

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 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

God is like a shepherd to us: caring about us, present beside us, nourishing and restoring our worn-out lives. God is like a light to us: bringing new understanding, challenging our prejudice, inviting our worship. God is our future: knowing our hearts, anointing us for service, filling us with God's Spirit.

Voluntary

Andante Moderato — Frank Bridge

David Weigle

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

The Lord is our shepherd.

There is nothing we lack.

**God guides us in proper paths
for the sake of God's good name.**

God bathes our heads in oil;
our cups are so full they spill over!

**Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue us
all the days of our lives.**

—from Psalm 23

Congregation

Let us pray:

Holy God, like a shepherd, you watch over us and provide abundantly beyond our needs. You lead us in right paths when we are tempted to go astray. You refresh us with living water that overflows with your generosity. Let your light shine on us now to reveal truth we have not seen and open our eyes to possibilities we may not have realized. May we be receptive to learn from you and from one another. Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

What Kind of Shepherd Seeks the Sheep — FOREST GREEN

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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.]

Scripture Lesson

Many Voices

Psalm 23 through New Eyes [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!

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.*

Family Dedication

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Family & Congregation

Noah River Will

Son of Humberto Valtierra & Walter Will

Aunt & Uncle – Gabriela & Chris Will

Aunt – Terry Chandler

Minister

Humberto & Walter, 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 Noah before God in loving commitment.

Minister

Where will you find strength for this task?

Parents

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?

Congregation

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

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 he may increase in wisdom and in years,
and in divine and human favor
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠Hymn 69

Congregation

Children of the Heavenly Father — TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

Psalm of Confession

Charlotte Sewell – Racial Justice Team, & Congregation

Lord of all, we come alone,
each individual absorbed in our need for a shepherd.
Eagerly we sit at your table,
prepared before our enemies.

**Create in us clean hearts,
that even in solitude we may sense your care,
a welcome table that allows each to share all,
to your kingdom's avail.**

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

Congregational Refrain



Prayers of the People

Alan Greider & Congregation

Shepherding God, we are painfully aware of how imperfectly love is expressed within our world. So in trust, we turn once more to you.

In your goodness and mercy, hear the prayers of our hearts:

**We are alive to your imaginings for a new world
and ready to make a creative difference.**

Although we do see good and hopeful change, we also witness violence and dysfunction whereby the most innocent and vulnerable continue to be forgotten, abused, or treated as of no account.

In your goodness and mercy, hear the prayers of our hearts:

**We are alive to your imaginings for a new world
and ready to make a creative difference.**

(continued)

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:

Change us, O God. Create within us the desire and capacity for a love that can gently hold yet let go; a love that encounters all others with deep respect, and is concerned with others' well-being above personal interest. In your goodness and mercy, hear the prayers of our hearts: We are alive to your imaginings for a new world and ready to make a creative difference. Amen.

Anthem

Harper W, Turner W, & Choir

Al Shlosha D'varim — Allan E. Naplan

Al Shlosha D'varim is a lyrical setting of the popular maxim for *Pirkie Avot* (Jewish morality laws). The text translated means:

*The world is sustained by three things,
by truth, by justice, and by peace.*

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Blessed Are Those Who Feel Alone ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 66

Congregation

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need — RESIGNATION
*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

Karen Simmons

Loving shepherd, gentle savior, we give you thanks this day: for rest in green pastures, for refreshment beside still waters, for health and wholeness for our souls. As we rejoice in your goodness and mercy, we offer you our gifts this day. Through our offering, may others be blessed, as we have been blessed from your hand. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ — J. S. Bach
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.

✠ Sending Forth

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Go out into the world in peace and joy,
Knowing that in all your turnings
God will restore your soul,
And follow you with goodness and mercy
Every step of the way.
Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

The Glory of These Forty Days — Robert J. Powell

§ § § § § § §

Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

The Lenten Wheel by John Stuart
Used by permission, stushieart.com

Psalm 23 through New Eyes

God is the guardian of my journey.
God sees me, one small person in this teeming city;
God shields me, gives me space to breathe;
Even though crowds press in on me,
God surrounds me with loving care.
Surely God will bring me safely home
and I will rest in God's presence and give thanks.

God is my Advocate,
God understands and feels my pain.
God seeks my freedom and joy.
Even though I remain shut out
God comes to my rescue.
Surely Love will be my liberation
and I will rejoin the land of the living.

God is my gardener. God plants and tends.
God places me in rich soil
and carries water to my roots.
Even though I wonder if there will be enough,
God will provide.
Surely bountiful care and grace will fill my life
and I will rejoice at the harvest.

God is my calm center in the storm.
God covers me when all is ripped away.
God alone knows the horror I've seen.
Even though death assails me from every side
God holds me close.
Surely everything around me has changed
and I will depend upon God every hour.

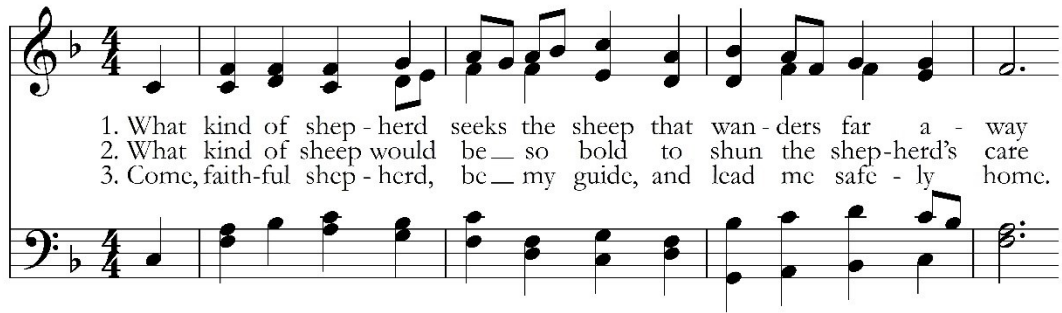
God is my open door.
God brings me freedom to know.
God satisfies my thirst to understand.
Even though walls have stood locked and impassable,
God has created a way through.
Surely God will continue to break down barriers
and I will cross each new threshold all my days.

God is my carer. God feeds, shelters, embraces me.
God will guide me as I grow in life and faith.
Even though life will have bumps and bruises,
I will be OK because God holds me.
God will nurture me and protect me
even as I face bullies.
God anoints me for good things and I am content.
Surely goodness, kindness, mercy
will be with me and flow from me,
and I will be nurtured
by the people of God in this place.

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!

—Several years ago, at a Seasons of the Spirit development event, writers and editors were invited to choose a photograph from a magazine and imagine their chosen person speaking the words of Psalm 23 through their experience and situation. “Psalm 23 through New Eyes” is a collection of some of the reflections offered.

What Kind of Shepherd Seeks the Sheep



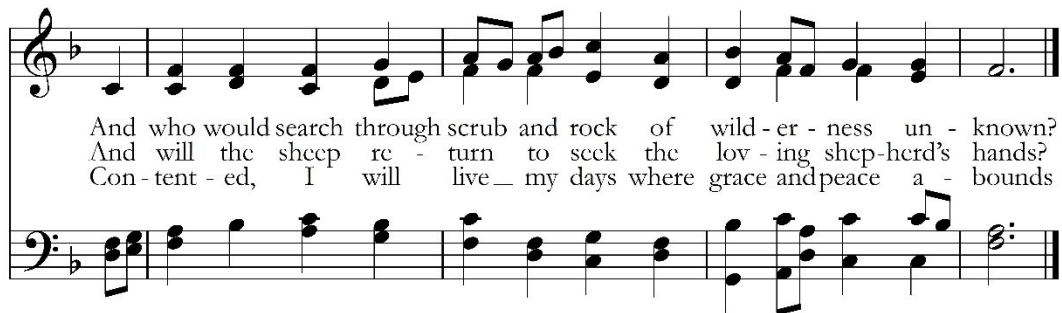
1. What kind of shep - herd seeks the sheep that wan - ders far a - way
2. What kind of sheep would be — so bold to shun the shep-herd's care
3. Come, faith-ful shep - herd, be — my guide, and lead me safe - ly home.



When there are nine - ty nine to — keep that have the sense to stay?
When rod and staff pro - tect the fold from li - on, wolf, and bear?
For - give the self - suf - fi - cient pride that caus - es — one to roam.



Why seek the one that left the flock to try its luck a - lone?
Why leave the peace - ful field and creek for sha-dow shad - ed lands?
Then with the wan-d'ers and the strays that you have sought and found,



And who would search through scrub and rock of wild - er - ness un - known?
And will the sheep re - turn to seek the lov - ing shep-herd's hands?
Con - tent - ed, I will live — my days where grace and peace a - bounds

Hymn Notes

What Kind of Shepherd Seeks the Sheep

Text: Adam M. L. Tice, 2012; Copyright © 2013, GIA Publications, Inc.

OneLicense: Annual License w/Reprint/Podcast/Streaming, A-722998

Children of the Heavenly Father

Text: Ernest W. Olson, Copyright © 1925, 1953, Augsburg Fortress

OneLicense: Annual License w/Reprint/Podcast/Streaming, A-722998

Weeping Lasts Through the Night

Text and Music: Terre Johnson, Copyright © 2023, Terre Johnson

For Royal Lane Baptist Church

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Music: Shelby Trapp. Copyright © 2010 Celebrating Grace, Inc.

OneLicense: Annual License w/Reprint/Podcast/Streaming, A-722998

Easter Flower Dedications

Easter Flower Dedications are due in the church office by Tuesday, April 4, in order to include your dedication in the April 9, Easter Sunday order of worship. Forms available or you may submit your request online.



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.

You will need to purchase your ticket online at 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.)

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

Study for Wednesday Evening
“The Perils of Spiritual Drama and Why Talking About It Matters”
with Kathryn Keller, Ph.D., Psychologist
Dallas Therapy Collective

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

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



Women of the Church Spring Retreat
April 28-29

Registration is open for our spring weekend retreat on
“The Enneagram Path Towards Growth and Grace”
at Sister Grove Farm

LeAnn Gardner (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 code below or point to the QR code to access registration form.
Copies of the registration form are also available in the church office. Submit
registration form and payment to the church office.

<https://bit.ly/3K8D6Eu>



WOC and Missions – Sunday, March 26

Potluck Lunch & Building of Easter Baskets – Vickrey Hall



Needed for RLBC Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 8, 2-4 pm

Please bring by Wednesday, April 5

Individually wrapped candies and small prizes that can be put in plastic eggs. Baskets for donations are available in the Church Office and Vickrey Hall. Please remember that these must be safe for our youngest children.

Need some ideas?

Stickers

Seed packets (*to plant after Easter*)

Hot Wheel Cars

Bouncy Balls

Erasers

Lip Gloss/Chap Stick

Character Band-aids

Fruit Snacks

Silly Bands

Small containers of bubbles

Playdough

Small dolls & figures

Plastic Animals/Bugs

Bracelets/Necklaces

Rubber Stamps

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 26 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**
“Blessed Are Those Who Mourn,” John 11:1-45

Holy Week:

Sunday **April 2 – Palm/Passion Sunday**
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
“Blessed Are The Rejected,” Matthew 21:1-11

Friday **April 7 – Good Friday**
8:00 pm Good Friday Service, Holy Communion Offered – Sanctuary
“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
“Blessed Are Those Who Hope Still,” John 20:1-18

Schedule for the Week

Sunday March 19 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall
- 12:15 pm Dallas Kosher Chili Cook-off — Tiferet Israel
- 8:00 pm Church Affiliation Committee — Zoom

Wednesday March 22

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 - Menu: Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Brownies
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir & Activities — Godly Play Room, Room 204/206
- 6:15 pm Midweek Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday March 23 – Mosaic

Saturday March 25

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday March 26 – Fifth 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 WOC & Missions – Vickrey Hall
 - Potluck Lunch and Building of Easter Baskets

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

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 – Rodney Macias & Donna Wood-Martin

Safety Shepherd – Mike Gill

When WE Give: our children & youth learn the importance of missions and reaching out to others.

February 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 192,536
Expenses	\$ 148,260
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 44,276

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/



Royal Lane Baptist Church

6707 Royal Lane • Dallas, Texas 75230

[214] 361-2809 • <http://www.royallane.org>

Like RLBC on Facebook or Follow RLBC on Twitter

Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician
Brandon Green, Audio Technician
Barbara Merry, Administrative Assistant
Ellen Miers, Housekeeping
Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor

Janet Schultz, Administrative Assistant
Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician
David Weigle, Organist
Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship