

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ





The Worship of God

Third Sunday after Pentecost



June 18, 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 Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? Today as we bless and affirm fathers, beloved members of the LGBTQ+ community and all women who serve the church of Christ, particularly our own Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, how might we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing and justice to ALL those in need?

Voluntary

David Weigle

A Thousand Tongues — arranged by William A. McNair

✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

We have climbed trees and crossed over mountains
hoping to find a place of belonging.
We have endlessly bumped our heads on glass ceilings.

Love is possible.

We cross the boundaries that divide us by ages and stages,
ethnicities and genders, hurts and disagreements.

Love is possible.

We open our hearts and ready our hands to reach out to one another,
and discover One who is within and beyond us.

Love is possible.

We worship together in love.

Let us pray:

We cry to you, O Lord, from the back of the line, from the edge of the crowd, from the corner of the room. But you make no distinctions, nor do you set such boundaries. No male or female, gay or straight, gender fluid or transgender. Your faithfulness is great; your grace is enough. And we are covered in your love. Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

In the Midst of New Dimensions — NEW DIMENSIONS

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.
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

Patsy Meier

Matthew 15:21-28 [Pew Bible page 797 of the New Testament]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

Sarah King

*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

God of the Women — SLANE

Prayers of the People

Garland Hamic & Congregation

During this third week of Pride Month, I invite you to join in praying for all our fathers, for the members of the LGBTQ+ community and for women who are called as pastors, ministers, deacons, or serve the church in any way. All are cherished and affirmed.

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

Holy One, we believe that your persistent love will find a way to heal our wounded world. We believe that you have made us who we are, in your image, a beautiful community of race and culture and sexual identity. We celebrate this diversity, for we believe in your creative imagination. Help us make it safe for all to live with integrity, for barriers to tumble down, and for all to live in peace. Send us out to change the world.

We believe we are all members of one body. We share a heart for those who suffer violence, who live in fear, who are cast out because of their sexuality or any other reason. We believe that you love without exception. God help us reach out in love. Send us into the world proclaiming that you love without exception. God help us reach out in love. Send us into the world proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel.

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

Let us pray:

We believe it is not too late for those filled with hate to learn to live in love. For we believe in your heart-transforming power. God help us love even those who hate. Send us out with love for all and help us to become a better community. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

For Everyone Born — Sharon Erena Murray & Brian Mann

Call to Confession

Charlotte Sewell & Congregation

Let us confess our sins without fear to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us,
protect us, and bless us.

The Confession of Sin

Holy Dream-giver, sometimes our vision becomes focused on ourselves.

God return us to you in community.

Sometimes we respond to new visions with fear and try to block them,
even injuring those who share them.

God, return us to you in community.

Sometimes we keep dreams locked in our heads
and focus on the grief that is lost to us.

God, return us to you in community. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

God will do what God will do.

Yet God gives grace for us to do what we will do.

In the mystery in the middle of both of those truths, God works for good.

God forgives, restores, and gives new life.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Choir

Grace — arranged by Mark Hayes
(text: *Hymn 587*)

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Audacious Women, Jesus Loves Them ”

Reflection

Brittany Wooten Jones

There's a Place for Us — Stephen Sondheim & Leonard Bernstein

*There's a place for us, somewhere a place for us.
Peace and quiet and open air wait for us somewhere.
There's a time for us, someday a time for us;
time together with time to spare, time to look, time to care.
Someday, somewhere, we'll find a new way of living;
we'll find a way of forgiving, somewhere.
There's a place for us, a time and place for us.
Hold my hand, and we're halfway there.
Hold my hand and I'll take you there,
somehow, someday, somewhere.*

Call to Gratitude and Offertory Prayer

Jeff Dobbs

God has blessed us beyond measure and our own generosity is an opportunity to use a portion of our blessings to minister to others. The Holy is calling us to gather our lives and offer them to God in worship. Let us gather our gifts and worship through our generosity.

Hear now this prayer.

We offer our gifts to the God of all. We joyfully give our treasure to bring hope, justice, love and healing to those who are hurting. May these gifts be blessed and amplified to stretch beyond our human thoughts and imagination. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Wonderful Words of Life — arranged by Marianne Kim

*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

Let the Whole Creation Cry — arranged by Michael Burkhardt

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

The Canaanite Woman Asks for Healing for Her Daughter

The artist, Ilyas Basim Khuri Bazzi Rahib,
was most likely a Coptic Monk in the late 17th century in Egypt.

From Art in the Christian Tradition

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The Rev. Dr. George A. Mason Guest Preacher, Sunday, June 25

The Rev. Dr. George A. Mason is the Founder and President of Faith Commons and Senior Pastor Emeritus of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas. He is a nationally recognized religious leader whose legacy includes innovations in clergy apprenticeship, interfaith initiatives, and community service. For many years, George has served as an op-ed contributor to the *Dallas Morning News* and has written for publications nationwide. He is a co-founder of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and teaches at the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University.

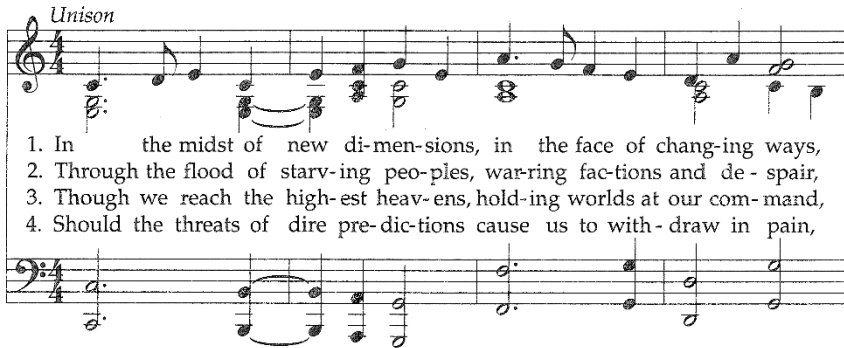
Wilshire Baptist Church is Christian by conviction, Baptist by tradition and ecumenical in spirit—an inclusive Christian community that welcomes everybody. Faith Commons is an interfaith nonprofit organization that amplifies diverse faith voices for the common good. Its programs include George's podcast *Good God*, featuring conversations about faith and public life.

George was born in New York City and has lived in Texas for many years. He and his wife Kim enjoy spending time with their children and grandchildren. More information and additional multimedia resources are at GeorgeAMason.com.

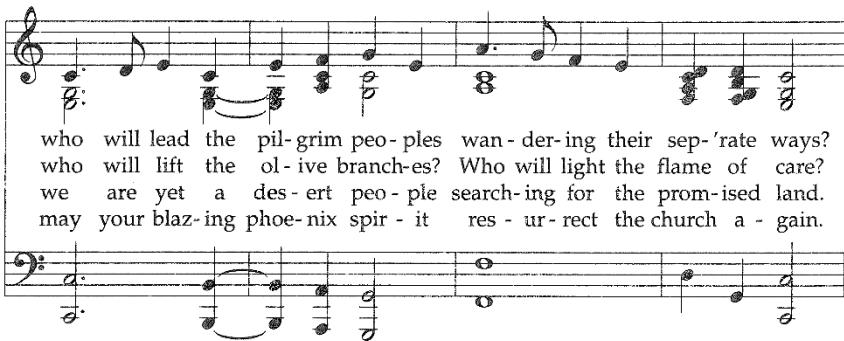


In the Midst of New Dimensions

Unison

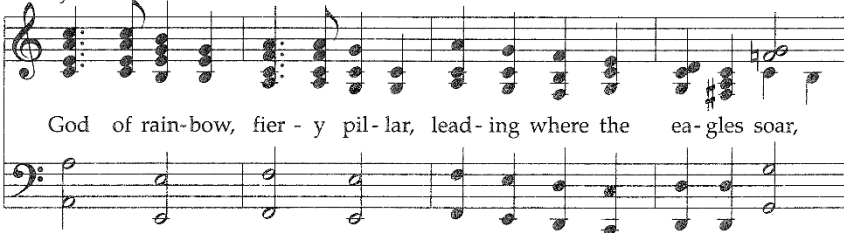


1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ples, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,
3. Though we reach the high-est heav-ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,
4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,



who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-der-ing their sep'-rate ways?
who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
we are yet a des-ert peo-ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.
may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur-rect the church a - gain.

Refrain



God of rain-bow, fier - y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar,



we your peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er - more.

God of the Women

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998

Slane
ancient Irish ballad



1. God of the wo - men who ans - wered your call,
2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' Way,
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test,
4. God of the wo - men who ran from the tomb,
5. O God of Phoe - be and mi - ni - sters all,



Trust - ing your pro - mi - ses, giv - ing their all,
Giv - ing their re - sour - ces, learn - ing to pray,
Left out of sto - ries, for - got - ten, op - pressed,
Prayed with the oth - ers in that up - per room,
May we be joy - ful in an - swering your call.



Wo - men like Sa - rah and Han - nah and Ruth—
Ma - ry, Jo - an - na, Su - san - nah, and more—
Qui - et - ly ask - ing: "Who smiled at my birth?"—
Then felt your Spi - rit on Pen - te - cost Day—
Give us the strength of your Spi - rit so near



Give us their cour - age to live in your truth.
May we give free - ly as they did be - fore.
In Je - sus' dy - ing you show us our worth.
May we so glad - ly pro - claim you to - day.
That we may share in your mi - ni - stry here.

For Everyone Born



1. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble, __
2. For gay and for straight, a place at the ta - ble, __
3. For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble, __



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread, __
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel-com-ing space, __
 to live with-out fear, __ and sim-ply to be, __



a shel - ter, a space, __ a safe place for grow - ing, __
 a rain - bow of race __ and gen - der and col - or, __
 to work, to speak out, __ to wit - ness and wor - ship, __



for ev - ery-one born, __ a star __ o - ver head.
 for gay and for straight, the cha - lice of grace.
 for ev - ery-one born, __ the right __ to be free.

Refrain



And God __ will de-light when we are cre - a-tors of jus-tice, __ and



joy, __ com-pas-sion and peace, yes, God will de-light when we are cre-



a - tors of jus - tice, __ jus-tice and joy!

Hymn Notes

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In Christ There Is No East or West

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Juneteenth Vigil – June 19, 2023, 12:00 pm Eastern

Join the Alliance of Baptist on Monday, June 19th as the Alliance holds space to remember and honor those enslaved people who were robbed of their freedom. While Juneteenth has its origins in Texas, it has become a nationally and internationally recognized holiday which celebrates the emancipation of enslaved people all over.

Register Here - <https://bit.ly/3p4HSdQ>



Blood Drive – June 20

During the summer months, the Red Cross needs donors. Make an appointment today! 1-800-RED-CROSS or visit Redcross.org and enter sponsor code royallanebaptist or scan QR code below.

Do good this summer! Come and give in June and receive a \$10 gift certificate by email to the merchant of your choice.



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.



Artist Reception with Guitar Music by Stephen Houpt

Saturday, 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.

“Traveling Shoes: Oils and Watercolors” by Sherry Houpt

June 4 through August 25, 2023



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

Holy Land Trip Information Session

June 25, 12:00 PM, Library

October 9-18, Faith Commons is hosting a unique experience in the Holy Land rooted in curiosity and discovery. Arguably there is nowhere on earth people argue about more than the Holy Land. *Why is it important? Who does it belong to? Who gets to decide who lives there? And what makes the land holy?*

The tour is centered on these questions and will be led by Rev. Dr. George Mason and Rabbi Nancy Kasten. The hope is that a diverse group of travelers, attuned to the diversity and complexity of the people connected to the land, will gain insights and wisdom to sustain them and to share with their communities when they return.

Pastor Victoria would love to lead a strong cohort from Royal Lane on this trip. If you're interested, please join us for an information session with Rev. Dr. George Mason on June 25 immediately following the Sunday service in the church library.



RLBC Independence Day Fellowship

Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, June 28, 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Celebrate Independence Day with your Royal Lane Family.
Food, waterslide



Wednesday Evening
Hymn Sing!

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Child Protection Policy In-Person Training

We will have a certified CPP trainer lead a Child Protection Policy session on Sunday, June 25, 12:45 pm in Vickrey Hall.

In line with RLBC Policy an in-person training is mandatory for members who have not had a face-to-face training since COVID and for all first-time volunteers for children and youth.

This CPP Training is open to ALL MEMBERS!

Please RSVP to sandy.washington@gmail.com or the church office.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.

Schedule for the Week

Tuesday June 20

9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 3:00 pm)

Wednesday June 21

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

5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Spaghetti with Beef, Garlic Bread and a Salad. Dessert: Cookies

6:00 pm Wacky Wednesdays — Christian Education Building

Decorate your Container to Hold Your Chores for Chickens Money!

Hosted by Charlotte Sewell

6:15 pm Midweek – Hymn Sing — Vickrey Hall & Zoom

7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday June 22 – Mosaic, Volume 37, No. 12

12:30 pm Foster Care Group — Vickrey Hall

Saturday June 24

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

4:00 pm Artist Reception – Sherry Houpt — Box Gallery (4:00 – 6:00 pm)

Sunday June 25 – Sunday

9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am VBS — Christian Education Building (9:45 am – 12:00 pm)

Pre-K's through Fifth Grade

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

12:00 pm Holy Land Trip Information Session — Library

12:45 pm Child Protection Policy Training — Vickrey Hall

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

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 – Scott Bryant

When WE Give: we support the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists.

April 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 300,219
Expenses	\$ 277,783
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 22,436

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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