

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 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

Like Hebrews of Aaron's and Moses' time, called at the first Passover to gather as families and share the sacrificed lamb of a goat or sheep, this congregation is also called to worship together as a family. Come, let us worship our sustaining God with praise and thanksgiving. Place your hope and trust in the Lord, whose faithful love watches over our homes in times of greatest need.

Voluntary

David Weigle

War March of the Priests — Felix Mendelssohn

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Rick Carpenter & Congregation

Sing a new song to God.

Sing of light and hope.

Dance with laughter and joy.

Dance with hearts full of love.

Rejoice with strings and drums.

Rejoice with justice and peace.

Sing a new song to God.

—*Psalm 149*

Let us pray:

Ancient of days, we enter your presence to remember and rejoice. We come looking for your steadfast faithfulness and your loving care. May we be a people who seek reconciliation and genuine forgiveness with one another. In remembrance and gratitude for your mercy and your grace, we pray. Amen.

✠ Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Christians, We Have Met to Worship — HOLY MANNA

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

Nate Green

Exodus 12:1-14 [Pew Bible page 51 of the Old Testament]

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: ²This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. ³Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. ⁴If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. ⁷They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ⁸They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. ⁹Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. ¹⁰You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. ¹¹This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. ¹³The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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.*

Prayers of the People

Scott Bryant & Congregation

We lift our prayers today for those in other places who must make secret marks to identify their faith. We pray that they might have a robust sense of community and the spiritual sustenance of a shared symbolic meal. Amen.

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

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Go Down Moses — Negro Spiritual

Offertory Prayer

Cheryl Robinson

May these offerings help to free your people, O God, from bondage to sin. Unite us in a community of mutual caring in which differences are resolved as we listen to one another and seek to offer understanding. May the light of your love shine through all our efforts to share your good news. Keep us in the light when we are tempted to ignore and violate your commandments. With these prayers, we dedicate our gifts. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

O Living Bread from Heaven — Robert Lau

O living bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest.
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.

O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes:
My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows.

My Lord, you here have led me within your holy place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace.

For you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life possessing, that now I will not die.

(continued)

You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,
Lord all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.

Lord, grant me then, so strengthened with heav'nly food,
while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear.
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,
I enter through your mercy, where joys unmingled flow.

—text: Johann Rist, tr: Catherine Winkworth

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See inside back cover for ways to give.*

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Deliverance: To March Together ”

✠Hymn 466

Congregation

Jesus, at Your Holy Table — BEACH SPRING
(stanzas 1 & 2)

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.

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.

(continued)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are
 full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is
 He who comes in the name of the Lord! 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 ris-en. 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.

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

(continued)

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

Set aside sorrow and past resentments. Embrace Christ's gift of healing and reconciliation as we share signs of peace with one another.

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

† Sung Response

Worshippers

**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

We're Marching to Zion — arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

§ § § § § § §

Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

First Passover, Crossing through the Divided Sea, Blood on the Doorposts
Table View Methodist Church in Cape Town, South Africa, celebrates a theological and symbolic journey through the Bible through simple, yet meaningful stained glass. They were designed by Rev. Angus Kelly in 2018 and installed by Anika Van de Merwe of Silverstain Stained Glass Studios in Advent 2019.

From Art in the Christian Tradition
A Project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN
Used by permission.

Hymn Notes

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

Text: attributed to George Atkins, Music: Columbian Harmony, 1825
Public Domain

Sanctus

Music: Mark Snow, Used by permission.

Go Down Moses

Text and Music: Negro Spiritual, Public Domain

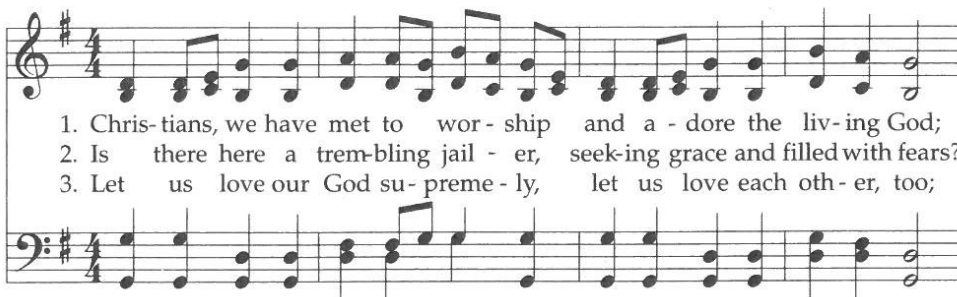
Jesus, At Your Holy Table

Text: Tom Allen, Music: harm. Benjamin Brigg
Copyright © 2010 Celebrating Grace, Inc.
OneLicense: Annual License w/Reprint/Podcast/Streaming, A-722998

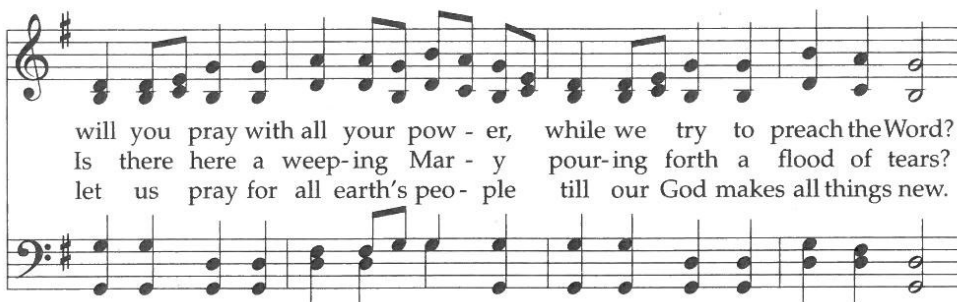
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Text: Thomas Ken, Music: Louis Bourgeois, Public Domain

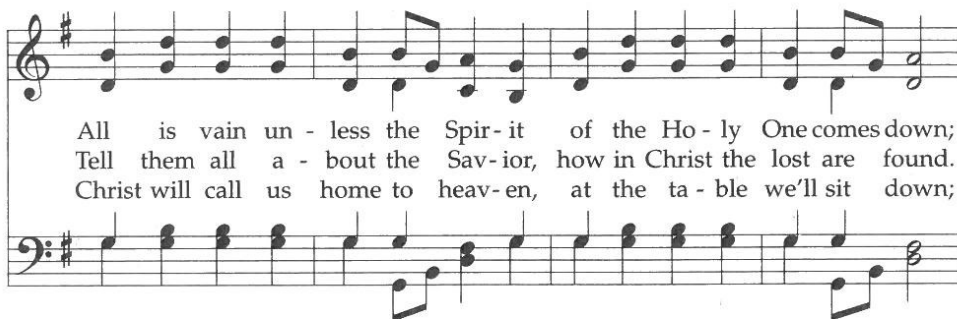
Christians, We Have Met to Worship



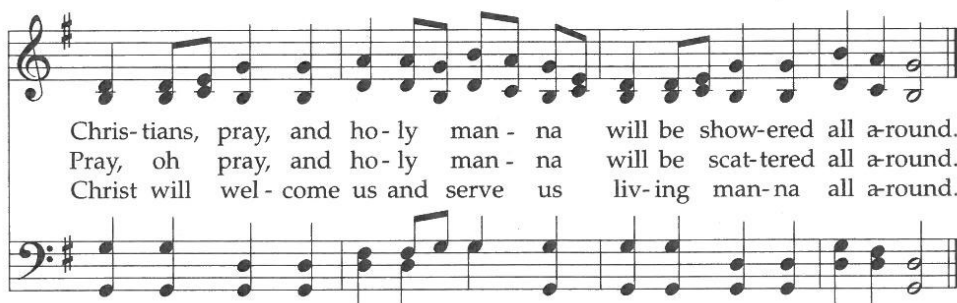
1. Chris-tians, we have met to wor-ship and a-dore the liv-ing God;
2. Is there here a trem-bling jail-er, seek-ing grace and filled with fears?
3. Let us love our God su-preme-ly, let us love each oth-er, too;



will you pray with all your pow-er, while we try to preach the Word?
Is there here a weep-ing Mar-y pour-ing forth a flood of tears?
let us pray for all earth's peo-ple till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un-less the Spir-it of the Ho-ly One comes down;
Tell them all a-bout the Sav-ior, how in Christ the lost are found.
Christ will call us home to heav-en, at the ta-ble we'll sit down;



Chris-tians, pray, and ho-ly man-na will be show-ered all a-round.
Pray, oh pray, and ho-ly man-na will be scat-tered all a-round.
Christ will wel-come us and serve us liv-ing man-na all a-round.

Go Down, Moses

1. When Is - rael was in E-gypt's land; Let my peo-ple go,
2. Thus saith the Lord, bold Mo - ses said; Let my peo-ple go,
3. No more shall they in bond-age toil; Let my peo-ple go,

Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let my peo-ple go.
If not, I'll smite your first - born dead, Let my peo-ple go.
Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil, Let my peo-ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, 'Way down in E-gypt's land.
Go down, go down, Mo-ses,

Go down, go down, Mo - ses,

Tell old Phar - aoh, Let my peo-ple go!

Study for Wednesday Evening “**Deliverance: To March Together**” 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.

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Exodus 14:19-31 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35

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.

Godly Play Training

We have two distinct Godly Play Training options approaching, both led by Doug Watts. If you plan to attend either or both, please RSVP by emailing Beth Johnson at bjohnson@royallane.org

Sunday, September 24, 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Location: Godly Play Room

Content: Creating the Holy Space

Wednesday, October 4, 5:45 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: Godly Play Room

Content: Doorkeeper's Role

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 LBTTQ+ Children”


Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:30 PM
at

Wilshire Baptist Church,
4316 Abrams Rd, Dallas, TX 75214

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





2023 Annual AWAB Lectureship:
TRUTH AND LIES AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS:
THE CHURCH AND GOD'S LBTTQ+ CHILDREN



DR. SUSAN SHAW
*Professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Oregon State University*

11 September 2023 | 6:30PM CT
Wilshire Baptist Church, 4316 Abrams Rd., Dallas, TX
A recording will be available following the lecture.



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.





WOC Fall Fling

Let's kick off fall and enjoy a relaxing evening of fun, food, and friendship at the home of Pastor Victoria. 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.

Book Launch – *Bearing It*

You and your friends won't want to miss this event! On Sunday, **October 1st**, you are invited to attend the exciting in-person launch of the book *Bearing It: Twelve Women Find Resilience. You Can Too.*

Five of the book's resilient women we are so fortunate to call Royal Laners! They are part of a diverse group from 34-74 years young who tell their inspiring stories of how they came out on the other side of life's challenges.

The readings will begin promptly at 4:00 pm — arrive early for a good seat and to hear some lovely piano music — with book signings and a reception afterwards. Books will be available for \$20 cash, check, or Venmo.



Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **September 10 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
12:15 pm Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday** **September 13**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Columbarium Board of Trustees — Christian Education Building, Room 212
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Chicken Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Fiesta Coleslaw, Dessert
6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
 “Deliverance: To March Together” with Jonathan Greer & Pastor Victoria
6:00 pm Children’s Activities — Godly Play Room
6:30 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **September 14**
6:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Committee — Zoom
- Saturday** **September 16**
9:00 am Third Saturday Youth Activity — Dynamix (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **September 17 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Program Council — 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 — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
 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 & Cheryl Robinson
Safety Shepherd – Paulette Harrison

When WE Give: we help grow love in the world!

July 2023 Financials

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

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/



Royal Lane Baptist Church

6707 Royal Lane • Dallas, Texas 75230

[214] 361-2809 • <http://www.royallane.org>

Like RLBC on Facebook or Follow RLBC on Twitter

Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician

David Doom, Ministries Assistant

Brandon Green, Audio Technician

Beth Johnson, Minister to Children,
Youth & Families

Barbara Merry, Ministries Assistant

Ellen Miers, Housekeeping

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor

Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician

David Weigle, Organist

Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship