



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

MARCH 31, 2024

HE IS RISEN!

WELCOME TO EASTER AT ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH



Happy Easter and thank you for choosing to celebrate the joy of the resurrection at Royal Lane Baptist Church. We are so glad that you are here. We know there are many options when it comes to celebrating Easter, and we are thankful you chose to celebrate it with us.

Easter is the center of our faith, the defining moment for the Christian tradition. But whether you believe the resurrection to be true or not, you are welcome here. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, whether you've just begun, you're taking a break, or you're marching right along, we want to journey with you. Please consider filling out a "New Here" card, so we can connect with you.

We believe that the good news of the resurrection is that the worst things are never the last things. No matter how dark your night gets, there is always the promise of dawn. No matter how great your despair, there is always hope. And nothing in life or death can separate any of us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Welcome to Easter at Royal Lane.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

MARCH 31, 2024

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**



EASTER SUNDAY

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*

Prelude

Classic Brass

My Spirit be Joyful

J. S. Bach

transcribed by Henry Herforth

Chiming of the Hour

Early on the first day of the week, the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ's disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

Voluntary

Classic Brass & David Weigle

Flourishes

Carlyle Sharpe

☩ Call to Worship & Invocation

Congregation

Beloved church, behold the victory of our God:
Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Sin and death shall reign no more.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Let this place resound with joy.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

Let us pray:

God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross your Son embraced the power of death and broke its hold over your people. In this time of repentance, draw all people to yourself, that we may confess Jesus as Lord, may put aside the deeds of death, and accept the life of your kin-dom. Amen.

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN



1. Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, — al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, — al - le - lu - ia!
 3. But the pains which He en - dured, — al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Sing we to our God a - bove, — al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, — al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, — al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; — al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; — al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once, up - on the cross, al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's King, al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer — to re - deem our loss, — al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save, — al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the — an - gels ev - er sing; — al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. — al - le - lu - ia!

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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

Kate Thompson

Mark 16:1-8

[Pew Bible page 829 of the New Testament]

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

*At this time we welcome all children to meet with Beth Johnson,
Minister to Children, Youth, and Families, at the front of the sanctuary.
Following Time for Young Disciples, children will return to their seats.
There will be no Godly Play today.*

Rejoice This Easter Day

DARWALL'S 148TH



1. Re - joi - ce this Eas - ter day! Christ con - quered sin and death!
 2. God's pow - er can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 3. Re - joi - ce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and praise God with your ev - 'ry breath.
 The keys of death and hell are to our Sav - ior giv'n;
 To glo - ri - fy the saints for their e - ter - nal home:



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Easter Confession

Charlotte Sewell & Congregation

Lord, hear our confession:

Sometimes when you need us to emerge we stay in the dark.

We believe that because a stone once blocked our way,
 we are still confined.

Deep is the hunger for resurrection.

Of course, we want to rise.

But we're disappointed that the earthly kingdom of dominance
 over others never came.

Deep is the hunger for resurrection.

Forgive us, for Easter's resurrection is here,

but we are tempted to remain in the tomb of our sin.

Easter in us — that we may arise to live, to serve, to praise.

Forgive us, and Easter in each of us.

Response

Choir & Congregation

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.

Prayers of the People

Matt Powers & Congregation

Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need. Your gift of grace is for all people. Give confident faith to all the baptized, that they may follow you wholeheartedly. Give new believers joy in your promises; give hope and courage to those who suffer for their faith.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

All the ends of the earth worship you. From galaxies to micro-organisms, preserve your creation. Teach humanity to wonder at your works and to join you in tending to creation's well-being.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

You rule over the nations. Raise up advocates for peace and justice within and between nations. Give life where hope seems dead; call into existence new realities we cannot even imagine.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

(continued)

In Jesus you joined humanity in suffering and death. Reveal to all the depth of your love shown on the cross. Accompany all who suffer in body, mind, and spirit. Restore all who are sick or grieving. Bring vindication for victims of injustice, exploitation, and oppression.

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.)

REQUEST
PRAYER



Let us pray:

We await the day of Christ’s coming in glory. Lead us by the example of all the saints whom you have called to take up their cross and follow you, that together we may find our lives in you. We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

“Hallelujah” from MESSIAH

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of this world

is become the Kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ.

He shall reign forever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“Ahead of Us”

Moment of Silence

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; ri - sen now to
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of hea - ven, be on earth our



reign in love. Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Sa - vior; with the
 sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is near us, faith be -
 food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to



mul - ti - tudes a - bove. There the songs of saints and mar - tyr
 lies, nor ques - tions how. Tho' the cloud from sight re - ceived Him
 You from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners,



thun - der like a might - y flood, "Je - sus out of
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -
 earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, where the songs of



ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 get the pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the cry - stal sea.

Offertory Prayer

Betty Garrett

On this day of celebration, we bring not only our offerings but also our lives. We dedicate ourselves anew today to be the love that rises after death. We dedicate our hearts to continuing to break and continuing to respond to a broken world with compassion and hope. We dedicate our very souls to fulfilling your resurrection in the world. Bless all these offerings we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Quintet
Michael Kamen

Classic Brass

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



Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Postlude

Escape
Kevin McKee

Classic Brass

Classic Brass

Mark Schubert, Trumpet
Glenn Hummel, Trumpet
Gerry Wood, Horn

James McNair, Trombone
Sujit Gurrupu, Tuba
Daniel Cline - Timpani



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Tuesday Communion & Contemplation

Tuesday, April 2, 9:30 am, Sanctuary

A weekly time of communion and contemplation will be offered on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary beginning Tuesday, April 2.



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



RLBC Mission Trip Reservation

Mission Trip - May 20-26

Reservations must be made by April 1 by contacting the church office, 214-361-2809. If you are unable to go and want to support the trip, donate money and note "Mission Trip" in the memo Line. Cost of trip, \$300, is due May 1 to cover meals and housing.



VBS & Music/Arts Camp

June 24-28, 2024

VBS / 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Pre-K - Completed Grade 5

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

Age 5 - Completed Grade 5

Register at: <https://bit.ly/49DRmPf>

*Lunch in between for those staying all day.



See Upcoming Events on our website for more information.

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ROYAL LANE *EASTER FLOWERS*

***Easter flowers have been given
in memory of:***

Dan Bohannon
Judy Mullinax
by Shirley Bohannon

Linnie & Marion Carpenter
Evelyn Baker Meredith
by Rick & Kay Carpenter

Mammaw
by Madge Cruse

Lynn Darden
by Margaret Darden

My Brother: Judge Fred Edwards
Our Father: J. C. Edwards
Dear Friends: Shelley Webster Weisinger
and Lea Ann Webster Moore
by Elwanda Edwards

Nell & Ed Thomas
I.E. (Gene) Garrett
by Betty Garrett

Gerry Gunnin
by Barbara Gunnin

Olan & Pharis Hanes
by Angela Hanes

Anna Marie & Bruce Lowe
by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Calvin James
Alvie & Pauline Cook
Wendell & Opal James
by Shirley James

Marie Smith Coble & Warren Lee Coble
by Cynthia Kupres

Donna & Billy Wood
Doug Martin
by Donna Wood-Martin & Scott Martin

Donald E. Meier
by Patsy Meier

Judith Ann Mullinax
Brother: Donald Richard Mullinax
by Jack Mullinax

Maxine & George Quesada
Charlie Jaynes
Judy Mullinax
by Tex & Jan Quesada

Jim Sewell
Ruth Logan
Bill Logan
by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

Mary & Mark Walker and Roy Luckett
by James & Melissa Walker-Luckett

***Easter Flowers have been given
in honor of:***

Holly, Clay, Faith, Shelby, Blake & Hope
by Shirley Bohannan

Anna Lou & Glenn Brown
by Cheryl Brown

Our Mother: Bobbie Joyce Edwards
by Elwanda Edwards

Granddaughter: Summer
by Mike Jones

Granddaughters: Jillian, Bethany, & Mallory
by Bruce Luedke

Jackie Martin
by Donna Wood-Martin & Scott Martin

Kurt & Amy Meachum, Allie, Kendall,
and Ben
Aubrey Connatser, Mary Katherine,
and Mac

Royal Lane Ministers and Staff
Ruth Seib
by Bettie Meachum

Susie Jaynes
Bryan Chastain
by Tex & Jan Quesada

Anne Sewell
Sue Watson
Bob Watson
Donna Sewell
Grace Watson
Emma Watson
Sadie Watson
by Charlotte Sewell & Brian Watson

My Daughter: Corrie Stokes & her family
My Son: Jonathan Stokes & his family
by Cookie Stokes

Cookie Stokes
by Hazel & Wilke Stokes

James C. Walker
The Seymours
The Stewarts
Zadie Lockett
by James & Melissa Walker-Lockett

Carol Tabor
by Cathy Webb

Scott Bryant
by Kristie & Jordan Weilage

Brittany & Nathan Jones
Barrett, Jacquie, Harper, Turner,
and Harrison Wooten
Blair Wooten & Morris "Mo" House III
by Harry & Debi Wooten

WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Tuesday, April 2

9:30 am: Communion and Contemplation — Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 3

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

5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Garlic Butter Shrimp & Corn, Salad, Dessert

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

Sermon Encounter with Jonathan Greer

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

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering— Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

Saturday, April 6

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, April 7 – Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 am: Program Council — Vickrey Hall

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

11:00 am: Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Third Grade

12:00 pm: First Sunday Lunch for Children & Families,

Dallas Kosher Cook Off - Tiferet Israel

8:00 pm: Education Division — Zoom

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.



WORSHIP *NOTES*

Confessions

Written for Royal Lane Baptist Church by Dr. Terre Johnson

Hymn Notes

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

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Deep the Hunger

Text & Music: Ken Medema

For Lent 2024 at Royal Lane Baptist Church

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.

ONLINE
GIVING



February 2024 Financials

YTD Actual

Revenues*	\$ 220,410
Expenses	\$ 184,184
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 36,227

**Includes annual pledges paid in full.*

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.

*REQUEST
PRAYER*



Deacons on Call

Rodney Macias & Charlotte Sewell



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