

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 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

As we listen for the word of God, turn aside from the worries and cares that imprison us in cages of our own making. Listen with awe and wonder to the great I AM—the one who invites us to new and wondrous possibilities. Listen well, for we worship on holy ground.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness — arranged by Paul Manz

✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Phil Keith & Congregation

Give thanks to the Lord.

Call on God's holy name.

Sing praises to the Lord.

Tell of God's wondrous deeds.

Let the faithful sing of the Lord's awesome powers.

Let the hearts of the faithful rejoice.

Give thanks to the Lord.

Call on God's holy name.

—Exodus 3, Psalm 105

Let us pray:

Great I AM, you come to us in unexpected ways. Excite our curiosity, that we might turn aside and realize we are standing on holy ground. Reveal the glory of your kingdom—where love is genuine, where evil is forsaken, where mutual affection abides, and hospitality is shown to strangers, where all are made one. Amen.

✠Hymn 45

Congregation

The God of Abraham Praise — LEONI

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

Adam Visconti

Exodus 3:1-12 [Pew Bible page 44 of the Old Testament]

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. ³Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, ⁸and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

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 Christian Education Building.*

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd — PICARDY

Call to Confession

Matt Powers & Congregation

Help us, O God, to recognize holy ground in all of our living.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Forgive us, O God, for profaning the holy ground of human relationships when we fail to listen with our hearts to others. Forgive us for desecrating the holy ground of mother earth when we do not take care of our natural resources. Forgive us, God, for dishonoring the holy ground of ourselves when we neglect our mental, physical, and emotional health. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

The great I AM invites you to turn aside and boldly embrace paths that lead to life.
Turn and receive blessing upon blessing.

Thanks be to God!

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Deep in the Shadows of the Past — KINGSFOLD

Prayers of the People

Cookie Stokes & Congregation

Let us pray:

Listening God, you heard the prayers of the Israelites. Hear now these prayers,
both spoken and silent:

For peace where there is conflict...

For food where there is hunger...

For hope where there is despair...

For health where there is sickness...

For faith where there is fear...

(continued)

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

Let us pray:

We pray in the name of Jesus, who conquers all that would defeat us and gives us new life. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Lord, Here Am I — John Ness Beck

Master, Thou callest, I gladly obey; Only direct me, and I'll find thy way.
Teach me the mission appointed for me, What is my labor, and where it shall be.

Master, Thou callest, and this I reply, "Ready and willing, Lord, here am I."

Willing, my Savior, to take up the cross; Willing to suffer reproaches and loss;
Willing to follow, if Thou will but lead; Only support me with grace in my need.

Living or dying, I still would be Thine, Yet I am mortal while Thou art divine.
Pardon, whenever I turn from the right; Pity and bring me again to the light.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Deliverance: To Be Seen ”

✠Hymn 482

Congregation

Here I Am, Lord — Daniel L. Schutte

Offertory Prayer

Cathy Walling

Holy God of holy ground, like Moses, we question our fitness to serve heaven's purposes on earth. Overcome our qualms with the assurance of your presence; bless these offerings that, through them, we may do your will; in the name of the triune one. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Scherzo — Alan Ridout

*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

Psalm XVIII — Benedetto Marcello

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

Moses and the Burning Bush by Frank Wesley

Frank Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth-generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century.

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The God of Abraham Praise

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You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

PICARDY

Words by SYLVIA DUNSTAN

Traditional French melody, 17th century

1. You, Lord, are both lamb and shep-herd. You, Lord, are both
2. *Clothed in light up - on the moun-tain, stripped of might up -*
3. You, who walk each day be - side us, sit in pow - er
4. *Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus! Wor - thy is our*

prince and slave. You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
on the cross, *shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,*
at God's side. You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
cos - mic Christ! Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - tory.

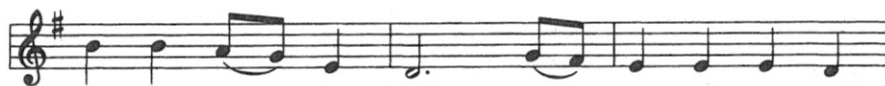
of the way you took and gave. You, the ev - er - last - ing
beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss, you, the ev - er - last - ing
have a love that reach - es wide. You, the ev - er - last - ing
Wor - thy still your peace and strife. You, the ev - er - last - ing

in - - - stant; you, who we both scorn and crave.
in - - - stant; you, who are both gift and cost.
in - - - stant; you, who are our pil - grim guide.
in - - - stant; you, who are our death and life.

Deep in the Shadows of the Past



1. Deep in the shadows of the past, far
2. While others bowed to change-less gods they
3. From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the
4. For all the writ - ings that sur - vived, for



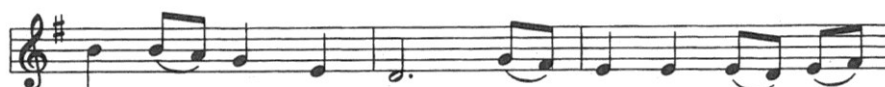
out from set - tled lands, some no - mads trav - eled
met a mys - ter - y, in - vis - i - ble, with -
prom - ise changed and grew, while some, re - mem - ber -
lead - ers, long a - go, who sift - ed, cop - ied,



with their God a - cross the des - ert
out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL
ing the past, re - cord - ed what they
and pre - served the Bi - ble that we



sands. The dawn - ing hope of hu - man - kind by
BE"; and by their tents, a - round their fires, in
knew, or with their let - ters and la - ments, their
know, give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our



them was sensed and shown; a prom - ise call - ing
sto - ry, song and law, they praised, re - mem - bered,
proph - e - cy and praise re - cov - ered, kin - dled
prom - ise, strength and call, the mod - el of e -



them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.
hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.
and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.
merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.

Study for Wednesday Evening “**Deliverance: To Be Seen**” with **Jonathan Greer**

Join Royal Lane member and Brite student, Jonathan Greer, and our Senior Pastor Victoria Robb Powers this Wednesday night. Following dinner, Jonathan will lead a conversation with Victoria about today’s Sunday morning 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 with anything mentioned in the sermon — poems, books, articles, etc.

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20

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.asp



Baptism Class

- **What:** Royal Baptism: The History, Theology, and Practice of Baptism
- **When:** Sundays at 9:45am (September 10, 17, and 24)
- **Where:** Senior Pastor’s Office
- **Who:** For anyone interested in receiving baptism, join us for a three-week course led by our Senior Pastor. (If you have a child or youth interested in baptism, parents/guardians are encouraged to attend.) The study will focus on the history, theology, and practice of baptism. We will answer the following questions: What is baptism? What does it mean to be baptized? Am I ready for baptism?

RSVP: Please let us know if you plan to attend by emailing
Rev. Victoria Robb Powers at vpowers@royallane.org



Fellowship Southwest

It's not too late to register for Fellowship Southwest's upcoming Compassion and Justice Conference, **September 8-9**, Dallas, Texas. Speakers include Eugene Cho, Kaitlin Curtis, Alexia Salvatierra, and Jemar Tisby. Plus, our very own Rev. Victoria Robb Powers will be concluding the conference with the closing homily. Register at <https://fellowshipsouthwest.org/cj-conference>

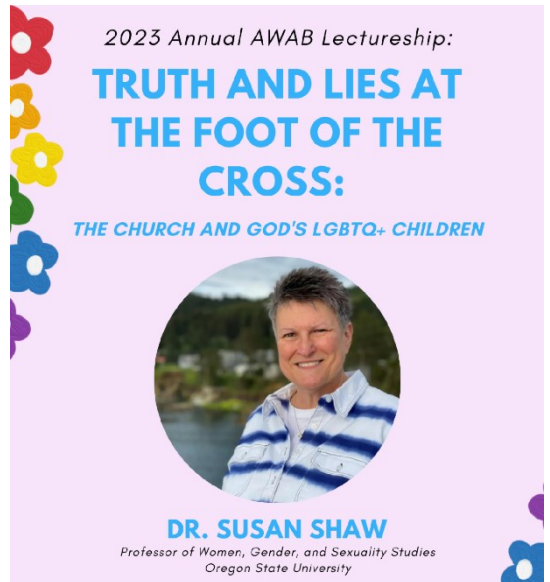
Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists 2023 Annual Lectureship

Rev. Dr. Susan Shaw, Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Oregon State University

“Truth and Lies at the Foot of the Cross: The Church and God’s LTBTQ+ Children”

Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:30 PM at
Wilshire Baptist Church,
4316 Abrams Rd, Dallas, TX 75214

Register at <https://awab.org/lectureship/>



RLBC Pumpkin Patch 2023

The pumpkins are coming! Our annual pumpkin patch helps us bring in funds that support all of our ministries, and we need everyone’s help to make it a success. Please scan the QR code and sign up for a shift. Volunteering at the pumpkin patch is a fun way to get to know our Royal Lane family and connect with our community. You don’t need to be able to lift a pumpkin to volunteer, we have spots for everyone of all abilities. We’ll see you at the pumpkin patch! Sign up at bit.ly/45yoRRg or scan the QR code.



Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **September 3 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
12:15 pm First Sunday Lunch for Children, Youth and Families
12:15 pm Missions Division — Christian Education Building, Room 212
- Monday** **September 4**
6:00 pm Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- Wednesday** **September 6**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Salad, Bread, Dessert
6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
 “Deliverance: To be Seen” with Jonathan Greer & Pastor Victoria
6:00 pm Children’s Gathering — Godly Play Room
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday** **September 9**
9:00 am Second Saturday Work Day (9:00 am – 12:00 pm)
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **September 10 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Deacon’s Meeting — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am Baptism Class — Senior Pastor’s Office
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children’s SS Classes — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion Offered
 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

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

Women of the Church — Fall Fling!

Let’s kick off fall and enjoy a relaxing evening of fun, food, and friendship on Thursday, September 28, at 7:30 PM in Pastor Victoria’s backyard. Bring a girlfriend! This is meant to be an outreach to women in our network and community. BYOB.

For childcare, contact Karen Miller, 214-724-0655.

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 – Paulette Harrison

When WE Give: our worship resounds with overflowing hearts.

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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