

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 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 story of the Egyptian army's total destruction can be hard to read. And yet, this story has been incredibly important for all who experience oppression and yearn for God's liberation. The dead bodies and wrecked chariots on the shores of the Red Sea communicate God's rejection of oppression, as Miriam and the women celebrate with song and dance. The Talmud records that God stops the angels from singing their praise, for how can they rejoice when God's creatures are drowning? Perhaps these are the two responses we need to hold together: celebrating that evil is conquered and the realization that this triumph means suffering for others. How do we live God's righteous initiatives while remembering the humanity of our adversaries?

Voluntary

Carillon — Herbert Murrill

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Sing to God, for God has triumphed gloriously!

God is our strength and our might!

Long ago God freed the slaves from Egypt,
opening passage through the Red Sea waters.

**Here and now, God is our salvation,
leading us through dangerous waters.**

Congregation

Let us pray:

Majestic God, who led our spiritual ancestors with a pillar of cloud that hid them by day and protected them by night, lead us through the threatening times in which we live. Save us from the floods of our own misplaced trust, as you saved them from the waters of the sea. On this day, grant strength to those who are weak and support for all who are stumbling. Let every tongue praise you Amen.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah — CWM RHONDDA

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

Sarah Fuller

Exodus 14:19-31 [Pew Bible page 53 of the Old Testament]

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.” ²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” ²⁷So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

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³⁰Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

Sarah Vickrey

*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

When Jesus Fled from Egypt Land — ANDRE

Call to Confession

Tex Quesada & Congregation

Let us confess our sins to God who forgives and saves.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

You have shown yourself again and again as one who keeps promises. You said you would guide the Israelites and you did. Forgive us when we do not think to put our trust in you. When trusting is hardest, show us that it is more important than anything else we do. Give us the courage to let you be our guide. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

People of God, our sins are forgiven. God is merciful and gracious and is Lord of us all. Reconciled to the God who loves us, let us live and love through Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Wade in the Water — Traditional Spiritual
 (Refrain – Sing on direction)
 Chris Denney, baritone

Refrain
 All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,
 wade in the wa - ter, God's a - goin' - a trou - ble the wa - ter.

Prayers of the People

Kelley Keith & Congregation

We pray for this congregation. Open our hearts to practice intentional invitation. Help us to forgive each other, practice patience, and choose welcome over judgment. Move us to care for those in our community seeking refuge and safety.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

We pray for our neighbors who face illness of any kind. For those strained financially, for all living with chronic pain, mental illness, the disease of addiction, or otherwise afraid or in harm's way. Protect all who cry out for mercy.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

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

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.

Anthem

Choir

Be Thou My Vision — Claude A. Bass

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord:
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,
Raise thou me heav'n-ward Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Deliverance: Out of Captivity ”

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Crashing Waters at Creation — STUTTGART

Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

Melanie Ferguson

Let us share gifts of every kind in the service of God's healing justice and love.

Hear now this prayer.

Savior God, you look at our world with compassion. You also look at our world with clarity and a zeal for justice. Use all we bring to life, and all we bring to you today, to fight for justice and mercy and compassion. Make us and our gifts part of the healing of the world. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Arioso (Sinfonia to Cantata No. 156) — J. S. Bach
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

The Trophy — François Couperin

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Royallane.org/register



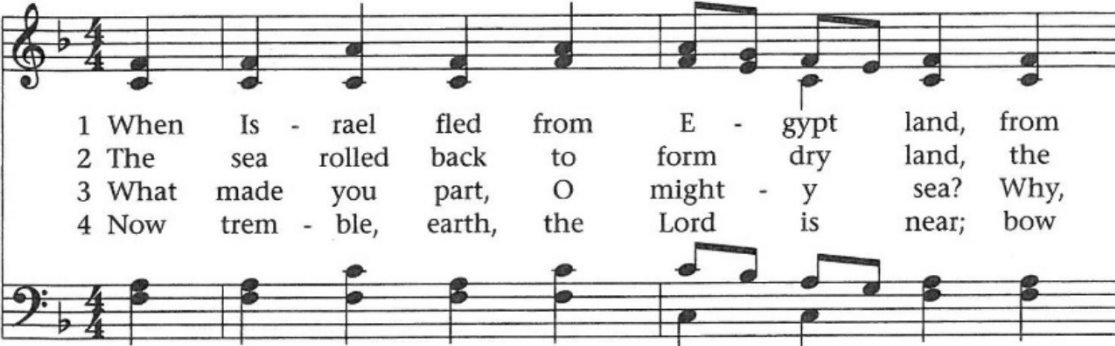
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When Israel Fled from Egypt Land

PSALM 114

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1 When Is - rael fled from E - gypt land, from
2 The sea rolled back to form dry land, the
3 What made you part, O might - y sea? Why,
4 Now trem - ble, earth, the Lord is near; bow

C7 F B^b F



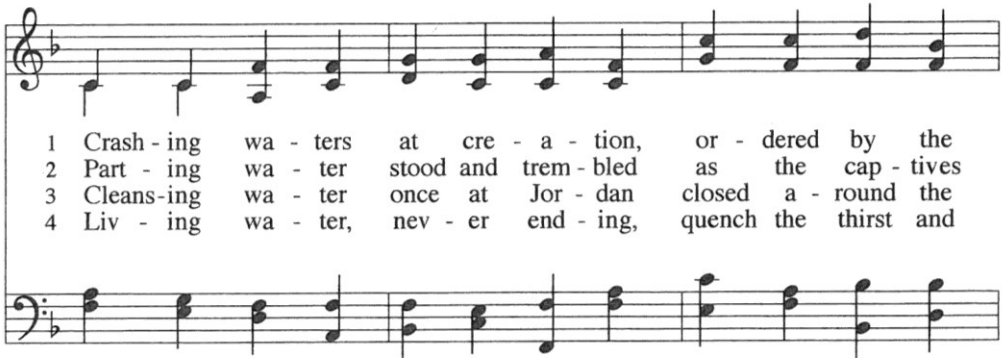
for - eign tongue and cru - el hand, the LORD took Ju - dah
Jor - dan fled at God's com - mand. The moun - tains shook and
Jor - dan, did you turn to flee? Why, moun - tains, shake, why
down and see your God ap - pear. His might makes springs to

C F B^b F C C7 F

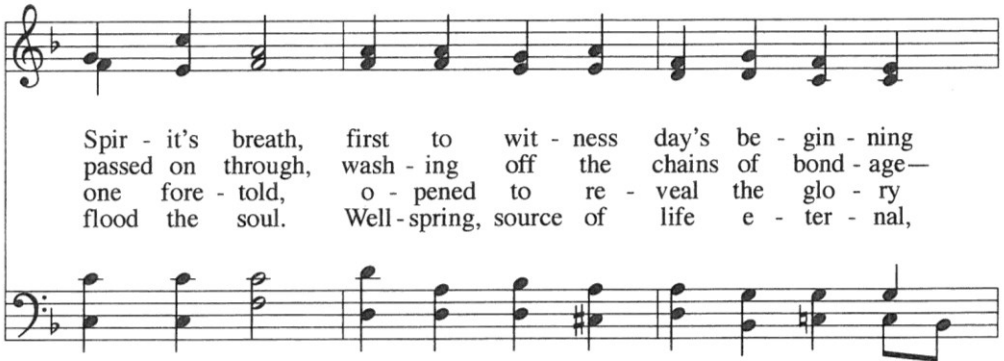


for his home and Is - rael for his ver - y own.
skipped like rams; the hills leapt up like lit - tle lambs.
skip like rams? And hills, why leap like lit - tle lambs?
gush and glow; from flint the cool - ing wa - ters flow.

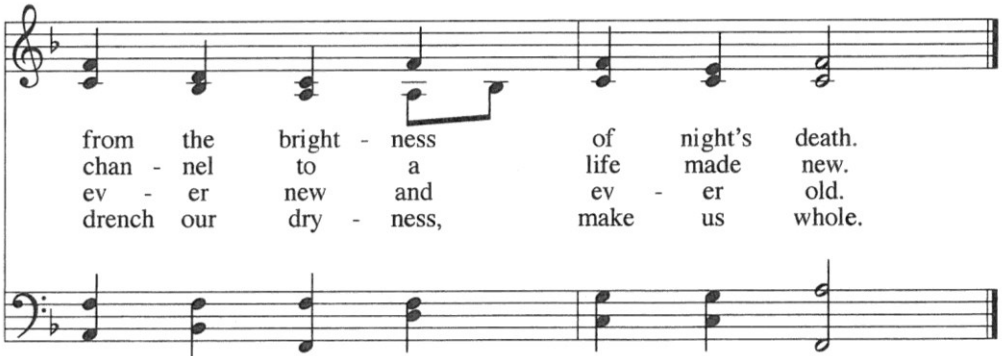
Crashing Waters at Creation



1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion, or - dered by the
2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled as the cap - tives
3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan closed a - round the
4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing, quench the thirst and



Spir - it's breath, first to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning
passed on through, wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—
one fore - told, o - pened to re - veal the glo - ry
flood the soul. Well - spring, source of life e - ter - nal,



from the bright - ness of night's death.
chan - nel to a life made new.
ev - er new and ev - er old.
drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Hymn Notes

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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In the Box Gallery through September 29

The artwork currently on display in the Box Gallery includes a large collection from our archives. You are invited to visit the gallery and make an offer on any pieces you would like to add to your personal collection. Contact Nancy K. Ferrell, Faith and Arts Chair.

New Exhibit “Enhanced” by artist Sandra Freeman will be installed September 30th.

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

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.



We are excited to show you our new Royal Lane Pumpkin Patch T-Shirts! Below you will find the link to the order form, where you will choose your sizes and pay online.

We will keep the order open through Sunday evening, September 14, and when the shirts come in you can pick them up at the church. We have both adult and youth sizes available (scroll down to see the youth sizes order option). If this all sounds too complicated, please call Charlotte Sewell (214-533-7326) and she will help you order.

<https://bit.ly/3PDe2b2>





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**Fighting
Hunger**

**Wayne Meachum's
Tribute to**

FRANK SINATRA



Harry Wooten
Conductor



Brett Shipp
Host



David Weigle
Keyboards

Westin Hotel Galleria - Dallas North Tollway @ LBJ

Saturday, September 30, 2023

Cocktails: 6:00 - Dinner: 7:00 - Showtime: 8:00

Admission: 4 cans of food for those in need

Reservations: <https://www.justrsvp.me/sinatraknights>



WOC Fall Fling

September 28, 7:30 PM

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*

October 1, 2023, 4:00 PM

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.

Study for Wednesday Evening “**Deliverance: Out of Captivity**” 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 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16

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.

Schedule for the Week

Wednesday September 20

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Menu: Baked Fish, Rice, Asparagus, Salad, Dessert
- 6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
“Deliverance: Out of Captivity” with Jonathan Greer & Pastor Victoria
- 6:00 pm Children’s Gathering — Godly Play Room
- 6:30 pm Children’s Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202
- 6:30 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
- 7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday September 23

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday September 24 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 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
- 12:00 pm Lunch for Godly Play Training — Vickrey Hall
- 12:30 pm Godly Play Training — Godly Play Room

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 – Tex Quesada & Kelley Keith

Safety Shepherd – Scott Martin

When WE Give: fellowship meals and study are experienced on Wednesdays!

August 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 514,078
Expenses	\$ 550,475
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(36,397)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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