



# ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



*WELCOME TO WORSHIP*

MARCH 2, 2025

# 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, appearing to read "Victoria Robb Powers".

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

MARCH 2, 2025

# THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

## TRANSFIGURATION 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*

### Chiming of the Hour

Transfiguration Sunday reminds us that things are not always as they seem. Whether God's grace shines into our lives through ordinary events or vibrant epiphanies, God's presence offers us a glimpse of the resurrection promise. The light that shone over the humble Judean town of Bethlehem now shines in Jesus' transfiguration. Here we stand at the halfway point between Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan and his resurrection. What was spoken to Jesus at the river is now proclaimed on the mountaintop. "This is my Son, the Chosen; listen to him."

### Voluntary

*David Weigle*

Processional  
by William Mathias

### ☦ Call to Worship & Invocation

*Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation*

Mighty Ruler,

**Most High,**

Lover of Justice,

**Mystery Hidden in Cloud,**

Great King,

**Forgiving God,**

Enthroned One,

**Mountain Dweller;**

You are exalted over all people.

**We praise your great and awesome name.**

We worship at your holy mountain.

**For you, O God, are holy!**

Let us pray:

**Holy God, bring us to your mountaintop. We come to talk with you today. We come to listen to what you have to say. We come to sense your glory—a glory that can transform our lives. May Jesus, your Son and your chosen one, and may the Spirit of freedom and glory, shine upon us and cause us to shine like the sun. Amen.**

## Hymn 345

*Congregation*

### When Morning Gilds the Skies

LAUDES DOMINI

## 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

*Patsy Meier*

### Exodus 34:29-35

*[Pages 71-72 of the pew Bible]*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with 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

Rev. Beth Johnson

Children 3-years of age through 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

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



Hymn

Congregation

### Farewell to Alleluia

setting by Robert Buckley Farlee

(sing upon direction)

See Worship Notes: About "Farewell to Alleluia"

**Antiphon:**  
(Choir alone)

Alleluia, alleluia. Enclose and seal up the word,  
alleluia, alleluia. Let it remain in the secret of your heart,  
alleluia, alleluia, until the appointed time.  
You shall say it with great joy when that day comes.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Hymn:**



|               |                       |                      |                      |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Choir         | 1. Al - le - lu - ia, | song of glad - ness, | Voice of joy that    |
| Choir & Cong. | 2. Al - le - lu - ia  | thou re-sound - est, | True Je - ru - sa -  |
| Choir & Cong. | 3. Al - le - lu - ia  | can - not al - ways  | Be our song while    |
| Choir & Cong. | 4. There-fore in our  | hymns we pray thee   | Grant us, bless - ed |



|                |                     |                          |
|----------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| can - not die; | Al - le - lu - ia   | is the an - them         |
| lem and free;  | Al - le - lu - ia,  | joy - ful moth - er,     |
| here be - low; | "Al - le - lu - ia" | our trans - gres - sions |
| Trin - i - ty, | At the last to      | keep thine Eas - ter     |



|                      |                  |                     |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Ev - er dear to      | choirs on high;  | In the house of     |
| All thy chil - dren  | sing with thee;  | But by Ba - by -    |
| Make us for a        | while fore - go; | For the so - lemn   |
| With thy faith - ful | saints on high;  | There to thee for - |



|                     |                       |                     |
|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| God a - bid - ing   | Thus they sing        | e - ter - nal - ly. |
| lon's sad wa - ters | Mourn - ing ex - iles | now are we.         |
| time is com - ing   | When our tears        | for sin must flow.  |
| ev - er sing - ing  | Al - le - lu - ia     | joy - ful - ly.     |

## Call to Confession

*Jill Wade & Congregation*

Because of such great mercy, God is ready to forgive all the ways we fail to live in faithfulness. Relying on that mercy, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

## The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

If we have believed that we have seen  
the only Christ and all of Christ:

**Forgive us and open our eyes,  
O God, who is beyond our seeing.**

When we believe that the word  
is only heard in truth in our own church:

**Forgive us and open our ears,  
O Spirit, who is beyond our knowing.**

If we have stopped looking for you  
in surprising places and unexpected people:

**Forgive us and open our hearts,  
O Christ, who is beyond our imagining. Amen.**

*We now silently confess our sins together.*

## Promise of Forgiveness

Our sovereign God answers our failings with forgiveness and renewal. We are all being transformed, day by day, from one degree of glory to another. Let us praise God's great and awesome name!

**Thanks be to God!**

# Hymn

*Congregation*

## Transform Us

PICARDY



1. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, stood a - part on
2. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, once spoke with those
3. Trans-form us as you, trans - fig - ured, would not stay with -



Ta - bor's height. Lead us up our sa - cred moun-tains,  
ho - ly\_\_\_ ones. We, sur-round - ed by the\_\_\_ wit - ness  
in a\_\_\_ shrine. Keep us from our great temp - ta - tion -



search us with re - veal - ing light. Lift us from where we have  
of those saints whose work is\_\_\_ done, Live in this world as your  
time and truth we quick - ly\_\_\_ bind. Lead us down those dai - ly



fall - en, full of ques - tions, filled with fright.  
Bo - dy, cho - sen daugh - ters, cho - sen\_\_\_ sons.  
path - ways where our love is not con - fined.

## Offertory Prayer

*Madge Cruse*

Hear now this prayer.

Jesus, Child of God, Chosen of God, you shone upon the mountain with your glory. You shone in many other ways, as you healed the sick and fed the hungry. You continue to shine today, every time we follow your loving example. Bless our gifts of every kind—our energy and talent, our treasure and mission. May your light shine through these gifts, that our world may be transformed by your power. Amen.

## Offertory Anthem

*Choir*

### Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

*dedicated to Barbara Merry*

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise; butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed, until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed, until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed, until its season, something God alone can see.

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



## Sermon

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

## Moment of Contemplation

## Communion

*All Believers, Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

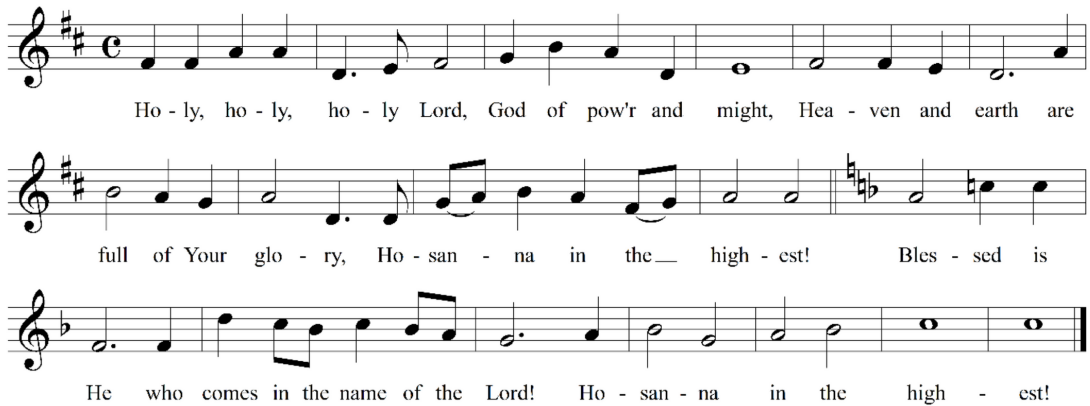
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

**We freely give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise  
With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,  
We glorify you, joining this unending song.



The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score consists of three lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line begins with a key signature change to B minor (two flats) and ends with a double bar line. The third line continues in B minor and ends with a final double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are  
full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is  
He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Words of Institution

**Response:** And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,  
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other,  
and one in ministry to all the world,  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake  
of communion and return via the outside aisles.  
The Communion elements are gluten free.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

The one who lifts the lowly and brings down the mighty offers us a peace that passes all understanding. Claim the promise of this peace as you share greetings in Christ's name. The peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**

## **Recognition of Barbara Merry**

## **Benediction**

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

## **Organ Dismissal**

*David Weigle*

### **Crown Imperial (excerpt)**

**by William Walton**

*At the close of the service, if you would like to receive prayer, several of our deacons will remain at the front of the sanctuary and would be glad to pray with you.*



**Barbara Louise McNutt Merry.** Graduating from William Woods College (now William Woods University), Fulton, Missouri, in 1961 with an Associate in Fine Arts in Applied Organ, Barbara studied organ with Fred Adams. From there she went to Henderson State Teachers College (now Henderson State University), Arkadelphia, Arkansas, to study organ with Robert Ellis and graduated in 1963 with a Bachelor of Music in Applied Organ.

Following graduation, Barbara taught band and orchestra in the Amarillo Public Schools in 1963-64 and served as organist at Forest Hills United Methodist Church. In 1964, she moved with her husband to Dallas, Texas. Barbara and Jim have two daughters—Dianna Louise and Elizabeth Renee, five grandchildren, and two sons-in-law.



From 1964 to 1979, Barbara served as substitute organist, accompanist, handbell director, and children's choir director in churches in the Dallas metroplex and in Denison, Texas. It was during this period that she became actively associated with the Dallas Chapter of Choristers Guild.

From 1979, Barbara served Choristers Guild for nearly 30 years as administrator in various departments, including Shipping, Membership & Chapter Services, Accounts Receivable, Computer Systems, Website Maintenance, and Assistant to the Executive Director (Patty Evans). While at Choristers Guild, Barbara also served as organist at First Presbyterian Church in Garland, Texas, and later at Christ Community Church in Dallas, Texas.

She retired from Choristers Guild in 2008 and was awarded an Honorary Lifetime Membership. In February of 2009, Barbara took a part-time position as Administrator of the Church Music Institute, leaving time to devote to substitute organ work, handbell choirs, the Native Plant Society, and the North Texas PC Users Group.

Barbara has faithfully served Royal Lane Baptist Church as our Ministries Assistant for 14 years. She has managed our publications, calendaring, copyright declarations, and archives diligently over the years – in fact, if you mention anything you need, Barbara has a file for that! Her ability to jump in, learn, and master new programs was a gift to our ministry. Her constant presence in our office and her knowledge of information about the membership and people of Royal Lane will surely be missed.

We send her on into her next chapter with love and warm wishes.

# ROYAL LANE *ADVOCATES*



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On February 25, 17+ Royal Laners traveled to the Capitol to advocate for compassion and justice along with Fellowship Southwest. It was a proud moment for Royal Lane as we showed up in numbers to advocate for issues related to immigration, public education, racial justice, and hunger.

# COMMUNITY *ANNOUNCEMENTS*



## **Celebration of Life - Pam D. Keith**

On Thursday, March 13th at 10:00am, we will celebrate the life and legacy of Pam D. Keith. Her service will be held in the Sanctuary with an Inurnment immediately afterwards in the Columbarium. A reception will follow in Vickrey Hall. Please be in prayer for all that knew and loved Pam well, particularly her husband, Mike, and son, Phil.



## **New Caregivers Group**

We are pleased to announce a new Connect Group led by Trish Brim for those that are caring for others and/or want to support caregivers. It will be a place to share resources, tips, and provide confidential support for each other. The group will begin with an introductory session on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:00pm in the Library and agree on the best days/times to meet moving forwards. If you're interested in joining, please email Trish at [tgbrim@gmail.com](mailto:tgbrim@gmail.com) and please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions.



### **New Sunday School Class**

Immersing into Scripture is a different take on a "Bible Study." In this group, we'll learn and use spiritual practices done by ancient Church Mothers and Fathers to bring the church's weekly texts to life for today. We'll see scriptures from a new angle as we invite the Spirit into these times. This class will be led by Brad Eason - the first meeting will take place next Sunday, March 9th at 9:45am at Theresa Helms' home. Email Brad at [wbraddock@gmail.com](mailto:wbraddock@gmail.com) with any questions or to sign up!



### **Hope Supply Drive**

We are collecting donations! Through their network of social service agencies, Hope Supply delivers items to children in need in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Below is a list of needed supplies which can be dropped in the basket in the Royal Lane Narthex. You can also follow the QR code to access the Amazon wish list. Deadline for supplies is March 15, which we will assemble together on Saturday, March 22.

#### ***Items needed are:***

*Baby shampoo, large size*  
*Baby wash, large size*  
*Baby lotion, large size*  
*Baby brush or comb*  
*Baby wash cloths*  
*Diaper rash cream*



# ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



## Mardi Gras Fundraiser

*Sunday, March 2, 5:00pm, Vickrey Hall*

This evening we will raise money for our Children & Youth Ministries by celebrating with Mardi Gras Karaoke. Tickets are \$1, and the more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to sing...or block someone else from singing! Chef Julie Anne will be making a delicious breakfast for dinner. Join us from 5-7pm for this great event.



## Women's Night Out

*Thursday, March 27, Pastor Victoria's Home*

Come have dinner and fellowship with other women in the community at Pastor Victoria's. Get to know new members of the community and reconnect with those you already know!



## Lenten Meditation

*Wednesday, March 5, 12:00pm, Vickrey Hall  
(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)*

On Wednesday, our regular Lunch + Learn series will pause for the chance to participate in a Lenten Meditation focused on *Intention and Action*. The imposition of ashes will be offered by Rev. Victoria Robb Powers. Lunch will still be served.



## Women's Retreat

*Saturday, April 26, Sister Grove Farm*

Save the date for the Women of the Church's Spring Retreat! Sister Grove Farm will host the event on Saturday, with an option to spend the night on Friday, April 25. Stay tuned for more details.

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

**ROYALLANE.ORG**

# WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



## **Sunday, March 2**

- 12:15 pm: Missions Division Meeting — Christian Education Building, Room 212
- 5:00 pm: Mardi Gras Fundraiser — Vickrey Hall
- 8:00 pm: Education Division Meeting — Zoom

## **Tuesday, March 4**

- 9:30 am: Communion & Contemplation — Church Library

## **Wednesday, March 5**

- 12:00 pm: Lenten Meditation — Vickrey Hall & Zoom (Lunch line opens at 11:30 am)  
Menu: Broccoli Cheddar Soup, Salad, Bread, and Dessert  
Program: Lenten Meditation and Imposition of Ashes
- 1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (1:30 - 3:30 pm)
- 6:15 pm: Children's Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202
- 6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Harris Youth Cottage
- 7:00 pm: Ash Wednesday Service — Midway Hills Christian Church
- 7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

## **Saturday, March 8**

- 2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

## **Sunday, March 9**

- 9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building & Library
- 9:45 am: New Sunday School Class with Brad Eason — Theresa Helms' home
- 9:45 am: Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Harris Youth Cottage
- 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: *Special Church Conference for 2025 budget review — Sanctuary***
- 12:15 pm: Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall (open to all)

# WORSHIP *NOTES*



## Cover Art

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## Liturgy Notes

Confession of Sin: Dorothy McRae-McMahon, Prayers for Life's Particular Moments (London: SPCK, 2001)

## Hymn Notes

### When Morning Gilds the Skies

Words: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, 1828; tr. Edward Caswall (st. 1, 2, 4), 1854; tr. Robert Bridges (st. 3), 1899

Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868

### Farewell to Alleluia

Text: Antiphon: Ambrosian Rite, medieval Milan  
Hymn: 11th century Latin, tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: Setting Robert Buckley Farlee, Hymn tune: *Praise, My Soul*, John Goss, 1800-1880

Farewell to Alleluia (11-10064) Setting Robert Buckley Farlee

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### Hymn of Promise

Words: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

Music: Natalie Sleeth, 1986

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### Transform Us

Text: Sylvia Dunstan, 1955-1993, © 1993, GIA Publications, Inc.

Tune: PICARDY, 8 7 8 7 8 7; French Carol; harm. by Richard Proulx, b.1937, © 1986, GIA Publications, Inc.

## About “Farewell to Alleluia”

“Farewell to Alleluia” is a ceremony that may be used to dramatize the transition from the festive season of Epiphany into the penitential season of Lent and is most effective when paired with Transfiguration Sunday.

To provide even more impact, especially with children, a great deal may be made of hiding the Alleluia away for the Lenten season. “Alleluia” is our most joyful word, and because Lent is a time to be especially sad for our sins, we won’t use this happy word again until Easter. On Easter “Alleluia” will be uncovered and carried into worship accompanied by a hymn featuring an abundance of “Alleluias.”

The text of the antiphon used today in “Farewell to Alleluia” is translated from the Ambrosian Rite which developed in Milan in medieval times. The hymn text dates from the 11th century and was translated from the Latin by John Mason Neale. In our hymn today, it is paired with the tune PRAISE, MY SOUL (or LAUDA ANIMA) by 19th century English composer John Goss.

—Robert Buckley Farlee  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

# HOW TO *CONNECT*

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## Event Details

See the Weekly News & Journal 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 green prayer cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. You can also submit requests by filling out the prayer request form on the website at [royallane.org/prayer](http://royallane.org/prayer). Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

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*REQUEST*

*PRAYER*



## Deacons on Call

Patsy Meier and Blake Vickrey

# *GIVING* AT ROYAL LANE

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We encourage you to support the missions and ministries of our church. Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200 or scan the QR code. Follow the prompts to complete the process. Standard text message rates may apply. You can also donate online at [royallane.org/give](http://royallane.org/give).

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*ONLINE  
GIVING*



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