

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 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

“I am convinced that men hate each other because they fear each other. They fear each other because they don’t know each other and they don’t know each other because they don’t communicate with each other, and they don’t communicate with each other because they are separated from each other.”

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Precious Lord, Take My Hand — arranged by Mark Hayes

† Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Psalm 133 — from *Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness* by Nan Merrill

Response:

U - nite us, God, u - nite us in your ev - er - last - ing love.

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Behold, how good and pleasant it is when kindred hearts dwell in unity!

It is like vistas seen from atop a mountain one has climbed...

Or like the stillness of a sunset after a long day’s work.

It is a shimmering rainbow, breaking through a summer rain.

When kindred hearts dwell in harmony, the star of Truth appears! R

(continued)

Let us pray:

Wise and loving God, when relationships are fractured, journey with us in the life-giving process of reconciliation. Fill us with patience and unconditional life so that we might forgive as we have been forgiven. In Christ. Amen.

✠Hymn 686

Congregation

God Made from One Blood — ST. DENIO

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

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

Barrett Wooten

Genesis 45:1-15 [from the Common English Bible]

Joseph could no longer control himself in front of all his attendants, so he declared, “Everyone, leave now!” So no one stayed with him when he revealed his identity to his brothers. ²He wept so loudly that the Egyptians and Pharaoh’s household heard him. ³Joseph said to his brothers, “I’m Joseph! Is my father really still alive?” His brothers couldn’t respond because they were terrified before him.

⁴Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me,” and they moved closer. He said, “I’m your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. ⁵Now, don’t be upset and don’t be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. Actually, God sent me before you to save lives. ⁶We’ve already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. ⁷God sent me before you to make sure you’d survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. ⁸You didn’t send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

⁹“Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says: ‘God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don’t delay. ¹⁰You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. ¹¹I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won’t starve, since the famine will still last five years.’ ¹²You and my brother Benjamin have seen with

your own eyes that I'm speaking to you. ¹³Tell my father about my power in Egypt and about everything you've seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴He threw his arms around his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept on his shoulder. ¹⁵He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them. After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

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

*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 48

Congregation

Great Is Thy Faithfulness — FAITHFULNESS

Call to Confession

Jeff Hill & 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

Let us pray:

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 for what 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 room 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!

Where Charity and Love Prevail — RESIGNATION

Prayers of the People

Karen Simmons & Congregation

“Shake Us From Our Slumber”

When our eyes do not see the gravity of racial justice,

Shake us from our slumber and open our eyes, O God.

When out of fear we are frozen into inaction,

Give us a spirit of bravery, O God.

When we try our best but say the wrong things,

Give us a spirit of humility, O God.

When the chaos of this dies down,

Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity, O God.

When it becomes easier to point fingers outwards,

Help us to examine our own hearts, O God.

Racism breaks your heart,

Break our hearts for what breaks yours, O God.

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

Let us pray:

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith. Amen.

—*A Poem & Prayer by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

Anthem

Choir

Canticle of Love — arranged by Hal Hopson

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

When true love and charity are shown God is always found.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

We are brought together by love, by Christ Jesus.

Love is kind and suffers long; love is meek and thinks no wrong;

Love than death itself is strong; therefore, give us love.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Let us all be joyful in the Lord, now and always.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

May all people love the Lord God Eternal.

Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day;

Love will with us ever stay; therefore, give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree,

But the greatest of all is love, therefore, give us love.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

When true love and charity are shown God is always found.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

May we now with sincere hearts be bound by love.

Sermon

Rev. Sarah Macias

“Famine in the Household”

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

O for a World — AZMON

Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

Patsy Meier

Christ has provided for us from his own table of blessings. Anointing and abundance overflows! Let us offer our gifts together from the bounty he has given.

Hear now this prayer.

God, who loves all earth, every created thing is beloved to you. We give thanks for your embrace and reach out to this wild world with gifts we dedicate to your love. May these gifts transform so many stories. Amen.

Offertory

Jeanie Chuang

Toccata on “Amazing Grace” — J. Christopher Pardini

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

See back cover for ways to give.

†Benediction

Rev. Sarah Macias

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Blow Up the Trumpet in the New Moon — Gilbert M. Martin

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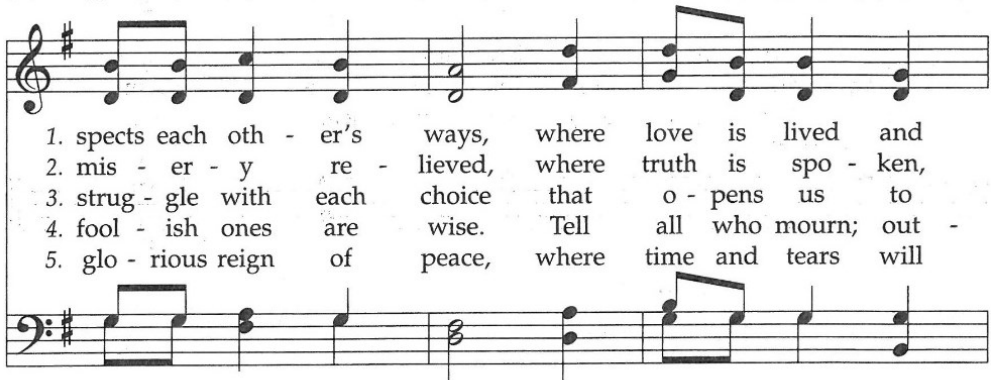
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O for a World



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one re -
2. O for a world where goods are shared and
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the
5. O for a world pre - par - ing for God's



1. spect's each oth - er's ways, where love is lived and
2. mis - er - y re - lieved, where truth is spo - ken,
3. strug - gle with each choice that o - pens us to
4. fool - ish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn; out -
5. glo - rious reign of peace, where time and tears will



1. all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
2. chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
3. u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
4. casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
5. be no more, and all but love will cease.

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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 27 – “Faith, Race, and The Journey to Becoming an Anti-Racist Church”

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers followed by conversation led by the

Formations Sunday School Class

Sarah Macias, Guest Preacher

Rev. Sarah Macias is a member of Royal Lane and was ordained by this congregation in 2018.

Sarah has recently entered a DMin program at Memphis Theological Seminary which specializes in Land, Food, and Faith Formation. She serves on the Board of Creation Justice Ministries as a representative of the Alliance of Baptists.

She and her husband Rodney live on Sister Grove Farm, a regenerative farm and retreat center in Van Alstyne. They have two daughters, Mary Katherine and Jane who both live in the Austin area and are public school teachers.



Wednesday Evening

Come and share Noah's Pudding Wednesday evening, August 23, 2023, with our friends from the Dialogue Institute Dallas.

Traditional folklore holds that Noah gathered all the remaining foodstuffs to make this sweet pudding when he and his family left the ark.

Today it is customary to share the dish with others.



Scriptures for Next Sunday
Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

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.

Coming this Fall
Wednesday Evening Midweek Program
to expound on
Sunday morning's sermon

Join Royal Lane member and Brite student, Jonathan Greer, and our Senior Pastor Victoria Robb Powers this fall on Wednesday nights. Following dinner, Jonathan will lead a conversation with Victoria about the previous Sunday morning's sermon. Learn about what inspired Victoria's message and what drew her to the scripture. Then join in conversation about what God is stirring in you and how you might live out the message in your own way. A resource list will be provided every week with anything mentioned in the sermon — poems, books, articles, etc.

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday August 23

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Dinner provided by Dialogue Institute Dallas
- 6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
“Noah’s Pudding” and conversation with Dialogue Institute Dallas
- 6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Godly Play Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday August 19

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday August 27 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:30 am Children & Youth Committee — Vickrey Hall
- 9:30 am August Adult Sunday School Sabbatical — Vickrey Hall
“Faith, Race, and The Journey to Becoming an Anti-Racist Church”
Rev. Victoria Robb Powers followed by
conversation led by the Formations Sunday School Class
- 9:45 am Children’s SS Classes — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Blessing of the Southeastern Guide Dogs, North Texas Puppy Raisers
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

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 – Patsy Meier & Barrett Wooten

Safety Shepherd – Cheryl Robinson

When WE Give: we can reach out to the marginalized in our community and world.

July 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 459,622
Expenses	\$ 474,453
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(14,831)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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