

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Ascension Sunday*

### *Graduate Recognition Sunday*

May 21, 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

*Jesus is moving upward, and the disciples are compelled out into the world. This celebration of the ascension has energy and movement. There is nothing stagnant about faith and this moment has particularly robust energy. Rather than being abandoned by Jesus, the earliest followers of Jesus are commissioned at this moment. This is a time of blessing and joy. This is a time of service on earth for disciples who have assurance that they will be reunited with Jesus later. But for now, there is work to do. Power and energy, trust and blessing, are all embedded in this transition of the ascension.*

#### Voluntary

*Gaudeamus Igitur* — arranged by James Mansfield  
Let us Now in Youth Rejoice

David Weigle

#### ✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Let us gather in this space.

**We gather from many places.**

Let us center ourselves for worship.

**We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.**

Let us receive God's blessing.

**God's blessing is ours.**

**We are God's beloved! Amen!**

Congregation

Let us pray:

**O God of glory, sovereign of all nations, the risen and ascended Christ calls us to carry your message of life to all people. Led by the power of your Holy Spirit, may we witness always to the hope to which we are called as we share Christ's love to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

#### ✠Hymn 219

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* — LLANFAIR

Congregation

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 Orwig

**Acts 1:6-14** [Pew Bible page 884 of the New Testament]

“So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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.*

Presentation of Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship

Prayer of Blessing

Patricia McNutt & Congregation

Let us pray:

**O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children, your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these graduates. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion, you have offered direction. In times of sorrow, you have offered hope. In times of doubt, your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Amen.**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*O Christ, When You Ascended* — LANCASHIRE  
(stanzas 1, 2, and 5)

Call to Confession

Garey Wisdom & Congregation

Jesus tells us that repentance and forgiveness is to be offered in his name. Therefore, let us confess our sins to God, who assures us of new life through the power of Christ's redeeming love.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior. Amen.**

*We now share silence together.*

Promise of Forgiveness

God's power to pardon is immeasurable. Therefore, proclaim this good news to the ends of the earth: through the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*At the Name of Jesus* — KING'S WESTON

Prayers of the People

Jaime Clark-Soles & Congregation

Let us not cease to give thanks to God who has seated the resurrected and ascended Christ at the right hand of the Holy One in power and great glory.

Let us pray.

We give thanks to you, O God, in this and every age, for the healing power at work in Christ to fill our world with grace.

O risen God,

**fill us with your power.**

We pray for our world, for all leaders, people, and nations, that they may exercise a spirit of wisdom as we serve the common good. Shield those who suffer from the terrors of violence and war and all victims of gun violence. Make us one family gathered up in your love and clothed in the power of your peace.

O risen God,

**fill us with your power.**

We pray for all in sickness or in need, that they may know your healing love and the power of Christ to bring life in the most difficult times. Keep us mindful of the hope and great power that we have in you as we offer your healing to others.

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

*We now share silence together.*

Let us pray:

**O God, bless your people everywhere with food, shelter, healthcare, that all may thrive together by the riches of your grace, and fill us with a joy for justice that inspires us to do our part for the prosperity of all. Amen.**

Solo

Jodi Wright & David Weigle

*Unshakable Kingdom* — Michael W. Smith & William J. Gaither

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

**“ Don’t Look Up ”**

✠Hymn of Response [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending* — REGENT SQUARE

Offertory Prayer

Mike Keith

Endless source of life, pour your blessings upon the gifts we bring before you. Bless our giving in your abundance for the restoration of all people. Through this offering, may those who are weary be energized; may those who feel forgotten find a home. With the joy of your grace filling our hearts, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Jodi Wright & David Weigle

*When You Speak to Me* — Twila Paris  
*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

*Postlude on DARWALL'S 148TH* — Charles Callahan

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Register Your Attendance

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



**Called Church Conference – Sunday, May 28, 2023**

Immediately following worship.

For the purpose of voting on the recommendation from  
Personnel Committee for Minister to Children, Youth & Families.

**Cover Art**

*Ascension* by Cara B. Hochhalter

## Hymn Notes

### Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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*Music: Robert Williams, arr. John Roberts*

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### Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending

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## Study for Wednesday Evening “Holy Conversations”

### Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**

**1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 7:37-39**

### 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)

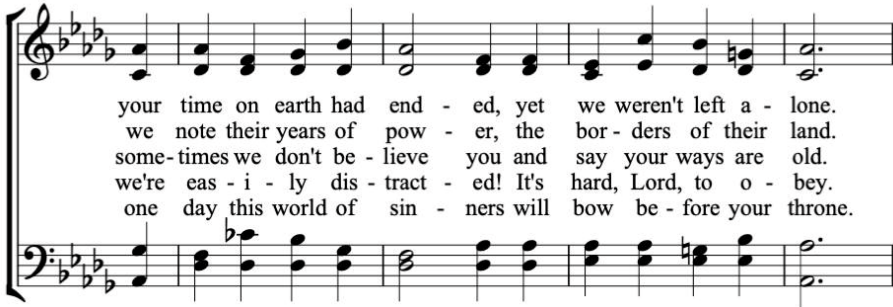


Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

# O Christ, When You Ascended



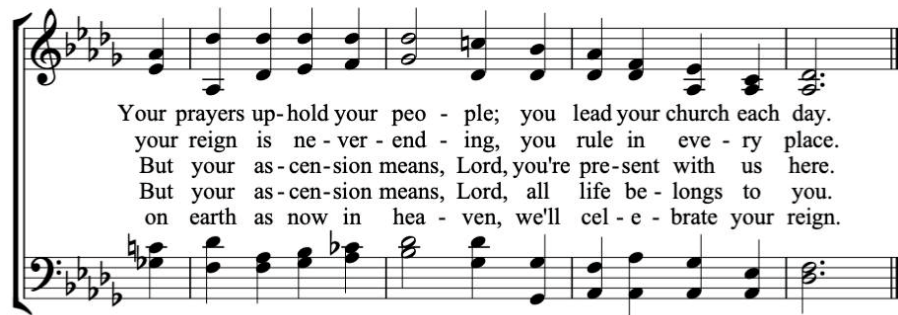
1. O Christ, when you as - cen - ded you took your right - ful throne;  
2. We look at earth - ly ru - lers and see what they com - mand:  
3. We're tempt - ed, Lord, to leave you in sto - ries nice - ly told;  
4. It's of - ten quite a chal - lenge to fol - low in your way;  
5. One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are ful - ly known;



your time on earth had end - ed, yet we weren't left a - lone.  
we note their years of pow - er, the bor - ders of their land.  
some - times we don't be - lieve you and say your ways are old.  
we're eas - i - ly dis - tract - ed! It's hard, Lord, to o - bey.  
one day this world of sin - ners will bow be - fore your throne.



You reign o'er earth and hea - ven; your spir - it guides our way.  
Yet, Lord, you are not bound - ed by things like time and space;  
Some - times we feel so lone - ly and live in doubt and fear.  
Some - times we give you Sun - days, an hour, may - be two.  
One day, God's whole cre - a - tion will sing and praise your name;



Your prayers up - hold your peo - ple; you lead your church each day.  
your reign is ne - ver - end - ing, you rule in eve - ry place.  
But your as - cen - sion means, Lord, you're pre - sent with us here.  
But your as - cen - sion means, Lord, all life be - longs to you.  
on earth as now in hea - ven, we'll cel - e - brate your reign.



# At the Name of Jesus

*Unison*

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,  
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
3 In your hearts en - throne him, there let him sub - due  
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came.  
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
with the Fa - ther's glo - ry, when he comes to reign.

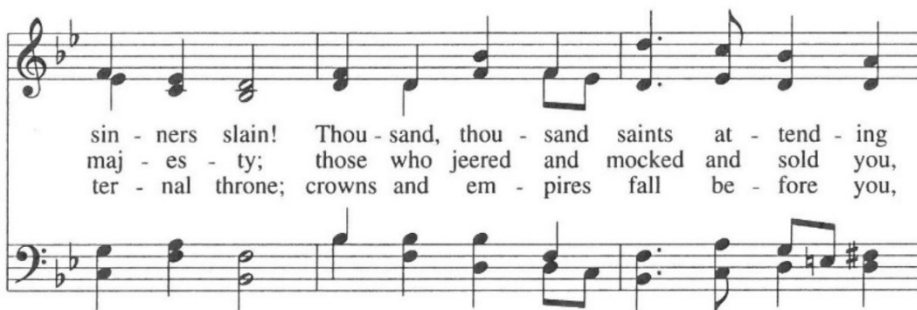
'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
Faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the last,  
Crown him as your sov - ereign in temp - ta - tion's hour,  
For all earth - ly pow - ers soon to him must bow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.  
let his will en - fold you in its might - y power.  
so let us con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

# Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Je - sus comes with clouds de - scend - ing; see the Lamb for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall then be - hold you robed in awe - some  
3 Yes, a - men! Let all a - dore you, high on your e -



sin - ners slain! Thou - sand, thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
maj - es - ty; those who jeered and mocked and sold you,  
ter - nal throne; crowns and em - pires fall be - fore you,



join to sing the glad re - frain: Al - le - lu - ia!  
pierced and nailed you to the tree, shamed and griev - ing,  
claim the king - dom for your own. Come, Lord Je - sus,



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign!  
shamed and griev - ing, shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
come, Lord Je - sus, ev - er - last - ing Christ, come down!



**“Traveling Shoes: Oils and Watercolors” by Sherry Houpt**  
**June 4 through August 25, 2023**

**Wine and Cheese Reception with Music by Stephen Houpt**  
**June 24, 4:00-6:00 pm**

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.

Website: <https://www.sherryhoupt.com>

The members and friends of  
*Royal Lane Baptist Church*  
extend our best wishes and hearty congratulations  
to our Graduates & Scholarship Recipients.  
May God bless you richly.



**Carson Gill**

Carson Gill is a senior at Plano Senior High School. She has been involved in choir most of her life, sang with the Children's Chorus of Greater Dallas for several seasons, and is enjoying her A Capella group at school. She has been accepted to and will attend Texas Tech in the fall. She will be majoring in Psychology and plans a career in Pediatric Psychology.

**James Robinson**

James Robinson has attended Royal Lane since he was a young boy. He has been a part of the children and youth groups. He is graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School at the end of this month where he played one year of football, played first base and clean-up better and lead the team in RBI's, and was also a member of the Robotics club. He completed his years of scouting and recently became an Eagle Scout. He did his Eagle Scout project at Royal Lane. He plans to pursue a career in welding. James enjoys the outside and loves trucks and motorcycles.



## Jordan Stubblefield

Jordan Stubblefield, daughter of Jane Stubblefield, graduated from the University of South Carolina on May 6th with her master's degree in viola performance with an emphasis on community engagement. While in South Carolina, Jordan played in many professional orchestras such as Aiken Symphony, Aiken Civic Orchestra, Rock Hill Symphony Orchestra, and Augusta Symphony. This summer you will find Jordan in the pit orchestra of Opera in the Ozarks in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Jordan aspires to play in various opera orchestras and to teach thriving students in her private studio. To prepare for auditions, Jordan will be pursuing an orchestral studies diploma at Roosevelt University in Chicago in the fall of 2023. In her spare time, Jordan enjoys taking care of her two hermit crabs, Lola and Ernie, and watching various Asian dramas.



## Adam Visconti

Adam Visconti first came to Royal Lane in the summer of 2010 to intern with Harry Wooten as part of the requirements to earn his Bachelor of Music in Church Music and Instrumental Music from Baylor University. Continuing at Baylor, he then earned his Master of Science in Higher Education and Student Affairs in 2013. Most recently, Adam graduated from Vanderbilt University with his Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning in Organizations as he walked across the stage last Friday, May 12, 2023. You can find Adam in the choir loft, and he is most grateful for the support of his family, friends, and Royal Lane community.



**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.**

Please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org)  
and enter: royallanebaptist to schedule  
an appointment or scan the QR code below.

**Do good this summer! Come give in June for a \$10 gift  
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## *Schedule for the Week*

### **Sunday May 21 – Ascension Sunday**

12:15 pm Graduate Recognition Reception — Vickrey Hall

### **Wednesday May 24**

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

5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Meatball Subs, French Fries, Salad. Dessert: Brownies

6:15 pm Children’s 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 May 26 – Mosaic, Volume 37, No. 10**

### **Saturday May 27**

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

### **Sunday May 28 – Pentecost Sunday**

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

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

Following Worship– Called Church Conference

12:15 pm Lunch Bunch

*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** – Mike Keith & Garey Wisdom

**Safety Shepherd** – Jeff Hill

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When WE Give: we support our college bound students with scholarships.

### 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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*Standard text message rates may apply.*

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