



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MARCH 17, 2024

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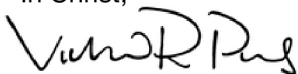
Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

Rather than escaping the world, we gather at Royal Lane with the hopes of transforming the world. We believe the heart of the gospel is to share, in word and deed, the life-giving, liberating, and loving word of God. Therefore, we commit ourselves to a proclamation of the Christian faith that is responsible, socially concerned, and relevant to our needs as a caring and inclusive fellowship.

The Church is an imperfect institution, and Royal Lane is no exception. We do not presume to be a perfect place, but we do commit ourselves to the practice of faith and grace. If you're joining us this morning, our hope is that you'll sense God's love in our fellowship and that you'll come to know more deeply your own belovedness as a child of God. No matter who you are, you are welcome here. There are no prerequisites to your worthiness. We are all God's children, and it's a gift when we come together.

If you'd like to learn more about our church or how to become a member, please see the "New Here" card in the pew back in front of you. Thank you for being here!

In Christ,



Rev. Victoria Robb Powers


MARCH 17, 2024

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT



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

“We must learn to be quiet, to settle down in one spot for a spell. Sometime during each day, everything should stop and the art of being still must be practiced. For some temperaments, it will not be easy because the entire nervous system and body have been geared over the years to activity, to overt and tense functions. Nevertheless, the art of being still must be practiced until development and habit are sure.”

—Howard Thurman

Voluntary

Allegro from Concerto Grosso in C minor
G. F. Handel

David Weigle

Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Come to our loving God, whose love can dispel all our worries and fears.

Even though we trust God, we still face the future, afraid of the storms life brings.

Commit yourself completely to the care of our loving God.

Only then will your faith be greater than your fears.

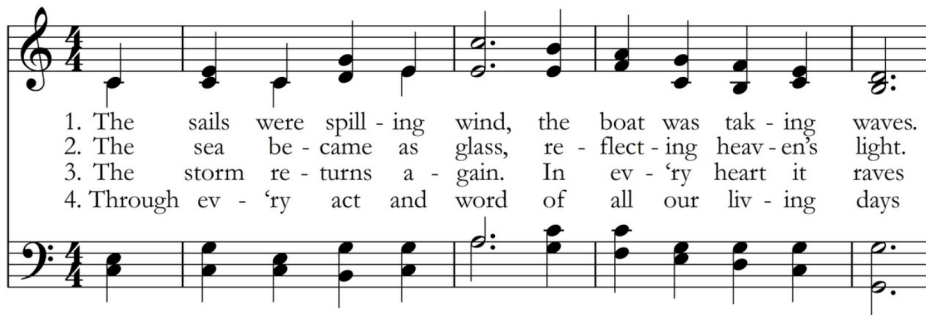
Come into our hearts, O God. Abide with us and turn our fears into fearlessness.

Let us pray:


Keeper of our lives, you know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts. You call your people to faithful living. Through the storms of life that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter, teach us to turn to you for all we need, so that we may come to know your presence even in the midst of the trials that surround us. Amen.

The Sails Were Spilling Wind

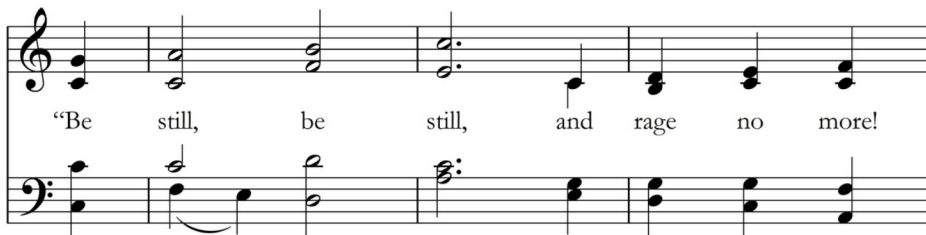
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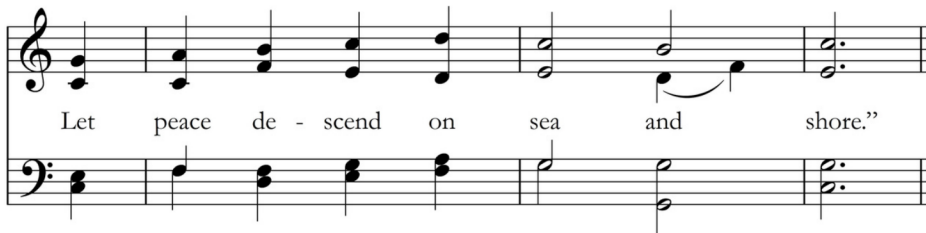
1. The sails were spill - ing wind, the boat was tak - ing waves.
 2. The sea be - came as glass, re - flect - ing heav - en's light.
 3. The storm re - turns a - gain. In ev - 'ry heart it raves
 4. Through ev - 'ry act and word of all our liv - ing days



The mast be - gan to bend. Then called the Lord who saves:
 The storm com - plete - ly passed when Je - sus said that night:
 Un - til we hear a - gain the Lord who told the waves:
 May Christ's own voice be heard un - til the world o - beys:



"Be still, be still, and rage no more!



Let peace de - scend on sea and shore."

Words of Welcome

Rev. Harry Wooten

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

If you are a guest with us this morning, we invite you to register your attendance by filling out a "New Here" card which can be found in the pew racks. You may also register online at royallane.org/register or with the QR code.



Scripture Lesson

Sharon Larkin

Mark 4:35-41

[Pew Bible page 816 of the New Testament]

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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.

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

Hymn 57

Be Still My Soul FINLANDIA

Congregation

Lenten Confessions

Congregation &

Cheryl Robinson, Racial Justice Team

Lord, hear our confession:

When storms come, and we are tossed in the figurative waves of our lives,
we seek refuge everywhere, but don't remember that peace comes from you.

Deep is the hunger for peace.

The storm is raging, and still we add to the noise
by seeking distractions and denying the danger,
proudly acting as if we were above it all.

Deep is the hunger for peace.

Forgive us, for we seek peace where it cannot be found,
and fail to hear your voice saying, "Peace, be still."

Forgive us, and satisfy our hunger.

Hymn 677

When We are Tested SLANE

Congregation

Prayers of the People

Tex Quesada & Congregation

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work especially Amanda Tyler and Christians against Christian Nationalism.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith.

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

We now share silence together.

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

Or consider silently praying the Prayer of Loving-Kindness:

May all sentient beings be safe.

May all sentient beings be peaceful.

May all sentient beings live with ease.)

Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Make Our Church One Joyful Choir

Jonathan Crutchfield

Make our church one joyful choir on this glad and festive day
and by song invoke the fire that invites our hearts to pray:
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Bend us low by song and prayer, low enough to lift the cross
and to take the weight and bear love's uncounted final cost.
Shape us, Christ to live and claim all it means to bear your name.

Lift us up by song and prayer till the way we deal with loss
and words of care trace the pattern of your cross:
Shape us, Christ, Shape us Christ to bear your name.

Bend us, lift us, make us strong, send us out with wind and fire,
so the world may hear the song that we offer as your choir:
Shape us, Christ, to live and claim all it means to bear your name. Amen.

—Text: Thomas H. Troeger

Sermon

Rev. Laurie Anderson

“Deep Is the Hunger for Peace”

Deep the Hunger

Ken Medema

(Sing on direction)



Deep the hun - ger in the hu-man heart, deep the thirst - ing in the soul.

Deep the long - ing for a fel-low-ship, here to feast and be made whole. Deep the

well-spring of a - ma-zing grace, here where health and hope can grow. Deep the heal-ing

for the hun-gry heart, deep the love we seek to know, love that will not let us go.

Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

Deanna Green

God's boundless generosity transcends the limits of this world and nudges us to fill our land with blessing. Through our energy, time, talents, and treasures, we usher God's peace into a world filled with storms and obstacles.

Hear now this prayer.

Thank you, O God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. We are hearing the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: "Peace! Be still!" With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Offertory

18th Variation from Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini

Sergei Rachmaninoff

*We are accepting gifts for North Dallas
Shared ministries throughout Lent to
support The Gathering.*

David Weigle

*We invite you to use
this time to give to
Royal Lane's Ministry.*



Benediction

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Organ Dismissal

Wondrous Love
arranged by Dale Wood

David Weigle



ROYAL LANE *GUEST PREACHER*

Rev. Laurie Anderson

Rev. Laurie Anderson currently serves as Senior Minister at Midway Hills Christian Church, Dallas, Texas. She holds a Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology and her Bachelor of Science in Journalism, Mass Communications from Kansas State. She was previously the Minister of Church Life at Rolling Hills Church in Overland Park, Kansas. She has also been Minister at First Christian Church in Girard, Kansas, an Associate Pastor in Raymore, Missouri and was an Interfaith Associate at Presbyterian Mission

Agency in Louisville, Kentucky. In addition to her role at Midway Hills, she serves as the Executive Director/Founder of Immigrant Justice Advocacy Movement.

Laurie's personal journey and passion for impacting missional justice issues started more than 27 years ago on her first mission trip to the Yucatan Peninsula where relationships with the people of the Yucatan pulled at her heart and mind. Since that time she has led 17 adult mission groups to challenge others to step out of their comfort zone and seek God. The motivation for her work is not only the beloved community, but because of her own young adult children, Ben and Bonnie.



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Ramada Dinner & Discussion

Sunday, March 24, 6:15 pm, Vickrey Hall

Join us as we celebrate Ramadan with members from the Dialogue Institute.



Holy Week

March 24-31

Palm/Passion Sunday Service, Good Friday Service, Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt, Flowering of the Cross, Easter Breakfast, Easter Sunday Service



Women's Spring Retreat

Saturday, April 20 - Sister Grove Farm

Registrations for the retreat may be made through the church office, 214-361-2809, with a deadline of April 17, 2024. Registration may be paid by check or online. Point to QR Code, select fund: WOC 2024 Retreat



VBS/Music Camp

June 24-28

VBS / 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Pre-K - Completed Grade 5

Music Camp / 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Age 5 - Completed Grade 5

Register at: <https://bit.ly/433s4Yk>

*Lunch in between for those staying all day.



See Upcoming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Sunday, March 17 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

12:00 pm: Easter Basket Project & Lunch — Vickrey Hall

12:30 pm: Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary (Lunch, 12:00 pm in Vickrey Hall)

Wednesday, March 20

3:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)

5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Chicken Spaghetti, Peas, Salad, Dessert

6:00 pm: Midweek Study — Vickrey Hall

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

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Thursday, March 21

11:30 am: Lenten Book Study with Jonathan Greer — Library

"Deep Is the Hunger" by Howard Thurman

Saturday, March 23

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, March 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday

9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Children's Sunday School Classes — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Youth Sunday School Class — Youth Portable

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

6:15 pm: Ramadan Dinner & Discussion — Vickrey Hall

HOW TO *CONNECT*

Event Details

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events —
royallane.org/resources/event

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 & Leslie Cechan

*REQUEST
PRAYER*



GIVING AT ROYAL LANE

When WE Give: we can use our gifts and talents to help those in need. 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.

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WORSHIP *NOTES*

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Deep the Hunger

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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.



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