelley Keith
Safety Shepherd – Cheryl Robinson

When WE Give:
We can provide Christian Education materials for all.

December 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 694,125
Expenses	\$ 760,279
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (66,154)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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