

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 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

Authentic faith is not secured by the good outcome that follows difficult times; it is forged as we follow God's voice through fear and anxiety. God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

—Erick Milner-White and G. W. Briggs, "Prayer of Good Courage"

Voluntary

David Weigle

If Thou But Suffer God — arranged by Paul Manz

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Come to the mountain of God,

the place of God's holy presence.

No matter how steep the climb,

God journeys with us and helps us along the way.

Let us pray:

God of ages past and days yet to come, journey with us today. Journey with us all our days, whether on treacherous paths or beside still waters. Guide our steps to find solid ground, that we may know the firm foundation of your constant presence. Open our minds to the blessings and miracles we encounter along the way. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

✠ Hymn 425

Congregation

How Firm a Foundation — FOUNDATION

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 – “New Member Card” – and leave it in the offering plate.*

Scripture Lesson

Zaiden Carter

Genesis 22:1-14 [Pew Bible page 15 of the Old Testament]

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ²He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” ⁶Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” ⁸Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together. ⁹When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” ¹²He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” ¹³And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place “The LORD will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.”

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!**

The God of Abraham Praise — LEONI
(stanza one only)

Prayers for the People

Sarah Vickrey & Congregation

In celebration of religious liberty

Elected officials are not by virtue of their office to meddle with religion or matters of conscience, to force or compel people to any form of religions.

—*John Smyth, 1612*

**We rejoice in our freedom
and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

Every person ought to be left free with respect to matters of religion. The Holy Author of our religion needs no compulsive measures for the promotion of God's cause.

—*General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, 1785*

**We rejoice in our freedom
and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

Everyone must give a personal account to God, and therefore all people ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that each can best reconcile to their own conscience.

—*John Leland, 1791*

**We rejoice in our freedom
and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

We believe in free churches within a free state. We believe religious liberty to be an inalienable human right and indispensable to human welfare. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion or restraint in religion.

—*The American Baptist Bill of Rights, 1939*

**We rejoice in our freedom
and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.
Amen.**

This Is My Song — FINLANDIA

Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

Mike Jones

The Realm of God asks us to care for our neighbors: from the children who are thirsty to the prophets and other caregivers who need a place to rest. This is our opportunity to use our treasures, talents, and time to ensure all have what they need. May we reflect on the ways we can share and give as we are able.

Hear now this prayer.

Spirit of God,

When we share from our souls, we open our hearts to your work in this world. When we tend to our neighbors who struggle, we care for the Christ in our midst. When we welcome the prophet who shares your love through their advocacy, we care for the Spirit moving throughout the world. When we share with a stranger, we experience divine joy as our reward for giving. Bless all gifts as we build your realm here on earth. Amen.

Offertory Solo

Sarah Fuller

Be Thou My Vision — arranged by Craig Courtney

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

See back cover for ways to give.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Resisting Solvability ”

✠ Hymn 461

Congregation

Let Us Break Bread Together — BREAK BREAD

Communion

All Believers

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

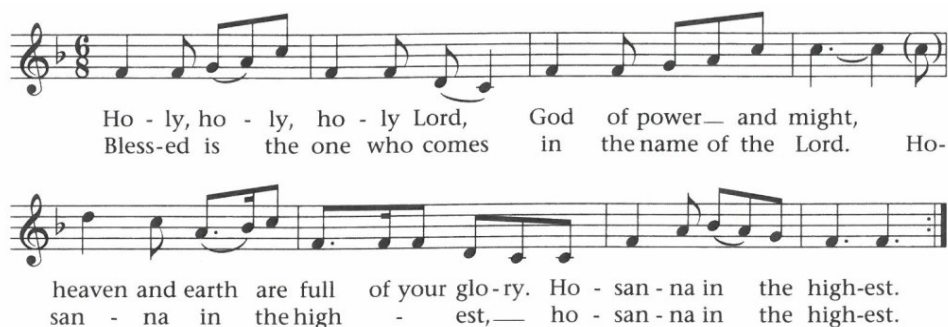
Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

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It is right and good, beautiful, and holy
That we should, in ceaseless joy
Give our thanks and praise to you,
Holy and merciful God,
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise
With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,
We glorify you, joining this unending song.




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.
san - na in the high - est, — ho - san - na in the high-est.

Words of Institution

Response

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come a - gain.

Dear God, you transform.
You transform all that is before you
So that at the touch of your grace
We are never the same.

(continued)

Dear God, you illumine.
You bring light to all peoples
Light to the nations
Light into our hearts
Light on your Way.

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit.
Transform, illumine, bless.
Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup
Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

**In so doing,
Hold us as your own
Renew us as your people
For the sake of the world you love.**

For all honor and glory are yours, O God,
Through Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation
Both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake
of communion and return via the outside aisles.*

The Communion elements are gluten free.

✠ Passing of the Peace

In Christ, we are set free. We are reconciled through the power of love and grace.

Thanks be to God.

Receive your fellow worshipers with love.

Welcome one another with friendship and peace.

The peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

✠ Sung Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Not Alone for Mighty Empire — arranged by Thomas Chesterton

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Register Your Attendance

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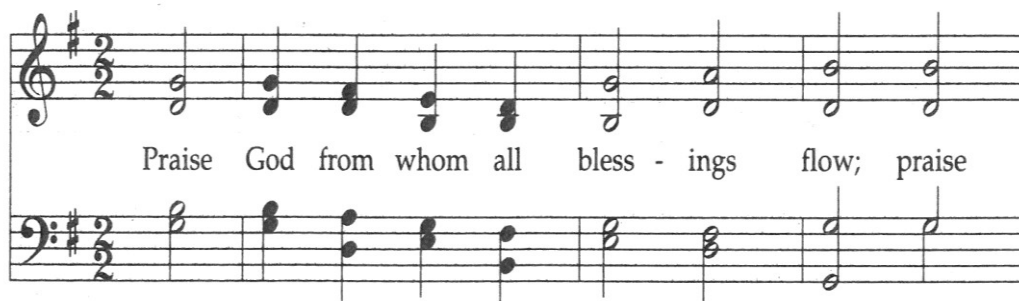
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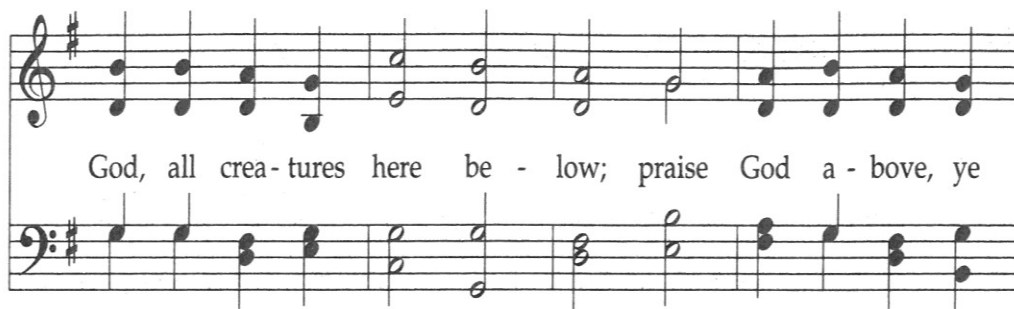
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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



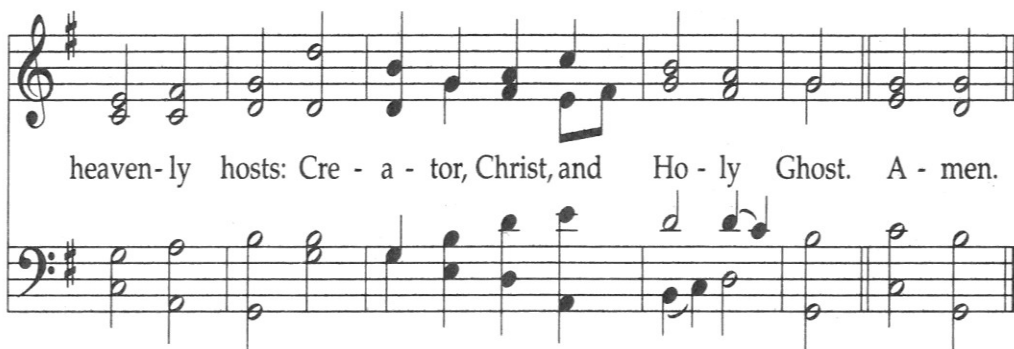
Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

The first system of the hymn is written in treble and bass staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 2/2. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a time signature of 2/2. The accompaniment consists of chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.



God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff continues with eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.



heaven - ly hosts: Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system concludes the hymn. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff continues with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17
Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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.

Hymn Notes
How Firm a Foundation
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The God of Abraham Praise
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Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
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Schedule for the Week

Sunday July 2 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- 12:15 pm First Sunday Youth Lunch
- 12:15 pm Sunday Lunch for Families — The Inwood Taco Joint
12300 Inwood Rd, #140, Dallas, TX
- 12:15 pm Missions Division — Room 212
- 7:30 pm Education Division — Zoom

Tuesday July 4

Church Office Closed

Wednesday July 5

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Adult Education Building
No Regular Adult Wednesday Evening Activities
- 6:00 pm Wacky Wednesday – Game Night — Christian Education Building
Welcome Beth Johnson
- 7:00 pm Youth – Game Night, Welcome Beth Johnson — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday July 8

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday July 9 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Deacon's Meeting — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Come & Go Welcome for Beth Johnson — Vickrey Hall
The Youth of RLBC will help with hosting of this event.
- 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
Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room
Children 3-year through Fifth Grade
- 12:15 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall
- 12:30 pm Swim Party for Families of Children and Youth, Meet Beth Johnson

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 – John Helms & Cookie Stokes

Safety Shepherd – Scott Martin

When WE Give: we can provide opportunities to help all grow towards acceptance of others.

May 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 358,593
Expenses	\$ 342,183
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 16,410

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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