

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



What Wondrous Love is This

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 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 mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary."

Voluntary

David Weigle

O Perfect Love — arranged by H. Alexander Matthews

✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Beth Johnson & Congregation

Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.

Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.

All creation joins us in giving thanks.

Give ear, all people, to the law of God.

Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

God upholds all who are falling.

God raises us up when we are bowed down.

Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

Come, for Christ has promised rest.

The gentle spirit of Christ invites us.

We have come to find rest for our souls.

Let us pray:

Great God, help us to discern your way of love through the many stories unfolding in our lives. Grace us with compassion and openness and lead us to always find our rest and strength in you. Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling — HYFRYDOL

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.*

Time for Young Disciples

*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 295

Congregation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing — NETTLETON

Scripture Lesson

Nate Green

Romans 7:15-25a [Pew Bible page 918 of the New Testament]

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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!**

Call to Confession

Theresa Helms & Congregation

God upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down. Therefore let us confess our sin with every confidence that we will be lifted up.

(continued)

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Merciful God, we do not understand why we do the things we do. Forgive our foolish ways. Give us the strength and the courage to bear your yoke and to heed your call. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Christ rescues us from our foolish ways and from our misguided deeds. In Christ, we are made perfect, even in our imperfection.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 406

Congregation

Jesus, Lover of My Soul — ABERYSTWYTH

Prayers of the People

Christin Lavery & Congregation

O God, we are weary.

We are weary with words.

We are weary with worry.

We are weary for this world.

We pray for your rest and peace for all our weariness.

O God, we carry heavy burdens.

We are burdened with injustice.

We are burdened by inequality.

We are burdened by choice.

We struggle with so many choices —

choices about the beginnings or endings of commitments,

choices that take us beyond what we know.

We pray for your rest and peace for all our weariness.

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

Let us pray:

We seek answers to every prayer in the stories we are trying to write with you, O God, — for healing or comfort, strength in trying times and joy in shared times, and wisdom and love in all things. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

To Love Our God — Mark Hayes
Where does the wind come from? Where does it go?
Blowing north then south, how does it know?
The rain flows gently to the sea, yet the sea is never full.
How can these things be? How can they be?
Humanity works hard to make a name,
toiling in the sun, yet nothing gained.
We all return to dust from whence we came.
All is empty, all is vain.
To love our God, the reason we live;
To love our God, the highest call.
Nothing satisfies our soul, gives us meaning, makes us whole
for this purpose we were made... To love our God.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ When Will Isn’t Enough... ”

✠Hymn 507

Congregation

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian — I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Offertory Prayer

Kristene Ruddle

God, with these offerings, we choose humble and extravagant ways to open our hands
so that gifts may be entrusted. And entrusted, may our gifts be used to translate our
faith into celebrations that change hearts and minds. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Just As I Am, Without One Plea — arranged by Dale Wood
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane’s Ministry.
See inside back cover for ways to give.

✠Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Wondrous Love — arranged by Dale Wood

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Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

African American Spiritual

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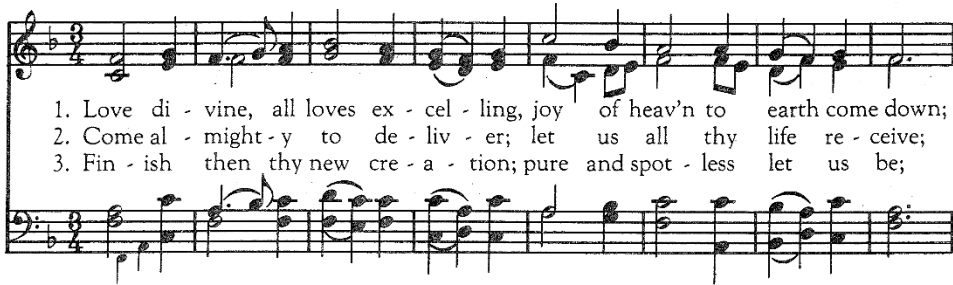
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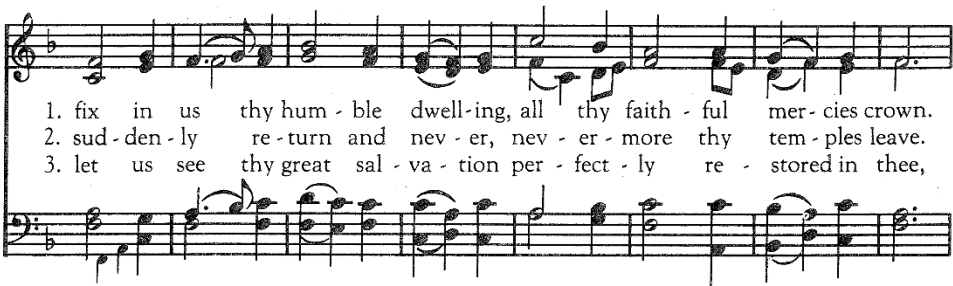
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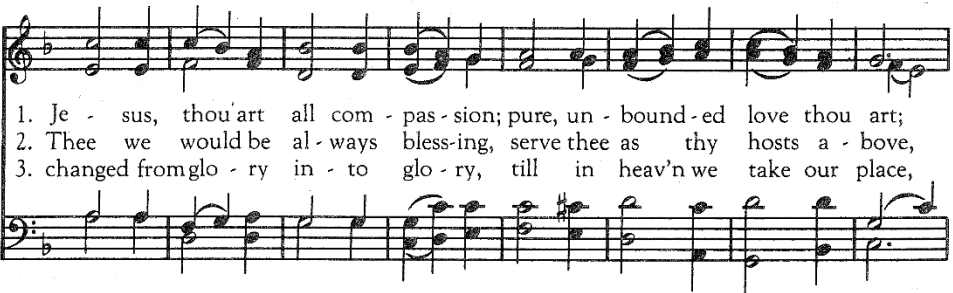
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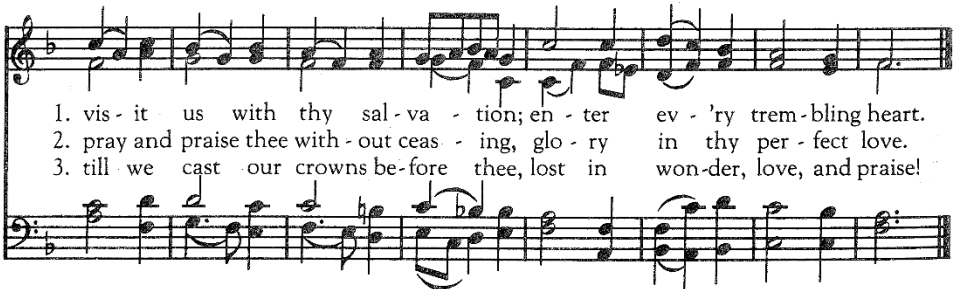
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;
2. Come al - might - y to de - liv - er; let us all thy life re - ceive;
3. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;



1. fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
2. sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
3. let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee,



1. Je - sus, thou'art all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
2. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
3. changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,



1. vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
2. pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
3. till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112
Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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.



July 12 Duct Tape Wallets and Crafts
July 19 – Confetti Eggs
July 26 – White Rock Lake
August 2 – Swim Party



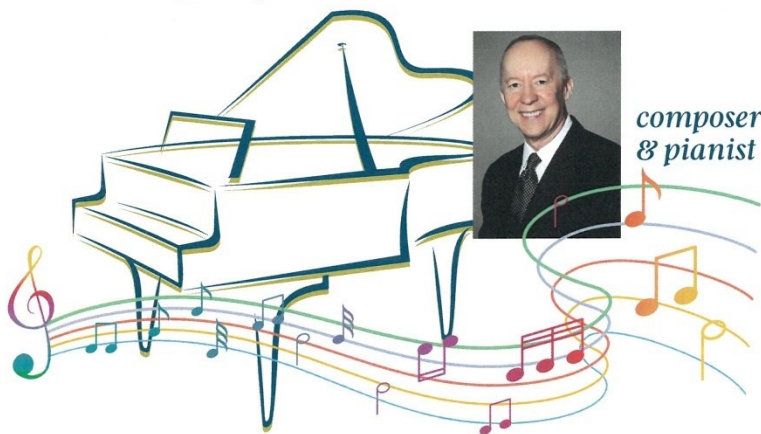
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July 16, 10:55 am



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Schedule for the Week

Sunday July 9 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

12:30 pm Swim Party for Children and Youth Families – Get to know Beth Johnson

Wednesday July 12

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

6:00 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall

6:00 pm Wacky Wednesdays — Godly Play Room

Duct Tape Grafts, hosted by Kirsten Fleenor & Angie Hanes

7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday July 15

Third Saturday Youth Activity

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday July 16 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

Mark Hayes, Guest Musician

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

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 – Nate Green & Christin Lavery
Safety Shepherd – Janina Washington

When WE Give: we can celebrate growth in staff to minister to our children, youth, and families.

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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