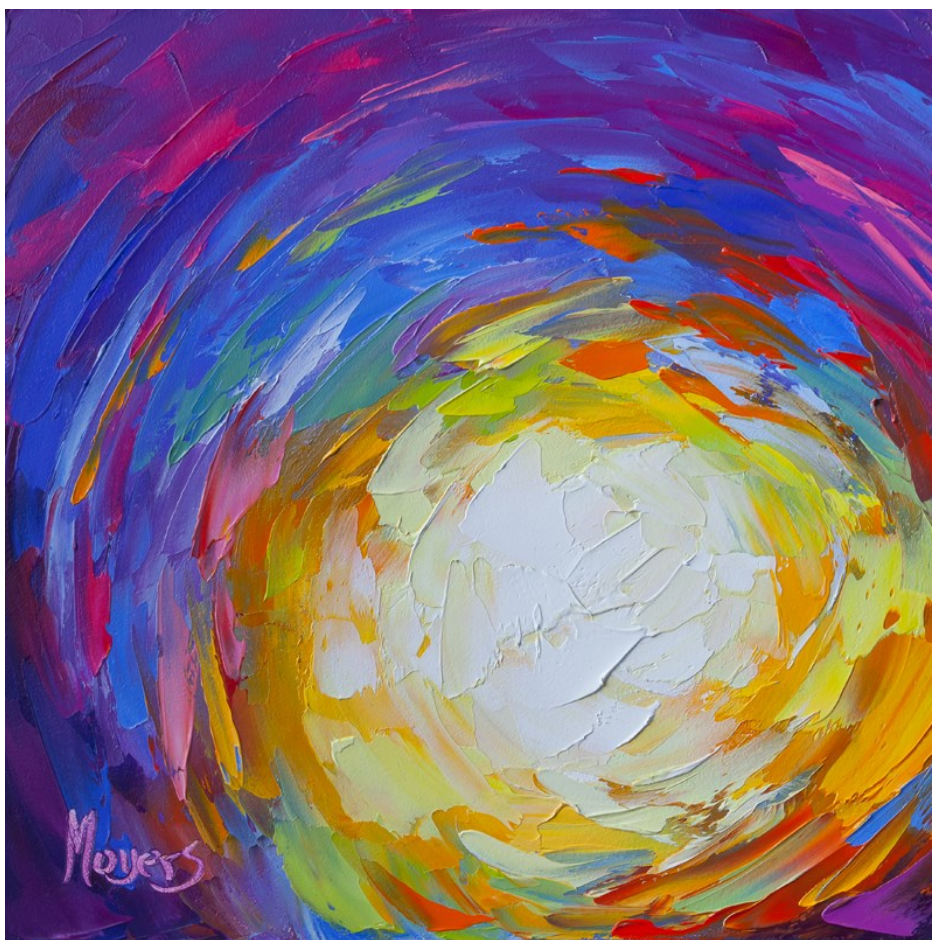


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 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 Gospel reading today recounts Jesus' parable of the talents. Here, redemption is tied to stewardship—it comes to those who make the most of God's gifts, those who work for the kin-dom.

Use the talents you possess; for silent would the forest be if the only birds that sang were those who sang the best.

—paraphrase of quotation attributed to Henry Van Dyke

Voluntary

David Weigle

Coeli Enarrant (The Heavens Declare) — Robert Wetzler

✠ Call to Worship & Invocation

Adam Visconti & Congregation

God calls us to use our gifts
for the building of God's Kin-dom.

But we're afraid.

Christ urges us to find our courage
and not look back.

But our gifts seem so small.

The Spirit offers us everything we need.

But what if we fail?

Trust the gifts you have been given.

**We will celebrate our gifts
as we worship God this day.**

Let us pray:

God of righteousness, you overcome those who abuse their power and lift up those who suffer. Even now, when evil seems to hold sway, we know that you will have the last word. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm, when you will welcome all your children into your kin-dom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

O God, We Yearn for Safety — ANGEL'S STORY

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

Owen K.

Matthew 25:14-30 [Pew Bible page 807 of the New Testament]

¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ ²¹His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ ²³His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

(continued)

²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

Children 4th & 5th grade are invited to Young Theologians.

You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.

Deacon Ordination

Ordinands: Leslie Cechan, Sheryl Gambill, Adam Visconti

Presentation of Ordinands

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Statement of Purpose

Cheryl Robinson

Do you reaffirm your faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; do you seek the peace, unity and purity of the church; and do you, in accepting the office of deacon in this congregation, promise faithfully to perform all the duties pertaining to your calling?

Ordinands: We do, God being our helper.

Do you, the members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, receive these persons as deacons within the shared ministry of Christ's mission, and do you covenant to encourage and support them in the fulfillment of their responsibilities?

All: We do, God being our helper.

Induction and Words of Affirmation

Kelley Keith & Congregation

I now ask the congregation to join in a covenant of affirmation saying:

Reaffirming our faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, we gladly receive these as servant leaders in our life together. We covenant to support them with our prayers, encouragement, and respect. We celebrate with thanksgiving the shared responsibilities for Christ's ministry which is ours as the church. Praise be to God.

Prayer of Blessing & Declaration

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Gracious God, we thank you for these your servants who have been called and ordained as deacons. As we set them apart for this ministry, we ask that you fill them with all the graces needed to fulfill their responsibilities. Grant them the spirit of compassion for human needs, and devotion to the well-being of your church, that together we may grow ever more fully into the likeness of Christ. Amen.

In the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church, and in accordance with the actions of this congregation, I declare that you are now members of the diaconate of this church.

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn 652

Congregation

Make Me a Servant — SERVANT

Prayers of the People

Leslie Cechan & Congregation

You have given us song!

Help us to invest in this gift and sing with abandon!

You have given us dance!

Help us to invest in this gift and move with joyful exuberance.

You have given us a natural world to care for.

**Help us to invest in this gift and plant seeds,
protect habitat, decrease our carbon footprint,
and relish in the delights of your harvest.**

You have given us relationships.

**Help us to invest in these gifts
and discover how they offer us new dimensions to our souls.**

You have given us community.

**Help us to invest in this gift
and open the doors wide to any need in our community
of a safe harbor, and the nourishment of welcome.**

You have given us your Holy Spirit.

**Help us to invest in this gift
and be a people of justice, peace, and renewal.**

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

Let us pray:

We thank you, Great God, for all the gifts of our lives. May we invest in them wisely and joyfully. Help us to honor and cherish everyone. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Lead, Kindly Light — Howard Goodall

From “Eternal Light: A Requiem”

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead Thou me on!
The night is dark, and I am far from home: lead Thou me on!
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see the distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou shouldst lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path, but now lead Thou me on!
I loved the garish day, and spite of fears, pride ruled my will: remember not past years,
remember not past years.

So long thy pow'r hath blest me, sure it still will lead me on
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone;
And with the morn those angel faces smile which I have loved long since, and lost awhile,
loved since and lost awhile.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“ Whatever You Do, Don't Be Afraid ”

†Hymn

Congregation

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, and the fourth staff the fourth line. The lyrics are: 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here be- low; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Je-sus Christ whose pow'r up-lifts! Praise the Spir-it, Ho-ly Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!'.

Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be-

low; Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God, the source of all our

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Spir-it! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Profound welcome and prophetic witness...

Tex Quesada

...A testimony of stewardship

Offertory Prayer

Sheryl Gambill

Eternal God, we draw life in your presence. You have created and sustained us to meet the challenges we face each day. May the gifts and offerings we bring before you reflect the light of Christ that shines in our lives, a light that can heal the world. In our living and in our giving, help us act in concert with your ways, that the world might see in us the power of your Spirit. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Aria on a Chaconne — Joel Martinson

*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

Finale Jubilante — Healey Willan

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The flowers are given today by Garey Wisdom and Brad Carter
in celebration of 40 years together.

Register Your Attendance

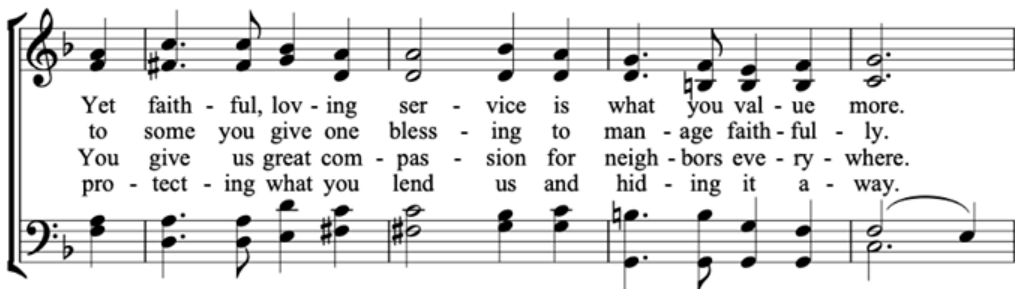
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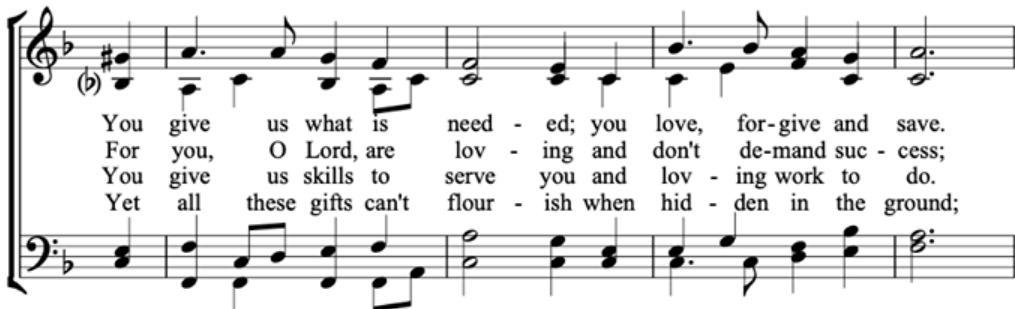
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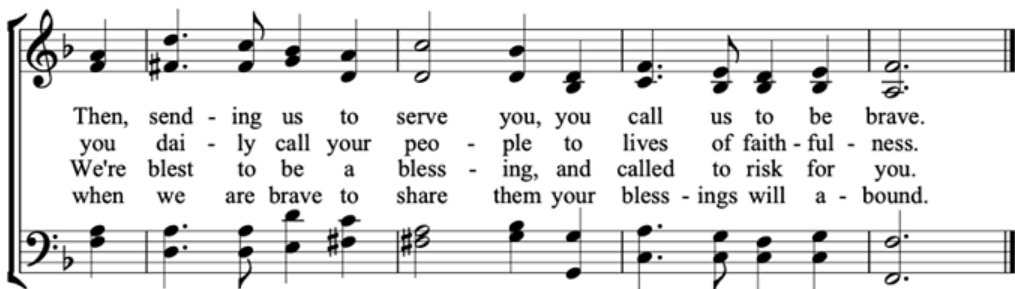
1. O God, we yearn for safe - ty; we long to be se - cure.
2. You give to some ten tal - ents, to oth - ers, two or three;
3. You give your church the gos - pel, Good News for us to share.
4. O God, it seems much saf - er to live from day to day,



Yet faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice is what you val - ue more.
to some you give one bless - ing to man - age faith - ful - ly.
You give us great com - pas - sion for neigh - bors eve - ry - where.
pro - tect - ing what you lend us and hid - ing it a - way.



You give us what is need - ed; you love, for-give and save.
For you, O Lord, are lov - ing and don't de-mand suc - cess;
You give us skills to serve you and lov - ing work to do.
Yet all these gifts can't flour - ish when hid - den in the ground;



Then, send - ing us to serve you, you call us to be brave.
you dai - ly call your peo - ple to lives of faith - ful - ness.
We're blest to be a bless - ing, and called to risk for you.
when we are brave to share them your bless - ings will a - bound.

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November 5, All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 5, 2023, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since October 26 of 2022. If you have a family member or loved one you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Tuesday, October 31 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member or loved one.



You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to bmerry@royallane.org or ddoom@royallane.org in the church office.

Study for Wednesday Evening
Community Conversation on Stewardship
with Pastor Victoria

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12

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.

Coffee with the Pastor
Wednesday, November 8, 2023, 9:00 am

Abundant Lifers!

Come have a cup of coffee and some casual time with each other and Pastor Victoria. No speeches, no plans, just time together. Feel free to bring any questions you might have for our pastor.

Offer a ride to someone who needs it or contact Karen Miller or Karen Simmons for information or assistance.

Schedule for the Week

Pumpkin Patch Sale Hours

Sunday: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

Monday – Tuesday: 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sunday October 29 – Reformation Sunday

4:00 pm Fall Festival (4:00 - 6:00 pm)

Wednesday November 1

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

5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Italian Pot Roast, Polenta, Arugula and Artichoke Salad, Dessert

6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Study — Vickrey Hall & Zoom

Community Conversation on Stewardship with Pastor Victoria

6:00 pm Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room

6:15 pm Children's Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202

6:30 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary

Friday - Sunday

Youth Retreat — Sister Grove Farm

Saturday November 4

9:00 am Deacon Retreat — Vickrey Hall

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday November 5 – All Saints Sunday

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 Third Grade

Young Theologians — Christian Education Building, Room 202

Children Fourth and Fifth Grade

12:15 pm First Sunday Lunch for Children, Youth, & Families

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

Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 5
Spring Forward!

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 – Karen Miller

When WE Give: we can support community ministries!

September 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 578,696
Expenses	\$ 617,402
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(38,705)

*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.

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