

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Third Sunday in Lent*

March 12, 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

*In our scripture reading from Romans 5, Paul explains what it means to be justified by faith: we are restored to a right relationship with God through Christ. This brings us peace. Even our suffering can teach us endurance, build character, and lead to hope. Christ's life leads us into life with God.*

### Voluntary

Anna Laura Page

*When In Our Music, God is Glorified* — arranged by Anna Laura Page

### ✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Come, let us sing a new song to our God.

Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us enter God's presence with thanksgiving.**

**Make a joyful noise with songs of praise!**

God is a great god, above all other gods.

The depths of the earth are in God's hands.

**The highest mountains belong to God.**

**The farthest reaches of the universe are God's own.**

O come, let us worship and bow down.

Let us kneel before God our Maker.

**We are people of God's pasture.**

**Today we will listen to God with open hearts.**

Let us pray:

**Holy One, we yearn to draw near as we arrive in this place. We come to calm our hearts, soothe our fears, and deepen our faith, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### ✠Hymn 282

Congregation

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* — AUSTRIAN HYMN

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

**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](http://royallane.org/register) or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Scripture Lesson

Garey Wisdom

**Romans 5:1-11** [Pew Bible page 917 of the New Testament]

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (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!**

Time for Young Disciples

Barrett Wooten

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

✠Hymn 57

Congregation

*Be Still, My Soul* — FINLANDIA

Psalms of Confession

Cheryl Robinson – Racial Justice Team, & Congregation

Lord of all, we bring you our afflictions,  
and admit that we are tired of suffering.  
We await the perseverance, character and hope  
that you bring with the light of dawn.

**Create in us clean hearts,  
that we may see your demonstration of love,  
guiding us to the light of hope,  
and the joy of reconciliation.**

*Weeping Lasts Through the Night* — Terre Johnson  
(please sing the refrain on direction)

Congregational Refrain



Call to Confession

Rick Carpenter & Congregation

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Giver of Life, we know we have shortcomings. In the depth of our hearts,  
we struggle to leave our failures behind. Teach us that suffering brings  
endurance, that endurance produces character, and that character brings  
hope. With your grace undergirding our lives, grant us the patience and  
persistence to claim a place in your holy Kin-dom. Amen.**

*(continued)*

*We now share silence together.*

Promise of Forgiveness

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we are sinners, Christ died for us. Though we were enemies of God, God loved us. Once we were lost and dead—now Christ has become our life and salvation.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem

Choir

*Lamb of God* (Agnus Dei) —Anna Laura Page  
*Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*  
Grant us peace, Lamb of God, grant us peace.

Sermon

John Kelly

**“ Blessed Are Those Who Suffer ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Congregation

*O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go* — ST. MARGARET  
*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,  
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Presentation of Decisions

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

Offertory Prayer

Mike Keith

Protector God, we hear your voice beckoning us to be your hands and your feet in the world. Show us a way through the wilderness of life, with our hearts filled with blessings and living water for a hurting world. Receive these offerings, that they may be for others the blessings we have received from your hand. Amen.

Offertory

Anna Laura Page

*This Is My Father's World* — arranged by Anna Laura Page  
*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.  
See back cover for ways to give.*

✠ Sending Forth

John Kelly

We scatter, singing songs of thanksgiving.

We will make a joyful noise, in praise to God.

**We will also listen for messages God sends.**

**God is among us and goes with us every day.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

Anna Laura Page

*God of Grace* — Paul Manz

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Register Your Attendance

[Royallane.org/register](http://Royallane.org/register)



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Hymn Notes

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

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O Love, That Will Not Let Me Go

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## Guest Preacher, John Kelly

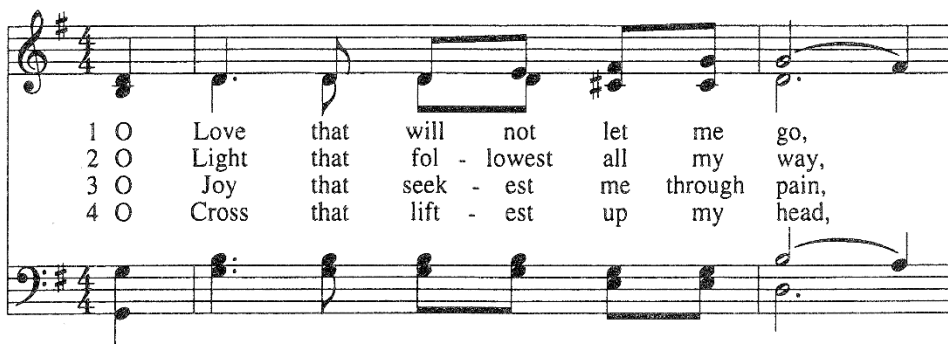
John Kelly joined Wilshire Baptist Church as a pastoral resident in 2021, shortly after graduating from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California, with his MDiv. Born and raised in a small town outside of Greenville, South Carolina, John earned his BA in English Literature before spending a few years working and studying in Sydney, Australia. When not spending time at church, Half Price Books, or Mariano's, John can usually be found arguing with Mavis, his miniature schnauzer.

## Guest Organist, Anna Laura Page

Anna Laura Page received a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Music Education with a concentration in piano and a Master of Music degree in Music Theory with a concentration in organ from the University of Kentucky. Active as a composer, clinician, and organist, she has served as Handbell Editor for Accents Signature Music for the *Celebrating Grace Hymnal*. In addition, she has received the ASCAP Standards Award for the past several years. She has taught organ as an adjunct faculty member at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, and theory/organ as an adjunct faculty member at Lander University in Greenwood, South Carolina. She served as director of the Austin Peay Community Children's Chorus in Clarksville, Tennessee for three years and later served as Handbell Music Editor for Alfred Publishing Co., Inc. Her publications include choral works for children, youth, and adults, and compositions for handbells, organ and piano. She is married to Dr. Oscar C. Page, President Emeritus of Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and they have two grown children and two granddaughters.



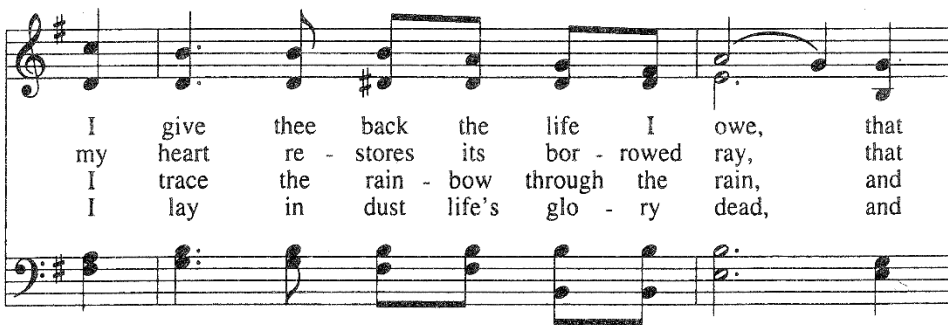
# O Love That Will Not Let Me Go



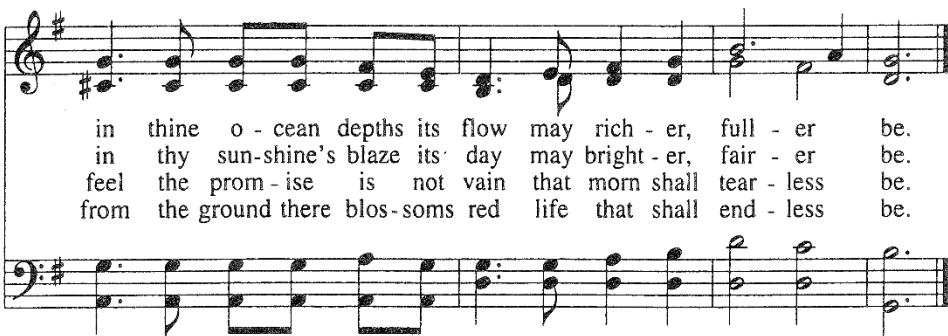
1 O Love that will not let me go,  
 2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way,  
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain,  
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head,



I rest my wea - ry soul in thee;  
 I yield my flick - ering torch to thee;  
 I can - not close my heart to thee;  
 I dare not ask to fly from thee;



I give thee back the life I owe, that  
 my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that  
 I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and  
 I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.  
 in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.  
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.  
 from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

Study for Wednesday Evening  
**IN-FOCUS**  
**“Difficult Conversations that Matter”**  
**Beloved Community: Loving Deeply, Loving Better??**

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23**  
**Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41**

**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](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

## It's Easter Basket Time!

WOC and Missions will collect Easter Basket goodies beginning the last Sunday in February. Join us as we enjoy a potluck lunch and stuff the Easter Baskets on Sunday, March 26th, at 12:15 pm. Baskets will be delivered to Hope Supply, who will distribute them to families throughout the Dallas area. We will have baskets in the Narthex and in Vickrey Hall to collect your donations.

Please help us by bringing:

Wrapped Easter Candy (no nuts or peanut butter, please)  
Chocolate Bunnies  
Bubbles  
Matchbox Cars  
Play-Doh  
Small Stuffed Animals  
Various Small Toys



## Lenten Devotions – “Bless the Lent We Actually Have”



40 days to reflect, pray, and bless our imperfect lives, by Kate Bowler. Copies are available in the narthex or church office. Or you may use the link below or point to the QR code to sign up to have a copy of the devotions sent to you from Kate Bowler's website.



<http://bit.ly/41d7fIS>

To order Kate Bowler's book  
“The Lives We Actually Have, 100 Blessings for Imperfect Days”  
go to  
<http://bit.ly/3kWNMfh>



# 2023 Lent & Holy Week

## Theme: “Bless This Lent”

*Life is beautiful and brutal. For everyone. Easter is coming, but for now we sit in the ashes of our broken dreams and broken hearts, knowing that God sits here with us too. Together, we say: Bless This Lent.*



### Lent:

|        |                                                                                  |
|--------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday | March 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent<br>“Blessed Are Those Who Feel Alone,” Psalm 23 |
| Sunday | March 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent<br>“Blessed Are Those Who Mourn,” John 11:1-45   |

### Holy Week:

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| Sunday   | April 2 – Palm/Passion Sunday                                                                                      |
| 10:55 am | Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel<br>“Blessed Are The Rejected,” Matthew 21:1-11            |
| Friday   | April 7 – Good Friday                                                                                              |
| 8:00 pm  | Good Friday Service, Holy Communion Offered – Sanctuary<br>“Blessed Are Those Who See It Clearly,” John 18:1-19:42 |
| 8:00 pm  | Children’s Good Friday Service — Vickrey Hall                                                                      |
| Saturday | April 8                                                                                                            |
| 2:00 pm  | Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)                                                          |
| Sunday   | April 9 – Easter Sunday                                                                                            |
| 8:00 am  | Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn                                                                    |
| 8:30 am  | Easter Breakfast — Vickrey Hall                                                                                    |
| 10:55 am | Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel<br>“Blessed Are Those Who Hope Still,” John 20:1-18       |

## Care Groups

To borrow a lyric from a 70s-era Christian musical, *Do you really care...* about care groups? A good number among our fellowship would like to be part of a care group. If you are one of those number, our Fellowship Committee wants to know. But it's hard to care about something you don't know about. So, here goes!

Care groups meet once a month or so to share a meal - in a home or restaurant. It's a small group of 8 to 15 folk who share an interest in getting to know one another. There is no agenda other than sharing stories and food in a relaxed and welcoming space.

To join or help start a new group put a note in the offering plate, or contact Wayne Meachum, Linda Cross, Sheryl Gambill, or Sharon Vickrey.

For more information send an email to Linda Cross and put Care Group in the subject line. If you would consider leading or helping with a care group we need to know that, also.

We want you to be cared for and we want you to help us care for others.

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## Alliance of Baptists Annual Gathering 2023

Join the Alliance of Baptists this April 21-23 in Atlanta for their Annual Gathering! This year's theme for the gathering is "To Set the Captives Free" and the keynote speaker is Derecka Purnell, author of *Becoming Abolitionists: Police, Protests, and the Pursuit of Freedom*. Join the Alliance as we learn more about the abolitionist movement. Registration is now open at [www.allianceofbaptists.org](http://www.allianceofbaptists.org)

Early Bird Full Adult Registration

(by April 1): **\$125**

Full Adult Registration (April 1-16): **\$175**

First time attendee: **\$50**

Student (College and Grad School): **\$50**

It's Rough Out There: **\$50**

Workshop Leader: **Free**

Child ages 6-12 and Youth 13-17: **Free, but they must be registered**

Child registering for provided childcare for children ages 5 and under: **\$25**



# Women of the Church

Registration is NOW OPEN  
for our spring weekend retreat on

“The Enneagram Path Towards Growth and Grace”  
at Sister Grove Farm

Friday Evening, April 28 – Saturday Evening, April 29

LeAnn Gardner ([www.leanngardner.com](http://www.leanngardner.com)) is a friend to many Royal Laners and we are delighted to have her as our facilitator. She will help us explore this ancient spiritual tool called the Enneagram as we see how it can transform our relationships with ourselves, God, and others - with plenty of free time on the farm to nurture those relationships.

Cost is \$75 per person. Registration deadline is April 14th or until capacity is reached. Rooms vary. Most can accommodate up to four people. Linens and towels provided.

Use the [bit.ly](https://bit.ly/3K8D6Eu) code below or point to the QR code for complete schedule and to download registration form. Copies of the registration form are available in the church office. Submit registration form and payment to the church office.

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## Abundant Lifers (or anyone who enjoys life!)

Spring swing – “Dallas Blooms” at the Dallas Arboretum

Thursday, March 30

Join us for a great day among the blooms at the Dallas Arboretum! We will be meeting at 10 am at the Gate 1 entrance and making a group reservation for lunch at Restaurant DeGolyer.

If you would like to join us, please contact Janet Schultz by **March 17**, at (214) 361-2809, ext. 11.

You will need to purchase your ticket online at [www.dallasarboretum.org](http://www.dallasarboretum.org) or at (214) 515-6615. (\$15)

We want this day to be accessible for everyone. There are trams that run throughout the grounds. Please let us know what other assistance will help you enjoy the day. (Wheelchair, drop off at the entrance, etc.)

Questions? Contact Cheryl Robinson at (214) 577-9796 or Karen Miller at (214) 724-0655

## The first TXBWIM Area conference is on the calendar!

The Texas Baptist Women in Ministry will be meeting in Dallas at Royal Lane Baptist Church on Saturday, April 22nd for a day of exploring together their prophetic voices! Rev. Victoria Robb Powers will preach, and there will be two seminars including a panel discussion on “Nurturing Your Prophetic Voice” and also a seminar on “Discovering New Prophetic Voices of Women.”

The conference will start with an 8:30am coffee gathering, followed by worship, seminars, lunch (included in the registration), and a time of singing and prayer.

The cost is \$30 for general admission and \$10 for college/seminary students. **REGISTER AT:** <https://donorbox.org/events/422247>



## *Schedule for the Week*

### **Sunday      March 12 – Third Sunday in Lent**

12:15 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall

### **Wednesday      March 15**

3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)

5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Dessert: Brownies

6:15 pm Children's Choir & Activities — Godly Play Room, Room 204/206

6:15 pm IN FOCUS – “Difficult Conversations that Matter” — Vickrey Hall & Zoom  
Beloved Community: Loving Deeply, Loving Better??

7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

### **Friday      March 17**

1:00 pm Foster Care Group — Home of Barbara Gunnin

### **Saturday      March 18**

Third Saturday Youth Activity

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

### **Sunday      March 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

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

12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall

12:15 pm Dallas Kosher Chili Cook-Off — Tiferet Israel

8:00 pm Church Affiliation Committee — Zoom

*The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

## **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](http://royallane.org/resources/events)

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



**Deacons on Call** – Mike Keith & Garey Wisdom

**Safety Shepherd** – John Helms

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### January 2023 Financials

|                    | YTD Actual |
|--------------------|------------|
| Revenues*          | \$ 142,968 |
| Expenses           | \$ 67,512  |
| Surplus (Deficit)* | \$ 75,456  |

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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