

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Easter Sunday

April 9, 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

Opening Voluntary

Classic Brass

My Spirit Be Joyful — J. S. Bach, arranged by Henry Herforth

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

When we are all despairing, when the world is full of grief,
when we see no way ahead and hope has gone away:

Roll back the stone.

Although we fear change, although we are not ready,
although we'd rather weep and run away:

Roll back the stone.

Because we're coming with the women; because we hope where hope is vain,
because you call us from the grave and show the way:

Roll back the stone.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia to the living Christ!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Let us pray:

This is the day you have made, O Holy One, and we rejoice. Come, let the world know you dwell with us. Stir our souls with love and hope, and let our feet dance for joy on your good earth. Open our eyes to the hopes and needs of this planet, and all who share its life. Embolden our hearts to works of justice in your name. Be present to us. Empower us with your resurrection life. Let the world know, through our lives that: Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today — EASTER HYMN
arranged by Jeremy J. Bankson

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

Scott Bryant

John 20:1-18 [Pew Bible page 882 of the New Testament]

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher).

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¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her. (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 [see insert]

Congregation

Rejoice This Easter Day — DARWALL’S 148

arranged by Jeremy J. Bankson

Psalm of Confession

Christin Lavery– Racial Justice Team, & Congregation

Lord of all, you waited for Mary in the dark,
the only one with the hope to come and see you
as the tomb embraced you,
ending your life.

**Create in us clean hearts,
that with Mary we might hope,
finally realizing the audacious truth
that you are risen indeed!**

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

Congregational Refrain

The image shows a musical score for a congregational refrain. It consists of two staves: a vocal line on top and a piano accompaniment on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The vocal line has lyrics: "Weep - ing lasts through the night, but joy comes in the morn - ing." The piano accompaniment features a simple harmonic structure with chords and moving lines in both hands.

Prayers of the People

Sarah Macias & Congregation

Let us unite our hearts in prayer, saying,
God of Resurrection, hear our prayer.

For the Church throughout the world, that as we celebrate the feast of Jesus' resurrection, we may renew our faith and strengthen our witness in Jesus' name.

God of Resurrection,

hear our prayer.

For our planet Earth, that people may be good stewards of its resources and share in its abundance;

God of Resurrection,

hear our prayer.

For the poor and the stranger, that they may receive a place of refuge, hope, and hospitality;

God of Resurrection,

hear our prayer.

For our neighbors, that together we may dwell in harmony;

God of Resurrection,

hear our prayer.

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For our enemies, that we may love them and be agents of reconciliation in the name of Jesus;

God of Resurrection,

hear our prayer.

For the sick and those in distress, that they may find healing for their pain and be restored to fullness of life;

God of Resurrection,

hear our prayer.

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:

Almighty God, receive these prayers we offer, and by the power of your Holy Spirit use us for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In his name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Classic Brass & Choir

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today — Nancy Hill Cobb

Alleluia! Christ the Lord is risen today, all creation join to say: alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, O heaven's and earth reply, alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won,
Death in vain forbids him rise, Christ has opened paradise, alleluia!

Where, O death, is now your sting? Jesus died our souls to save.
Where your victory, O grave? Lives again our glorious King, alleluia!

Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to You by both be giv'n: alleluia!

Ev'ry knee to You shall bow, Risen Christ, triumphant now, alleluia!

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Blessed Are Those Who Hope Still ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus! — HYFRYDOL

arranged by Roland E. Martin

*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

Patsy Meier

On this day of celebration, we bring not only our offerings but also our lives. We dedicate ourselves anew today to be the love that rises after death. We dedicate our hearts to continuing to break and continuing to respond to a broken world with compassion and hope. We dedicate our very souls to fulfilling your resurrection in the world. Bless all these offerings, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Classic Brass

Rhosymedre — R. Vaughan Williams, arranged by Sterling Proctor
My Song Is Love Unknown

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

Choral Proclamation of Joy

Classic Brass & Choir

Christ is Risen! — Jan Sanborn
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

*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!*

✠Sending Forth

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Go to live as the body of Christ resurrected by love
and empowered by the Spirit to continue God's work in this world.
Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Closing Voluntary

Classic Brass & David Weigle

Flourishes — Carlyle Sharpe

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Classic Brass

Mark Schubert, Trumpet
James McNair, Trombone

Jenna Zelasko, Trumpet
Seth Carter, Tuba

Gerry Wood, Horn
Daniel Cline, Timpani

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

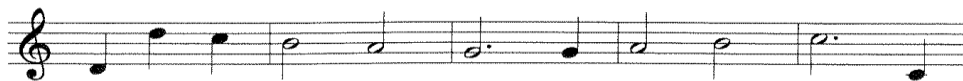
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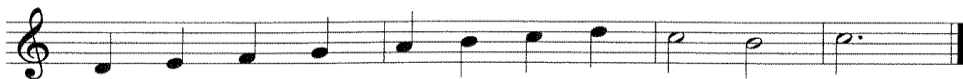
1. Re - joice this Eas - ter day! Christ con - quered
2. God's pow - er can - not fail, Christ rules o'er
3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the



sin and death! Re - joice, give thanks, and praise
earth and heav'n; The keys of death and hell
Judge, shall come To glo - ri - fy the saints



God with your ev - 'ry breath. Lift up your heart, lift
Are to our Sav - ior giv'n; Lift up your heart, lift
For their e - ter - nal home: Lift up your heart, Lift



up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!
up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

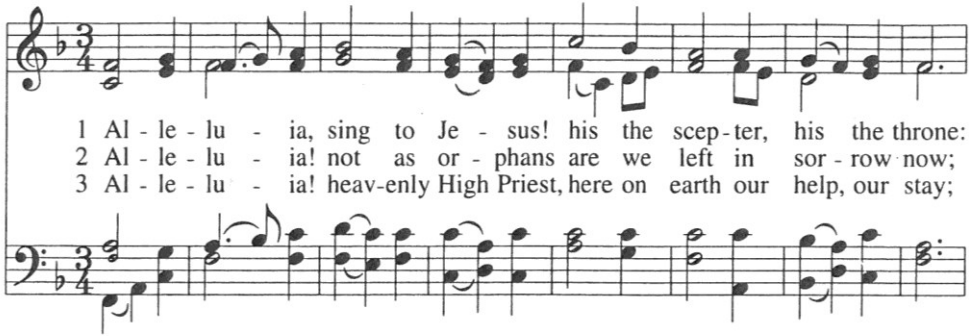
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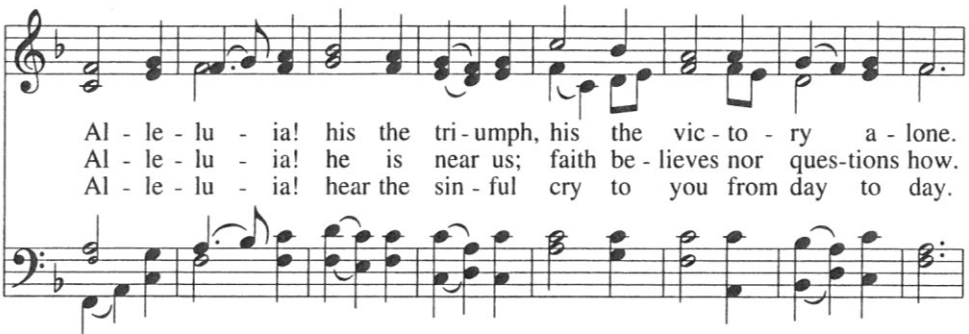
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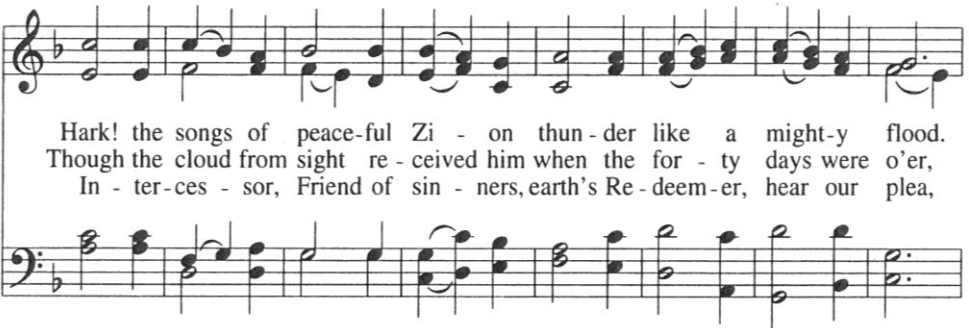
Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!



1 Al - le - lu - ia, sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne:
2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! heav - enly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;



Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lieves nor ques - tions how.
Al - le - lu - ia! hear the sin - ful cry to you from day to day.



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood.
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er,
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea,



Je - sus, out of ev - ery na - tion, has re - deemed us by his blood.
shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

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For Royal Lane Baptist Church

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus!

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Study for Wednesday Evening

IN FOCUS

“Conversations that Matter”

Beloved Community: Coming to Our Senses

Blake Miller will lead us in the exploration of Gods empathy through the power of our five senses.

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31



Easter Flower Dedications



Easter Flowers have been given
In Memory of:

Dan Bohannan

by Shirley Bohannan

Bessie Taylor

by Darlene Carpenter

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Zackey & Lorraine Meachum

by Bettie Meachum

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George, Harold, Charles and Billy

by Wayne Meachum

Don Meier

by Patsy Meier

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Lawrence Ambler, father
Grant Ambler, brother
Murray Greenberg, brother-in-law
by Marilyn Munro

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By Steven Rhodes

Frank & Jean Whitaker
by Anne Sewell

Dennis H. Waters
*by Lisa Waters. Erin Waters &
Rebecca Sparling*

Johnny & Cora Reiser, my parents
Mary & Jimmy Strobel
by Cookie Stokes

Ray Vickrey
by Sarah Plunk & Blake Vickrey

Anna Walling, mom
Kathy Peck, friend
by Cathy Walling

Jim Sewell
Ruth Logan
Bill Logan
by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

Orville & Elnora Wisdom
Chuck & Linda Spear
William (Bill) Irby
by Garey Wisdom



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In Honor of:**

In Celebration of Kenna Curry's Baptism
by Anonymous Donor

Shirley Bohannan
by Holly Bohannan

Pastor Victoria & her family
Holly, Clay & Faith
by Shirley Bohannan

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by Darlene Carpenter

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by Rick & Kay Meredith Carpenter

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Royal Lane & Victoria
by Sheryl Gambill

Porter, Ellie, & Andy – our grandchildren
Victoria Powers and her beautiful family
by Scott & Christine Gonzalez

The Percy Parrish Family
by Martha & Kathy Hatcher

Harry & Debi, and the whole Wooten Clan
by Shirley James

Rita Kirk & Royal Lane
by Sharon Larkin

Rev. Victoria Powers & family
Rev. Harry Wooten & Family
Pastor Search Committee 2022
by Christin Lavery

Kurt, Amy, Allie, Kendall & Ben Meachum
Aubrey, Adam, MK, & Mac Connatser
Ruth Seib
Royal Lane Ministers & Staff
by Bettie Meachum



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Our Children
Royal Lane Music Department
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Linda Myre, friend
by Cathy Walling

Anne Sewell
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Grace Watson
Emma Watson
Sadie Watson
by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

Lorelei Wickstrom, our mother/grandmother
(age 95)
by Kristie & Jordan Weilage

Brad Carter
Linda Hueston
by Garey Wisdom



Schedule for the Week

Wednesday April 12

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Menu: Chili Cheese Mac, Salad, and a Dinner Roll. Dessert: Brownies
- 6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Godly Play Room, Room 204/206
- 6:15 pm Midweek Study, IN FOCUS — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
“Conversations that Matter” – Beloved Community: Coming to Our Senses
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday April 13 – Mosaic: Volume 34, Issue No. 7

- 6:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Division — Zoom

Saturday April 15

- Third Saturday Youth Activity
- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday April 16 – Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday

- 8:30 am Deacon’s Meeting — Vickrey Hall
- 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 & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Youth Led Worship Service
Guest Choir: The Concord Choir, Broadway Baptist Church,
Fort Worth, Texas

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

Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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 – Patsy Meier & Barrett Wooten

Safety Shepherd – Melanie Ferguson

When WE Give: our worship resounds with joy!

February 2023 Financials

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

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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