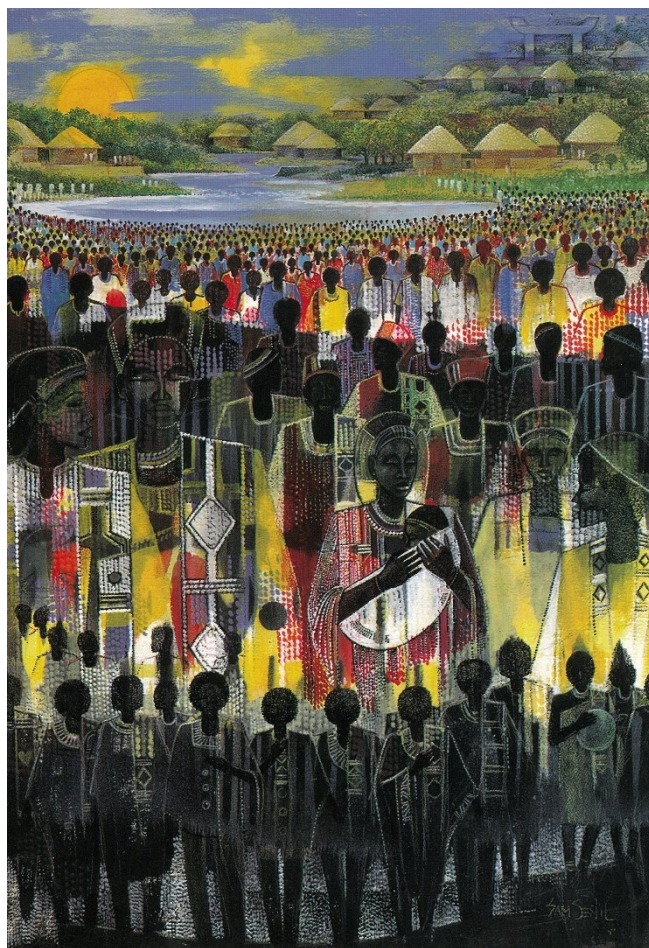


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 30, 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

*The book of Acts is the story of the early church. It recounts how the followers of Jesus devoted themselves to the building of the first Christian community. Today, as we celebrate the 25-year anniversary of Rev. Harry Wooten's service to our church, we remember the early church's vision of hospitality, love, and mutual self-giving.*

### Voluntary

*Now Thank We All Our God* — J. S. Bach

David Weigle

### ✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Blair Wooten & Congregation

For the building of Christ's church,

**We devote ourselves.**

For the nurturing of our beloved community,

**We commit ourselves.**

For the hospitality and love the world so desperately needs,

**We pledge ourselves.**

Let us pray:

**O God, you have called us to devote ourselves to your teachings, to commit ourselves to our community, and to pledge ourselves to a world in need. Help us to share with gladness and simplicity all you have given to us. Amen.**

### ✠Hymn 309

Congregation

*When, in Our Music God Is Glorified* — ENGELBERG

### 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](http://royallane.org/register) or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.  
If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,  
please refer to pew rack card – "How to Become a Member."*

Scripture Lesson

Harper, Turner & Harrison W.

Acts 2:42-47 [ Pew Bible page 886 of the New Testament ]

<sup>42</sup>They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

(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 592

Congregation

*How Can I Keep from Singing* — ENDLESS SONG

Call to Confession

Brittany Wooten Jones & Congregation

Christ established the church as a place for belonging—a place where we can share bread and life with one another. But the church is not always what Christ established it to be. And so on this day, we who are part of the church, confess our sin and pray for forgiveness.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Oh God whose idea it was that we, created in your image, would share life and love with you and with one another, we humbly ask you to forgive us for prioritizing our own individual wants over the needs of our neighbors.

Forgive us when we receive great gifts of encouragement,

**But fall short of being encouragers to those around us.**

*(continued)*

Forgive us when we sit at the table and receive bread until we are filled,  
**but ignore the hungry, the hurting, the frail, the sick and the dying.**  
Forgive us when we graciously receive prayers offered on our behalf,  
**but fail to pray for others.**  
Teach us not only to live in peace with one another,  
**but to truly be the community that the resurrected Christ has called us  
to be. Amen.**

*We now share silence together.*

Promise of Forgiveness

Gracious God, we pray all of these things  
**believing that you hear us,**  
Trusting that according to your will,  
**You answer our prayers.**  
Believing always that when we confess and ask forgiveness,  
**You forgive us our sins.**

Hymn 417

Congregation

*Fill the Earth with Music* — WYE VALLEY

Prayers of the People

Nancy Ferrell & Congregation

This morning we are ever mindful of the community God has called us to be. As we  
now bend the knees of our hearts in prayer, let us say:  
God of Easter hope,  
**hear our prayer.**  
For the leaders of the church, for those whom God has called and we have ordained,  
for those who point us to Christ, through scripture and music inspired,  
God of Easter hope,  
**hear our prayer.**  
For those who lead this congregation, may you strengthen them and equip them for  
the road ahead,  
God of Easter hope,  
**hear our prayer.**

*(continued)*

For our congregation, may we love in ways that lead to peace.  
God of Easter hope,

**hear our prayer.**

For those who are in need today, whether they are sick or injured, consumed by angst  
or fear, distraught by brokenness or loss,

God of Easter hope,

**hear our prayer.**

For those in our city who are homeless and hungry, for the people of Sudan and the  
Ukraine, for those who suffer in the shadows of war and destruction,

God of Easter hope,

**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:

**Holy God, we ask that you hear our prayers. These requests we make in  
the name of the risen Christ who lives so that together we might live.  
Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED — arranged by David Schwoebel  
*(sing on direction, see text below or Hymn #366 in Celebrating Grace)*

**O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end;  
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

## “ Remembering Who We Are ”

✠Hymn Response 291

Congregation

*God of Beauty, Truth, and Goodness* — MOSSY CREEK

Offertory Prayer

Theresa Helms

God of grace and mercy, you are the source of every good gift. This morning we return to you that which is rightfully yours. Would you multiply these tithes and offerings for the good of your world? This we joyfully pray, in the name of Christ, Amen.

Offertory

David Schwoebel

*Fairest Lord Jesus* — arranged by David Schwoebel  
*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.*  
*See back cover for ways to give.*

Celebration of Ministry

✠Benediction

The Wooten Family

✠Sending Forth

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5* — Charles-Marie Widor

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### Register Your Attendance

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## **Anthem Dedication**

### **O God Beyond All Praising**

From Gustav T. Holst, *The Planets*, 1978

arr. by David Schwoebel

Dedicated to the Rev. Harry L. Wooten, Jr.

in celebration of his 25th anniversary as Minister of Music and Worship  
at Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

## **Chancel Flowers**

The flowers in the chancel are placed in honor of Harry and Debi Wooten by Choir Members, Rick Crutcher, David Doom, Kate Thompson, Cathy Walling, and Garey Wisdom.

## **Cover Art**

*Outdooring* by Sami Bentil

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A native of Ghana, Bentil grew up observing his country's struggle for independence. He believes art can be a tool for peace and harmony. His paintings express a bending of the history of Ghana and his passionate hope for world peace. Carefully study the many layers of this work. Notice the figures in the middle — the woman who is holding a child, those who are gazing at her. What might this represent? The Bible describes the crowds who follow Jesus seeking healing, teaching, and baptism. How might the infinite lines of people gathered at this place speak to the enormity of God's radical inclusion?

## **Hymn Notes**

### **When, in Our Music, God is Glorified**

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## Celebrating 25 Years



Rev. Harry Wooten began his ministry as Minister of Music and Worship at Royal Lane Baptist Church in April 1998. He has served as the Conductor and Artistic Director of the Irving Chorale since 2004. A native of Arkansas, Harry holds degrees from William Jewell College, Vienna International Music Conservatory, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Prior to Royal Lane, Harry served churches in Kansas City, Missouri, Arlington, Texas, Nashville, Tennessee, and Huntsville, Alabama. He has also served as the Repertoire and Standards Chair of Sacred Music for the Southwest Division of the American Choral Directors Association and has served on the boards for both the Dallas Chapter of Choristers Guild and the Greater Dallas Handbell Association. In 2004 he was the recipient of the “Award of Distinction” given by the National Religious Music Week Alliance, and in 2016 the recipient of the Texas Choral Director’s Association’s “Choice Excellence Award.”

During Harry’s tenure at Royal Lane, he established the Faith and Arts Foundation which provides rehearsal and performance space to many musical groups in the Dallas area. He also helped establish and continues to support the Box Art Gallery which features ongoing exhibitions of local artists and a semi-annual juried art festival.

In 2010, Harry was instrumental in the congregation’s decision to become an official open and affirming LGBTQ+ faith community, and he continues to faithfully bear witness to our church’s commitment to inclusivity and justice. Of many notable contributions, most significant is the leadership and oversight Harry gave to designing, funding, and executing our existing pipe organ which took seven years to complete.

Harry was ordained at Judson Baptist Church in 1983 and continues to live out his ordination vows by providing exceptional ministry and pastoral care to the people of Royal Lane Baptist Church. Harry has served under the leadership of several different senior pastors and has provided the church with the stability and support needed to survive and thrive under various transitions.

Harry is husband to Debi; father to Brittany, Barrett, and Blair; father-in-law to Nathan and Jacquie; “FaFa” (grandfather) to Harper, Turner, and Harrison; and beloved pastor to us all.



## David Schwoebel Guest Director and Musician



David Schwoebel is a Richmond, Virginia composer/arranger with over 200 choral, organ, piano and handbell selections in 30 different publisher's catalogs. He is a graduate of McKendree University, Lebanon, Illinois and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Voice and Organ Performance, and a Master of Church Music with an emphasis in composition. A lover of hymnody, many of David's hymn tunes have been included in the *1991 Baptist Hymnal*, *Celebrating Grace Hymnal* and *Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal*. He is an active choral clinician and adjudicator who also serves as an accompanist for several area high school programs, as well as district and all-state events.

### Wednesday Evening May 3

Due to Window Replacement in Vickrey Hall and Roof Construction over the Box Gallery, there will be no Midweek Meal or Midweek program this coming Wednesday, May 3. Non-Vickrey Hall activities are free to meet as desired.

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Acts 7:55-65 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16**  
**1 Peters 2:2-10 John 14:1-14**

### 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.

## Danielle Shroyer Guest Preacher – May 7



**Danielle** is an author, speaker, spiritual director, and former pastor. She currently serves as Spiritual Director in Residence at Preston Holly Presbyterian Church, where she creates formation resources rooted in wisdom spirituality. A founding member in the emerging church movement, Danielle served as the pastor of one of the nation's first independent emerging communities of faith for nearly a decade. Her primary goal as a pastor was to help people going through a season of spiritual deconstruction find healthy, sustainable, and meaningful ways to reconstruct their faith.

Danielle has a particular heart for the spiritual-but-not-religious and has long advocated for fresh approaches to spiritual community. Over the years, she has offered guidance to struggling and transitioning congregations searching for new ways to embody their purpose. She continued this work through her involvement in Faith Forward, a conference highlighting diverse voices and holistic perspectives of spiritual formation for children and youth. Danielle also participated in a number of leadership positions in Emergent Village before serving as National Co-Director for two years.

Danielle's first position after seminary was as a chaplain in a retirement community, serving primarily in the memory-care unit, which continues to inform her work today. She also spent a year as the assistant chaplain at Southern Methodist University, supporting the spiritual life of the student body as well as the many religious student groups on campus. In recent years, Danielle has been mentored by Buddhist practitioners, an experience that has deepened her own Christian faith while expanding her appreciation for the ancient wisdom in other traditions.

Danielle has received spiritual direction since 2012 and is mentored by her own spiritual director in the Episcopal tradition and lineage. She is also a graduate of the Haden Institute spiritual direction program and dreamwork program, where she now serves as a Mentor. Danielle is a member of Spiritual Directors International and regularly seeks opportunities to gather and learn from fellow directors. In addition to offering individual spiritual direction sessions, Danielle leads prayer retreats, teaches meditation, and offers workshops. She also enjoys guest preaching.



## Coming to the Box Gallery

**“Traveling Shoes: Oils and Watercolors by Sherry Houpt”**

Meet the Artist, Wednesday, May 31, 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Box Gallery

Sherry Houpt is an award-winning Dallas artist who works primarily in oils and watercolor. She first put on “traveling shoes” to explore the woods and gardens surrounding her home in Tyler, Texas, and later, Abilene, Texas. Over the years, she has sketched and painted “en plein air” (outdoors) in Texas, the Southwest and Midwest. In October, Sherry had the opportunity to take her art gear and adventurous spirit to the Tuscany area of Italy on an art retreat. Working in the studio and outdoors are both important to Sherry. She loves the translucency of watercolor and the buttery richness of oils. The discipline of working in these mediums keep her engaged with personal expression. The paintings in this exhibit are centered in her abiding sense of love for nature, travel, and people in their environments.

Sherry has a BFA from the University of North Texas, with additional studies at the University of Dallas, Savannah College of Art and Design and in workshops with Stephen Zhang and Kevin MacPherson. During the pandemic, she participated in Streamline Publishing's Watercolor Live, Plein Air Live, and Realism Live.

Sherry's 35 years of experience as an art instructor and former jewelry designer inform many of her creative endeavors. Her work is found in many local collections, and she has shown her art in local, regional, and national juried exhibitions. Professional affiliations include the Nasher Sculpture Center Teacher Advisory Board, volunteer juror for Business Council for the Arts, Plein Air Painters of New Mexico, Plein Air Painters of Chicago, and the Irving Arts Center. Sherry taught Art for more than three decades at the Shelton School, a private school and resource center dedicated to making a difference by serving and empowering the lives of students who learn differently.

*“From tolerance, to respect, to loving one another”*

## Women of the Church

*hosting*

## Daughters of Abraham

Thursday, May 18, 2023, 7:00 – 8:30 pm, Vickrey Hall

Guest speaker, Janice Ford, Founder in 2001 after 9/11

Daughters of Abraham is an interfaith group of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim women. No one denies the differences in the faiths, but the focus is on similarities. The women share a love of God and a desire for peace in the community and in the world.

Please join us. As hosts you are invited to bring refreshments. This is not our regular meal, but desserts and finger foods are welcome. Some women are vegetarian.



## 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](mailto:kkeith19@gmail.com)

**Chaperones needed.**

**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](mailto:sandy.washington@gmail.com)



## *Schedule for the Week*

**Sunday**      **April 30 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

12:15 pm      Reception Honoring Harry Wooten on his 25th Anniversary – Vickrey Hall

**Wednesday**      **May 3**

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

### Wednesday, May 3

**No Midweek Dinner of Midweek Gathering & Study  
due to window replacement in Vickrey Hall and  
Roof Repair and Construction above Box Gallery.**

7:00 pm      Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm      Choir — Sanctuary

**Saturday**      **May 6**

2:00 pm      Questers Class — Zoom

**Sunday**      **May 7 – Fifth 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  
Holy Communion Offered

Guest Preacher, Danielle Shroyer

11:05 am      (following Time for Young Disciples) Godly Play — Godly Play Room  
Children 3-year through Fifth Grade

12:15 pm      Missions Division — Room 212

12:15 pm      First Sunday Youth Lunch

12:15 pm      First Sunday Lunch for Families of Children — Gazebo Burger

7:30 pm      Education Division — 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** – John Helms & Cookie Stokes  
**Safety Shepherd** – Scott Martin

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When WE Give: we can celebrate the gifts our Ministerial staff bring to Royal Lane!

### 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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