

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 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

Although God provides everything we need to live, we find things to complain about. In Exodus, the congregation complains of hunger and how life was better back in Egypt. God showers us with blessings, even when we complain. Perhaps especially when we complain. This is good news indeed!

Voluntary

David Weigle

The Emperor's Fanfare — Antonio Soler

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Rick Carpenter & Congregation

Give thanks to the Lord.

Call on God's holy name.

Sing praises to our God.

Tell of God's wonderful works.

The Lord offers bread from heaven
to satisfy our hunger.

**God issues water from solid rock
to quench our thirst.**

Give thanks to the Lord.

Let everything that draws breath praise God.

Let us pray:

Guide our way, Caretaker God, in the wilderness of our lives. Offer us the bread of heaven, that we may taste your Spirit and be nourished in body and soul. Reveal your presence among us and show us the tender mercies of your love. In joy and jubilation we pray. Amen.

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly — HOLY MANNA

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

Scott Bryant

Exodus 16:2-15 [Pew Bible page 55 of the Old Testament]

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.” ⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

(continued)

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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

Turner W. & 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

O God of Jacob — ST. PETER

Call to Confession

Garey Wisdom & Congregation

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Gracious God, like the Israelites in the wilderness, we have been heard to complain. God is often blamed for calamities more than praised for the sustaining presence that works for our good. It is easier for us to be jealous of others than to rejoice in the opportunities God gives them. Surely we need to repent. Amen.

We now share silence together.

Promise of Forgiveness

God has offered us a presence we have not recognized, bread we have ignored, and compassion we have not deserved. The food from heaven is offered to us daily, freely given to all who are open to receive it. Let us rejoice in this moment of God’s amazing generosity, opening our lives to the gifts of God, that we might share them with others.

Praise God!

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

God Will Take Care of You — GOD CARES
(stanzas 1 & 2)

Prayers of the People

Ruth May & Congregation

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

God who is gracious and merciful, teach your church to invite and welcome all. Lead us to be grateful for the blessing of community. Challenge your church to choose equity and compassion over judgment.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who sends the wind and the sun, you know every worm and bush by name. Help us remember that even the humblest parts of creation are precious to you. Show us how best to care for the earth and its creatures.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who is ready to relent from punishing, impart your compassionate wisdom to legislators, judges, members of the military, and law enforcement. Give them courage to serve their communities in times of uncertainty, stress, or exhaustion.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God who saves, direct your people who are tempted by evil ways. Protect your children from calamity and disaster. Strengthen all who are incarcerated. Encourage all who are in despair or pain of any kind.

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

Break Forth O Joyful Heart — Dan Forrest, Jr.

Break forth, break forth, O joyful heart, and make His goodness known,

Who all thy life, though undeserved, such love to thee has shown.

Break forth, break forth, O joyful heart, break forth no longer silent be;

Break forth, break forth in grateful praise to Him who came to ransom thee.

'Twas Jesus sought my wandering soul, and with a shepherd's care
He brought me kindly to His fold, and still protects me there.

My soul shall magnify the Lord. My voice His love proclaim,
And ev'ry pow'r in me join to bless and praise his name.

—Text: Fanny Crosby

Sermon

Beth Johnson

“ Deliverance: In the Wilderness ”

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

This Holy Covenant Was Made — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

Mike Keith

In the wilderness of our lives, God’s grace is like water flowing from a rock, transforming arid desert into flowing rivers. In thanksgiving for God’s mercy, let us give from our abundance as we collect today’s offering.

Hear now this prayer.

Gracious God, you provide bread in the wilderness and life-giving waters in the desert. We offer you our thanks and praise. May our gifts and offerings bless your world—that all may be blessed, and all may find purpose and passion, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

His Eye Is On the Sparrow — 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

Beth Johnson

God meets us on our wilderness journeys,

That we may not journey alone.

Christ tends us on our wilderness journeys,

that we may receive our daily bread.

The Spirit sustains us on our wilderness journeys,

that we may be strengthened for what lies ahead.

Go with God’s blessing.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

The Fifers — François Dandrieu

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



O God of Jacob

1. O God of Ja - cob, by whose hand Your peo - ple still are fed,
2. Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent Be - fore your throne of grace.
3. Through each per - plex - ing path of life Our wan - d'ring foot - steps guide;
4. Oh, grant us your pro - tect - ing care Till all our wan - d'rings cease,

Who through this wea - ry pil - grim - age A wa - v'ring Is - rael led:
O God of Ja - cob, be the God Of their suc - ceed - ing race.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread, And shel - ter fit pro - vide.
That to those man - sions kept for us We all may come in peace.

God Will Take Care of You

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you — 1 Peter 5:7 NIV



1. Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
2. Thro' days of toil when heart doth fail, God will take care of you;
3. No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;



Be - neath His wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.
When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
Lean, wea - ry one, up - on His breast, God will take care of you.



God will take care of you, Through ev - 'ry day, o'er all the way;



He will take care of you, God will take care of you.



This Holy Covenant Was Made

D Bm Asus A D Bm

1 This ho-ly cov-e-nant was made: God, our De-liv-erance was o-
 2 This ho-ly cov-e-nant was new at ta-ble with Christ's gath-ered
 3 This ho-ly cov-e-nant of flame sears in our hearts the sav-ing

Asus A D G D Bm E A D

beyed. Seas were part-ed; free-dom start-ed. By cloud and fire—
 few. Bless-ing spo-ken; bo-dy bro-ken. By lift-ed cup our
 name. Spir-it's fire, our de-sire. By wind and tongue the

Asus A D Bm A G A7 D

we were led. By quail and man-na we were fed. Al-le-lu-ia,
 God for-gives. By Je-sus' grace a-lone we live. Al-le-lu-ia,
 church is sealed. By might and pow-er here re-vealed. Al-le-lu-ia,

Em Bm Em A Bm Em A Em Asus A7 D

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Cover Art

*Food and Water are provided by God to the Israelites during the Exodus.
Byzantine Mosaic of the feeding miracles in the wilderness – Manna, Water and Quail.*

13th Century, Basilica de San Marco, Venice Italy

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Hymn Notes

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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.

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

Deacon Nominees

According to Article VIII, Section 1b of the By-Laws, the Member Resource Committee shall review and supplement such recommendations and shall nominate six (6) persons to serve on the Board of Deacons; such nominations to be published in the Sunday morning orders of worship the last Sunday in the month of September (9/24/23) and the first Sunday in the month of October (10/1/23). The church shall be called into special conference during the Sunday morning worship service of the second Sunday of the month of October (10/8/23) for the purpose of electing six (6) Deacons. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at said special conference, provided that any additional nominees have been contacted in advance and have theretofore agreed to serve if elected.

This year the Member Resource Committee presents the following six (6) nominees to serve three-year terms for outgoing deacons and one (1) deacon to serve a two (2) year unexpired term. All terms begin November 1, 2023.

Nominees to serve three-year terms:

Joey Belgard
Leslie Cechan
Cheryl Gambill
Jeff Hill
Charlotte Sewell
Adam Visconti

Nominee to serve two-year term:

Jack Mullinax

Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons October 8, 2023

October 18, 2023 – Quarterly Church Conference

The October Quarterly Church Conference will include a presentation by the Member Resource Committee of the 2023/2024 Church Leadership Roster for congregational approval. The Leadership Roster includes the names of those who are being nominated and who have agreed to serve on the various committees of the church.

Study for Wednesday Evening “Deliverance: In the Wilderness” 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.

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

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.

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.



Pumpkin Patch Sale Hours

Sundays: 1:00 – 5:00 pm
Monday – Friday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Saturdays: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

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.



Sinatra Knights



**Fighting
Hunger**

Wayne Meachum's
Tribute to

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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>



Schedule for the Week

Sunday September 24 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 12:30 pm Godly Play Training — Godly Play Room
Lunch provided following worship — Vickrey Hall

Wednesday September 27

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)

- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Menu: Roasted Pork Loin, Sweet Potatoes with Balsamic Glaze,
Peas, Salad, Baked Apples

- 6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
“Deliverance: In the Wilderness” 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

Thursday September 28

- 7:30 pm Women of the Church Fall Fling — Home of Pastor Victoria

Saturday September 30

- 9:00 am Pumpkin Unloading — Pumpkin Patch

- 12:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Opens

Pumpkin Patch Sale Hours

Sundays: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Monday – Friday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday October 1 – Eighteenth 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, World Communion Sunday – Holy Communion Offered
Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

- Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room
Children 3-year through Third Grade

- Young Theologians — Christian Education Building, Room 202
Children Fourth and Fifth Grade

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

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 – Mike Keith & Garey Wisdom

Safety Shepherd – Leslie Cechan

When WE Give: we can provide trained leadership for Godly Play.

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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