

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

May 14, 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

*Urban Dictionary defines the phrase “I see you” as “what someone says to you when they understand where you are coming from or are impressed with you.” We are reminded that the indwelling love of God and the Spirit’s enduring presence is with us. We are never alone and never abandoned.*

### Voluntary

David Weigle

*Shine, Jesus, Shine* — arranged by Christopher Tambling

### ✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

From the north and south, from the east and west . . .

**all are welcome here.**

With voices raised or hearts quietly pondering . . .

**we come to worship God.**

Bringing our love, opening our minds . . .

**we draw near to God, near to each other,  
and near to Christ, the Word of God.**

Let us pray:

**God of all nations, for creating us in all our diversity, yet calling us together in our common humanity, we offer you our thanks and praise. Speak to us with your Spirit of Truth. Reveal to us your loving presence, and guide us to display your loving Spirit in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen.**

### ✠ Hymn 58

Congregation

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*— ST. DENIO

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

Matt Powers

Acts 17:22-31 [Pew Bible page 902 of the New Testament]

<sup>22</sup>Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Cookie Stokes

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play to be held this week in the Youth Portable.  
You may collect your children following the service in the Youth Portable.*

Hymn 54

Congregation

*Like a Mother with Her Children* — UNENDING PRAISE

Call to Confession

Nate Green & Congregation

God not only asks us to repent, but also assures us of forgiveness. Therefore, let us confess our sins to the one who is steadfast love.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through the grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

*We now share silence together.*

Promise of Forgiveness

God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Hymn 404

Congregation

*I Need Thee Every Hour* — NEED  
(stanzas 1-3)

Prayers of the People

Jamie Lockett & Congregation

We pray for all who search for you: that they may find their way in you. Bless us with lips that sing your praise and lives that tell the stores of all that you have done for us. Open our eyes to find you among us as we share your love with others.

Lord in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who are oppressed by governments or institutions: for those whose voices are not heard or believed, those with no one on their side.

Lord in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

*(continued)*

We pray for all who suffer the violence and scars of war, and all who suffer the affects of gun violence. Give them courage in the face of fear; in times of trouble, do not let their feet slip. Bless us with your vision of peace, for you have made us one family by giving life and breath to all.

Lord in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

*We now share silence together.*

Let us pray:

**O God, bring all your children into the spacious place of our love. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*The Lord Is My Shepherd* — Howard Goodall

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;*

*He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:*

*He leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,*

*I will fear no evil:*

*For you are with me, you comfort me.*

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:*

*And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

**“ Time for a Change ”**

✠Hymn of Response 19

Congregation

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God* — FOREST GREEN

Offertory Prayer

Cynthia Kupres

God of all creation, you offer us so many blessings. For creating us in your image and entrusting us to reveal your presence throughout the world, we thank you. Create blessings, even miracles, through the gifts we now bring, that others may sense your abiding presence and know your extravagant love. In gratitude and hope, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* — arranged by Robert Hebble

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.*

*See back cover for ways to give.*

†Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Menuet gothique* — Léon Boëllmann

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## Register Your Attendance

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



## Chancel Flowers

The flowers in the chancel are given by  
Patrick and Ryan Burton-Lassen in honor of

Linda Burton, mother of Patrick

Patricia Lassen, mother of Ryan, and

Vanessa, birth mother of their daughter, Avery Burton-Lassen.

“We are very grateful for the love, sacrifices and compassion  
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## Hymn Notes

### Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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### I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1715*

*Music: Traditional English Melody, arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906*

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## Wednesday Evenings

Due to continuing improvements, including replacement of the HVAC system, there will be no Midweek Meal or Midweek program this coming Wednesday, May 17.

Join us on Wednesday, May 24, for

“Pastoral Care Today: A Conversion with Royal Lane Chaplains”

**Scriptures for Next Sunday**  
**Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**  
**1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11**

**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)



**To Families with Graduates!**

Graduates will be next Sunday, May 21, 2023. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring—high school, college, post-graduate degree or other. We would like a picture and brief bio for each student for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Recognition Sunday, and an issue of the Mosaic.





*“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, Youth Portable

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

### Topic: “Daughters of Abraham 101”

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.



Make your appointment early!



**Blood Drive**  
**Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Vickrey Hall  
6707 Royal Lane  
Dallas, TX 75230

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**



## *Schedule for the Week*

**Wednesday May 17**

3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Library (3:30 - 5:30 pm)

### Wednesday, May 17

No Midweek Dinner of Midweek Gathering & Study  
due to improvements and maintenance in  
Vickrey Hall and the Education Wing.

7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

**Thursday May 18**

7:00 pm Women of the Church — Youth Portable

**Saturday May 20**

Third Saturday Youth Activity

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

**Sunday May 21 – Seventh Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday**

8:30 am Program Council — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am Royal Welcome — Pastor's Office

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 – Graduation Sunday — Sanctuary  
& Royal Lane YouTube Channel

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

*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)



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



**Deacons on Call** – Tex Quesada & Christin Lavery

**Safety Shepherd** – Paulette Harrison

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When WE Give: we boldly support racial and social justice efforts.

### March 2023 Financials

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

\*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.*

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