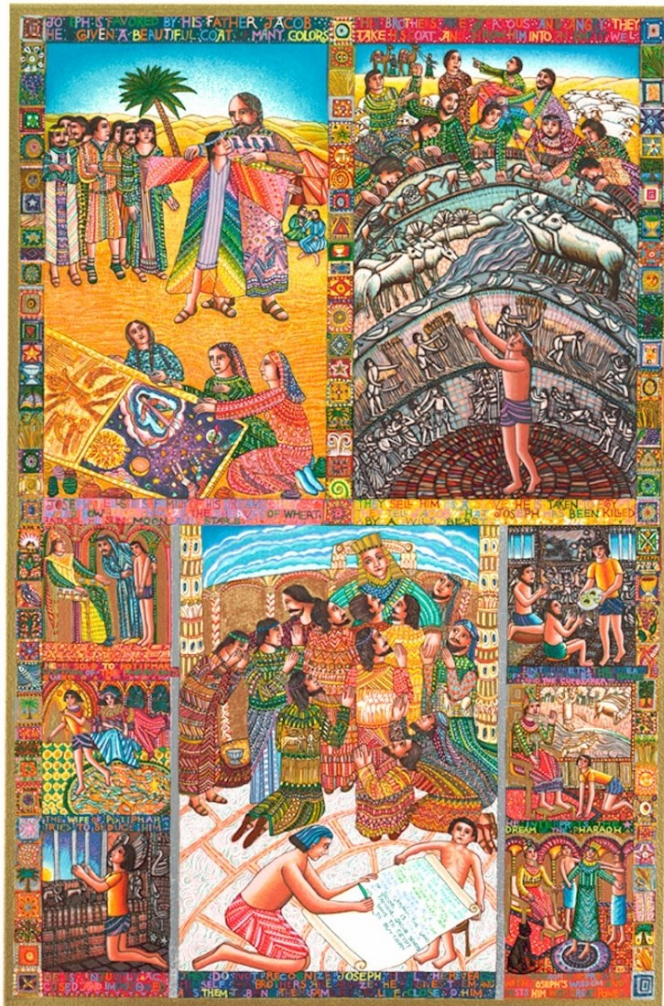


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 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

David Weigle

Procession of Backpacks

Hymn 603 [see insert]

Congregation

Jesus Loves Me — CHINA

*Please remain seated for the procession of the backpacks
and stand on direction for the singing of the hymn.*

✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Joey Belgard & Congregation

God our teacher, who helps us to understand the world around us.

Thank you for the privilege of education. You have blessed our communities with teachers who take new skills and concepts and pass them along to each new class of young people.

God who came as a child to show us how to be fully human, to show us how to be children of God.

You have given our children minds that grow and develop in unique ways, at unique speeds, and we are astounded by that miracle.

You speak to us through the words, actions, play, and feelings of children. You call us to listen to the Spirit speaking through our young siblings in Christ.

We celebrate the beginning of this school year and ask for your blessings upon the children, the educators, and the families who support them all.

But in this celebration of education and learning, we do not forget there are children and families and teachers who do not have the resources they need. When systems are unjust, the outcomes are unacceptable. Today we remember those who are beginning this year: those who have what they need to learn and grow in safety, and those who lack supplies, teachers, safe buildings, and accommodations for all needs and abilities.

We come to worship together, to lift up our young people and all those who care for them and teach them. Open our hearts to what you are saying to us today. Amen.

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

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Genesis 37 [As told in “The Peace Table: A Storybook Bible”]

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

Beth Johnson

Blessing of the Backpacks & Prayers of the People

Beth Johnson, Sarah King
Joey Belgard & Congregation

Today, we have before us backpacks to be carried to and from school by the children and youth gathered here.

These backpacks will contain work to be done, work that’s been returned, books to be studied, tools to complete homework. Notebooks, pencils, pens, crayons, rulers, scissors, glue sticks and other items used for schoolwork will find their way in and out of these backpacks.

With you, every transition and new start is a reminder of your goodness, for you are always creating fresh, amazing things in us and through us. With thanks and love, we now offer everything we are to you, asking for your blessing for students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

We pray for our minds, that they will expand in wonder and celebration, learning not just from the books studied but the people beside us. Open our minds with a willingness to be changed in unexpected ways, and settle our thought loops in peaceful places.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

(continued)

We pray for our hands that they will reach out to help welcome and care. Bless our hands with patience and dedication as they grip pencils and type on keyboards, swish paint brushes and clap in song, grip monkey bars and lunch box handles, spin wheelchair tires and basketballs.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

We pray for our mouths, that they will speak words bringing life and connection. Help us use our mouths to honor the dignity and belovedness of all. Remind us to open our mouths for deep belly breaths when we're feeling anxious or afraid.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

We pray for our feet, that they will move toward those different from us and help others in safe ways. Plant our feet next to those who feel alone, and bless our steps down hallways and sidewalks. We know you are with us wherever our feet go or stay.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

We pray for our eyes, that they may see ourselves and others with compassion. Point our eyes toward those who are forgotten or struggling. Grow us in flexibility to see from all kinds of angles. Bless what and how we see, whether we're looking at a screen, a whiteboard, or the beauty of a person's face. And help us see with the most important eyes—the eyes of the Spirit within us.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

We pray for our ears, that they will genuinely listen to all voices, especially those that haven't been listened to much. When things get noisy, help us listen extra carefully for your voice. Help us hear with the most important ears—the ears of the Spirit within us.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

We say a special prayer for parents, as the start of a new school year is always another leap of faith. Wrap them with your reassuring love as they entrust their children and trust in you. When questions remain unanswered and the realm of control is finite, bless them with peace and the promise you are right there with their child, whether heading to preschool or driving to college.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

We also pray now for teachers, staff and administrators. Bless these faithful servants with courage and confidence, knowing you are in their classroom with a steady hand on their shoulder. Give them peace, patience, and balance in the pressures they face, and bravery to build structures and systems which justly serve all your children. Give them delight in the young ones before them, and recognition of the sweet ways children are also teachers.

Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

We pray for health and wholeness, fun and growth, surprise and amazement, for this school year ahead, knowing you will hold us all the way through.

We thank you, God, and love you. Amen.

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.

Anthem

Choir

Who Will Teach the Children — Anna Laura Page

Bryan Williams, flute

Who will teach the children, shape their hearts and minds?

Who will guide their feet along the way?

Who will teach the children, loving ways and kind.

Incline them to the Spirit when you pray.

Love the Lord with all your soul and strength; love the Lord with all your heart.

Love your neighbor as you love yourself; from these commands do not depart.

Will you teach the children . . .

Let the morning bring word of Your love, for I have placed my in trust in You.

Teach me Your will, Lord, for You are my God; may Your spirit guide my heart to truth.

We will teach the children . . . Incline them to the Spirit when we pray.

—Text: John D. Parker III

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Deceiving Ourselves ”

✠Hymn 71 [see insert]

Congregation

Be Thou My Vision — SLANE

Offertory Prayer

Shannon Miller

Through our struggles, you carve out hope. Through our sufferings, you give us gifts— gifts not just for us, but to give away. Gracious, almighty God, receive the fruit of our struggles and the pain of our suffering. Receive our lives, our whole lives, and every step on our journeys, that we might shine with your glory in all our endeavors. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

When We All Get to Heaven — arranged by Mark Hayes

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

Celebration — James Mansfield

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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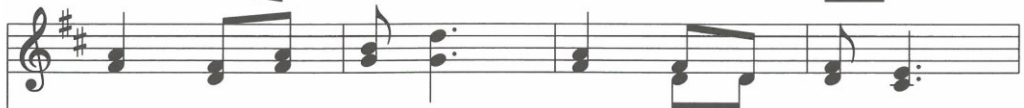
Jesus Loves Me



1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! this I know, as He loved so long a - go,
3. Je - sus loves me still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,
4. Je - sus loves me! He will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to Him be - long; they are weak, but He is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on His knee, say - ing, "Let them come to Me."
want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.
if I love Him, when I die He will take me home on high.



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.



Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my wis - dom and Thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that Thou art:
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord:
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and Thou my high tower,
Thou and Thou on - ly first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
raise Thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
High King of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Hymn Notes

Jesus Loves Me

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Be Thou My Vision

*Text: Traditional Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905, vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912
Music: Traditional Irish melody; harm. David Allen, Copyright © 1986, Word Music*

Study for Wednesday Evening “Ask the Artist” with Sherry Houpt

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

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.

Sarah Macias Guest Preacher, August 20

Rev. Sarah Macias is a member of Royal Lane and was ordained by this congregation in 2018. She and her husband Rodney live at Sister Grove Farm in the Lavon watershed of the Trinity River basin on ancestral lands of the Kitikiti'sh—or Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.



Adult Sunday School Summer Sabbatical

9:30 am, Vickrey Hall

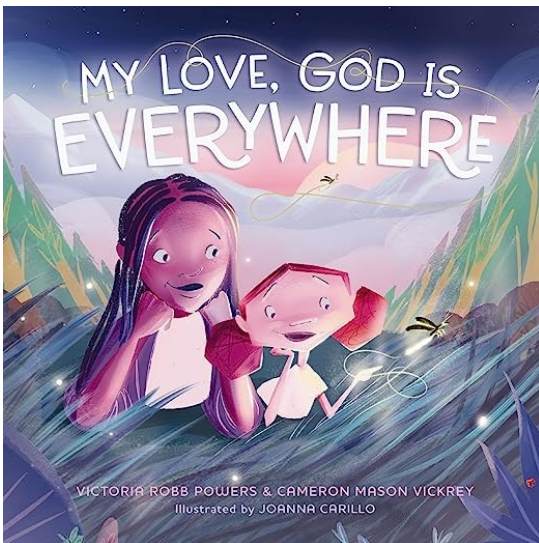
During August we choose relevant topics that expand awareness, engage and educate. The themes are meant to encourage, Living Out the Faith. All members, neighbors and friends are encouraged to attend this program.

August 20 – Program to be determined.

August 27 – Rev. Victoria Robb Powers & the Formations Sunday School Class

Kids, Youth, Families, & Volunteers

Join us for lunch today following worship. This will be a time to all gather to deepen our connections, share vision, gain information, and simply be together.



Book Launch

“My Love, God is Everywhere”
by Victoria Robb Powers &
Cameron Mason Vickrey

August 15, 6:00 pm
Royal Lane Baptist Church

Reading – Sanctuary

Reception and Book Signing – Vickrey Hall
(Books will be available to purchase on site
from Interabang Books.)

View Evite Invitation at
<https://bit.ly/44zXoxW> or point to QR Code.



Schedule for the Week

- Sunday August 13 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
12:15 pm Kickoff Lunch for Kids, Youth, Family, and Volunteers — Vickrey Hall
7:30 pm Racial Justice Committee — Zoom
- Tuesday August 15**
6:00 pm Book Launch – “My Love, God is Everywhere”
by Victoria Robb Powers & Cameron Mason Vickrey
Reading at 6:00 pm — Sanctuary
Reception & Book Signing — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday August 16**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Menu: Tacos, Rice & Beans, Queso/Chips, Guacamole, dessert
6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Program — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
“Ask the Artist” Sherry Houpt
6:15 pm Children’s Gathering — Godly Play Room
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday August 19**
Third Saturday Youth Activity
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday August 20 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children’s Sunday School Classes — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Youth Sunday School Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Sarah Macias, Guest Preacher
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.

Attention

We pay over \$600 a month in transaction fees for credit card charges. If possible, please make your contributions via cash, check, or direct bill pay.

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 – David Doom & Sandy Washington

Safety Shepherd – Kirsten Fleenor

When WE Give: we celebrate our Teachers, Educators, Children & Youth!

June 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 395,240
Expenses	\$ 415,172
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(19,932)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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