



# ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



*WELCOME TO WORSHIP*

APRIL 14, 2024

# WELCOME

## TO ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victoria Robb Powers".

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

APRIL 14, 2024

# THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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

Living into the resurrection is not about learning more rules and regulations intended to limit us. It is not about imposing limits on others to make them “better people.” It is about learning to live in the miracles that surround us with gratitude, wonder, surprise, and joy.

## Voluntary

*David Weigle*

Gwalshmai (Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise)

Richard Purvis

## ☩ Call to Worship & Invocation

*Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation*

God has set apart those who are faithful.  
Our Creator will hear us when we call.

**God puts gladness in our hearts and minds.**

**We will lie down in safety and sleep in peace.**

Beloved, we are God’s children now.

What we will be has not yet been revealed.

**We are here to remember Jesus Christ.**

**We want to be like the One who lived by love.**

Our faith strengthens us for each day’s living.

God empowers our ministries of caring.

**We trust God and look forward**

**to what God will reveal to us.**

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Let us pray:

**God of our ancestors, author of life, source of Easter good news, we are drawn together again by the mystery of life and death. We call on you, so far beyond our knowing, with a mixture of faith and doubt. Let your face shine on us as we put our trust in you. Draw together the fragments of our busy lives around the central core of love which you provide, that we might relate to one another as whole people. Grant us a fuller sense of what is right and good, and help us to live at our best. Amen.**

 **Hymn #217**

*Congregation*

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

**HYMN TO JOY**

**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](http://royallane.org/register) or with the QR code.*



**Scripture Lesson**

*Sheryl Gambill*

**Psalm 4**

*[Page 425 of the Hebrew Bible]*

Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him.

When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

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.*

## Hymn #437

*Congregation*

### How Wide the Love of Christ

FESTAL SONG

## Call to Confession

*Cynthia Kupres & Congregation*

Turn to God. If your heart is heavy, invite Christ to lighten the load. If your hearts are hardened, invite the Spirit to soften and change you. Truly, we all need to receive God's grace and to heed Christ's call.

## The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Answer us, O God, as we turn to you for mercy and strength. Listen to the yearnings of our hearts and the regrets of our lives. Comfort us in our distress and pour your grace into our lives. Redeem us with your love, that we might rise with Christ, newborn and vibrantly alive. Grant us the confidence to witness to your life-giving love. Amen.**

*We now share silence together.*

## Promise of Forgiveness

God fills our hearts with joy and covers our lives with grace.

Rest in this truth and be at peace.

All is well

**and all will be well.**

**Thanks be to God!**

## Hymn #41

*Congregation*

# There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

WELLESLEY

## Prayers of the People

*Karen Simmons & Congregation*

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety.

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people.

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

O God, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty.

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.)*

Let us pray:

**Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*Choir & Congregation*

**Draw the Circle Wide**

**Mark Miller**

*(Sing on Direction)*

Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide, Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by side. — Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the second line. The melody is simple and rhythmic, with lyrics written below the notes.

**Sermon**

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

**“Finding Space in Narrow Places”**

**Moment of Reflection**

**Response**

*Congregation*

**Where True Charity and Love Abide**

**UBI CARITAS ET AMOR**

U - bi ca - ri - tas — et a - mor, —  
*Where true char - i - ty — and love a - bide, —*

u - bi ca - ri - tas — De - us i - bi est.  
*God is dwell - ing there; — God is dwell - ing there.*

The image shows two systems of musical notation in B-flat major (two flats) and 2/4 time. The first system includes a treble and bass staff with lyrics. The second system also includes a treble and bass staff with lyrics. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it in the second system.

## Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

*Joey Belgard*

As we have been loved, we are invited to love. As God has given generously to us, we are invited to give generously to God and to God's church. May our hearts brim with love and generosity for all as we enter this time of offering.

Hear now this prayer.

Generous God of love and grace, bless these gifts with your abundant love and your life-giving grace. Bless us as we bear witness to your love and grace in all that we say, all that we give, and all that we do. Amen.

## Offertory

At Easter-tide

Charles Villiers Stanford

*David Weigle*

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



## Benediction

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

## Organ Dismissal

*David Weigle*

The Blessed Christ is Risen Today

J. S. Bach





# ROYAL LANE *GUEST PREACHER*

Sunday, April 21

## Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush

The Rev. Paul Brandeis Raushenbush is president and CEO of Interfaith Alliance. An ordained Baptist minister, Rev. Raushenbush is a longtime leader in the interfaith movement working to protect an inclusive vision of religious freedom for people of all faiths and none. As the great-grandson of the first Jewish Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis and great-grandson of Baptist theologian Walter Rauschenbusch, a key figure in the Social Gospel movement, Rev. Raushenbush's commitment to interfaith advocacy comes in part from his own interfaith background.



Prior to coming to Interfaith Alliance, Rev. Raushenbush served as senior vice president of the Auburn Seminary, the founding and executive editor of HuffPost Religion, associate dean of religious life and the chapel at Princeton University, and a founding editor of Beliefnet.com. Most recently, he was the senior advisor for public affairs and innovation at Interfaith America.

In addition to his work as president, Rev. Raushenbush also serves as host of State of Belief Radio, Interfaith Alliance's weekly radio show and podcast. Rev. Raushenbush previously hosted Huffington Post's podcast "All Together" where he interviewed a diverse array of guests working at the intersection of religion and politics, including President Jimmy Carter, Patti Smith, RuPaul, Bishop T.D. Jakes, and Rabbi Jonathan Sacks.

Rev. Raushenbush has spoken about religious diversity and the importance of inclusive religious liberty at colleges, churches and institutes around the country including The Chautauqua Institute, the Center for American Progress, the New America Foundation and the Aspen Institute. He is regularly invited to offer commentary on issues of religion and civil rights in national outlets including CNN, CBS, ABC, MSNBC, NPR, New York Times, Washington Post, Al Jazeera, BBC, The Hill, Vice, and Religion News Service. He has published two books and contributed essays to several volumes on faith in public life.

# ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*

## **Blood Drive**

### **Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Vickrey Hall  
6707 Royal Lane  
Dallas, TX 75230

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## **Blood Drive**

*April 16, 9:00am - 3:00pm, Vickrey Hall*

Make Your Appointment today!



## **Women's Retreat**

*April 20, 8:30am - 4:00pm, Sister Grove Farm*

*It's not too late to register for Royal Lane's Women's Retreat. Hear from Meredith Stone, Director of Baptist Women in Ministry.*

*Registration open through April 17.*

*Invite a friend, and register by calling the church at 214-361-2809. Pay online >>*



## **VBS & Music/Arts 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/49DRmPf>



## **Artist Reception**

*May 11, 4:00 - 6:00pm*

Please join us for an Artist's Reception, Mother's Day Weekend, in the Box Gallery. Meet artist, Terri Muldoon.

*See Coming Events on our website for more information.*

**ROYALLANE.ORG**

# WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



## **Tuesday, April 16**

9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Sanctuary

## **Wednesday, April 17**

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

5:30 pm: Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: Chicken Piccata over Pasta, Asparagus, Salad, Dessert

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

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

6:30 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

## **Saturday, April 20**

8:30 am: Women's Spring Retreat — Sister Grove Farm (8:30 am - 4:00 pm)

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

## **Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

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

12:15 pm: Social Justice Team — Education Building, Room 212

# LOOKING TO *GRADUATION*

## To Families with Graduates!

Graduates will be recognized on May 19, 2024. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring—high school, college, post-graduate degree or other. We would like a picture and brief bio for each student by Thursday, May 9, for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Recognition Sunday, and an issue of the Mosaic.



## **Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship**

A flyer is available in the narthex and the church office to give you an opportunity to contribute to the Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee is grateful for your contributions and support of this fund that benefits recipients of this scholarship each year.

### **Donations may be made:**

- Online at [royallane.org/give](https://royallane.org/give), “The Lowe Scholarship Fund”
- Contact the church office at 214-361-2809
- By check with “Scholarship Fund” in the memo line

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# HOW TO *CONNECT*

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## **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](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer). Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

## **Deacons on Call**

Joey Belgard & Sheryl Gambill

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*REQUEST  
PRAYER*



# *GIVING* AT ROYAL LANE

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**When WE Give: we can reach out in support of global needs.** 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](http://royallane.org/give).

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# WORSHIP *NOTES*



## Hymn Notes

### **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

Text: William C. Dix

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven

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### **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

Text: Frederick W. Faber

Music: Lizzie S. Tourjee

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### **How Wide the Love of Christ**

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### **Where True Charity and Love Abide**

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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](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx).



# QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

AT ROYAL LANE

## Quarterly Church Conference

Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 pm — Vickrey Hall



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### ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship  
Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families  
Barbara Merry, Ministries Assistant  
David Doom, Ministries Assistant

David Weigle, Organist  
Ellen Miers, Housekeeping  
Ben Chamero, Livestream Technician  
Brandon Green, Audio Technician  
Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician



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