

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday

April 16, 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

It's seldom explored, but perhaps Thomas didn't join the other disciples in hiding out because he wasn't afraid. Perhaps he somehow knew that God was still with him, even though he was not aware of the stories of Christ's resurrection. What helps you believe in the Resurrection? How does what you hear, see, and touch echo with your faith?

Voluntary

Toccata in Seven — John Rutter

Jeanie Chuang

Introit

Make a Joyful Noise — Jeff Reeves

Concord Choir

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Quinn K. & Congregation

When doors were shut, and the world was kept out,

resurrection found the disciples.

When the church gathers, and the world waits outside,

resurrection finds us.

When fear grew, and new quests were found,

resurrection found the disciples.

When faith leads us to new questions about life,

resurrection finds us.

When suffering remained, and the city was hostile,

resurrection found the disciples.

When Christ gathers with his followers in living worship,

resurrection finds us.

Come, let us worship God!

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Let us pray:

God of great surprises and unbounded joy, your voice echoes in our hearts into our uncertainties and wonderings. Breathe deeply, take good heart, and do not be afraid. Amen.

✠Hymn 219

Congregation

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise — LLANFAIR

Words of Welcome

Addison W.

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

Andres C.

1 Peter 1:3-9 [Pew Bible page 983 of the New Testament]

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls. (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

Emma & Sadie W.

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

When Thomas Heard from Jesus — AURELIA
(stanzas 1 - 4)

Confession of Sin

Brodie K., Kendall P. & Congregation

Call to Confession & Prayer

God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

Let us pray:

God of mercy and grace, you understand us completely. Yet there are times when we do not understand this life of faith. We do not understand how Jesus rose from the dead. We do not understand how the resurrected Christ comes to us today. Moments of doubt and disbelief deplete our strength. Forgive and restore us. Help us trust you and your love for us. Help us trust the ways of Christ. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Jesus said to the disciples, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” Beloved children of God, you are forgiven. May this forgiveness bring peace to your souls, your minds, and your body.

Hymn 634

Congregation

We Walk by Faith — FAITH’S JOURNEY

Prayers of the People

Jacob H. & Congregation

Resurrection God, full of peace,
we pray for those for whom life seems like a locked room.

We think of those who feel afraid and unable to move;

do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.

We pray for those who suffer distress through injury or illness,
unable to be free of pain or physical restrictions;

do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.

We pray for those who are troubled in mind,
hemmed in by worries or a lack of confidence;

do not abandon them but show them path that leads to life.

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We pray for the people and place with no political or religious freedom.
We remember those bound by tyranny or dictatorships;

do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.

We pray for leaders and forward thinkers
whose ideas are thwarted by ignorance or biased legislation.

We recognize our own discomfort with new ideas
and ask for greater understanding;

do not abandon them but show the path that leads to life.

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:

We pray, too, for ourselves, when we are unable to see beyond the boundaries of our narrow world, or lack the will to work for the good of others. Do not abandon us but show the path that leads to life. Amen.

Solo

Harper W.

Amazing Grace — arranged by Mark Edwards

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound. That saved a wretch, a wretch like me?
I once was lost, but now am found, I once was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And that same grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour when I first believed.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the glorious sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than since the day we first begun.*

Homily

Carson G.

“ I am Doubting Thomas ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 250

Congregation

Living Stones — ST. ANNE

*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

Avani & Zaiden C.

Good and gracious God, we come to you with open minds and hearts, ready to receive your guidance and blessings. We thank you for the gifts you have bestowed upon us, and for having a presence in our life. May you guide us on our path and help us make decisions for the greater good of all. We ask for strength and patience as we face the obstacles that may come. May we be empowered to overcome these obstacles and emerge stronger on the other side. Amen.

Offertory

Concord Choir

All Things Bright and Beautiful — John Rutter
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

The God of resurrection goes with you
to ask questions and wonder about this world.
The God of resurrection goes with you
to surprise you with wonder and joy.
Go to live in the world as Christ's disciples.

We go as witnesses to all that God has done!

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

Jeanie Chuang

God of Grace — Paul Manz

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Welcome to guest organist, Jeanie Chuang.

Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

A Prayer in Solitude by Avani C., RLBC Youth
“God’s presence is amongst us all, though he is not visible.”

Welcome to the Concord Choir Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth Texas.



The Concord Choir from Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas consists of 5th and 6th graders. Originally a middle school choir, the group was formed in 1990 under the direction of Tom Stoker and in the years following, his wife, Pam. Their current director, Emily Davis, grew up at Broadway and was in the first Concord Choir in 1990. The

choir travels each spring singing and carrying out mission work in preparation for their time in the Chapel Choir (grades 7-12), which travels throughout the U.S. and has traveled internationally. Concord hasn't been able to travel for the last four years due to COVID-19. While on tour in 2018, they sang at Royal Lane, and they are excited to be back again! Pastor Jennifer Davis, Pastor of Family Ministries, their accompanist, Barry Diehl, and other adult teachers and volunteers are traveling with them.

CHILDREN'S CAMP

This year RLBC kids will attend PASSPORTkids Camp.
Saturday–Tuesday, July 22–25

Children's Camp is for kids who have **completed third through sixth grade**. We will travel by bus to the Heart of Texas Baptist Camp and Conference Center near Brownwood. Campers will experience fun recreation, mission focused activities, high-energy worship, interactive Bible study and more, led by camp staff, Royal Lane chaperones will help supervise. Contact Kelley Keith at kkeith19@gmail.com

Cost: \$250, a \$50 deposit guarantees a spot. Full payment due May 31.

Some scholarship assistance can be made available.

Contact Sandy Washington at sandy.washington@gmail.com

When Thomas Heard from Jesus

1. When Thom-as heard from Je - sus, "Now come and fol - low me," he
2. When Je - sus spoke of heav - en, bold Thom-as dared to say, "We
3. When crowds be - gan to mur - mur and lead - ers raised their cry, brave
4. What joy on Eas - ter eve - ning when man - y saw the Lord! Yet
5. That man of faith saw Je - sus at break-fast by the sea; at

sure - ly went with glad - ness, for there was much to see. He
don't know where you're go - ing! How can we know the way?" He
Thom - as spoke out firm - ly, "Let's go with him and die." He
Thom - as was not with them and would not trust their word. When
Pen - te - cost he wit - nessed so oth - ers would be - lieve. O

wit-nessed Je - sus' teach - ing and saw his heal - ing touch; he
want - ed un - der - stand - ing of what he could not see. Then
ate at Je - sus' ta - ble, par - tak - ing wine and bread; yet
Christ ap-peared be - fore him, his doubts were quick - ly gone; he
Lord, may we, like Thom - as, keep grow - ing day by day; in -

found a faith to guide him, a friend he loved so much.
Je - sus re - as - sured him, "The way is here, through me."
lat - er with the oth - ers, he saw the cross and fled.
glad - ly knew that eve - ning the joy of Eas - ter dawn.
crease our faith and guide us, for Lord, you are the Way.

Hymn Notes

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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Wednesday Evening Quarterly Church Conference

Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35**

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.



Join Pray Away and their incredible co-sponsors today, April 16th, at 3:45 pm for a screening of Pray Away and panel discussion. Panelists include survivors of “conversion therapy”, mental health experts, LGBTQIA+ advocates, and faith leaders who will reflect on the themes of the film as well as propose a way to end conversion therapy, in all its forms, once and for all.

Link to RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/padallas>



Date and Time – Sunday, April 16th, 2023. Doors open – 3:00 pm CST. Program begins at 3:45 pm CST.

Location – Life In Deep Ellum, 2803 Taylor St. Dallas, Texas, 75226

Speakers and Panelists:

- Bishop Alex D. Byrd (he/him) – Pastor, Living Faith Covenant Church
- Dr. Kathryn Keller (she/her) – Licensed Psychologist & LPC, Dallas Therapy Collective
- Ricardo Martinez (he/him) – CEO, Equality Texas
- Josh Miller (he/they) – CT Survivor, Mental Health Consultant - Empathy Paradigm
- Jessica Ritter (she/her) – CT Survivor, Texas Ambassador for Born Perfect

Sponsors/Host organizations:

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- Arapaho UMC
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- Kin-dom Community

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday April 19

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Chicken Quesadillas, Rice, Beans, Salad. Dessert: Cookies
- 6:00 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 6:15 pm Children's Activities — Godly Play Room, Room 204/206
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday April 22

- 8:30 am Texas Baptist Women in Ministry (8:30 am – 2:00 pm)
Hosted by Royal Lane Baptist Church
- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday April 23 – Third Sunday of Easter

- 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
- 12:15 pm Lunch Bunch

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

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>



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 – Margaret Darden & Sharon Vickrey

Safety Shepherd – John Helms

When WE Give: we can celebrate our youth as they lead us in worship!

March 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 241,756
Expenses	\$ 205,283
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 36,473

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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