



# ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



*WELCOME TO WORSHIP*

JUNE 1, 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, reading "Victoria Robb Powers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" being the most prominent.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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# THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

ASCENSION 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

Ascension Day is a time to recognize God's dominion over all things. This Sunday, we highlight this regal Jesus, our humble king of kings. The worship this day should reflect the reign of the ascended Christ over all things. It should also draw us to a place where we recognize that our calling comes from the most high – we must search for the hope to which God has called us.

Wait to be clothed with power from on high. The one who ascended will come to us again, bringing new life and new hope.

## Voluntary

Toccata  
by Georgi Mushel

*David Weigle*

## Call to Worship & Invocation

*Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation*



Let us gather as they gathered on the Mount of Olivet.

Let us remember the teachings of the law, psalms, and prophets.

***Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!***

Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rose into heaven.

Let us remember that every sin has been forgiven.

***Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!***

Let us gather as they gathered when Jesus rode upon the clouds.

Let us remember how he promised that we'd be clothed in power.

***Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!***

Let us gather as they gathered upon a hill so high.

Let us remember the ascension of our Messiah.

***Ride on, King Jesus, no one can hinder you!***

—Marilyn E. Thornton

Let us pray:

**God of mystery, part the veil**

**that keeps us from seeing**

**your full glory and might.**

**Open our eyes to behold the risen Christ,**

**who ascended to you in glory.**

**Open our hearts this day,**

**that our spirits may ascend to you**

**as he ascended that day.**

**Focus our thoughts on the power of your salvation,**

**that we may move beyond the mundane**

**to contemplate mysteries and wonders**

**worthy of our meditations.**

**May we be found worthy of your great gifts,**

**and may we be clothed with your power on high.**

**Amen.**



## Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

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### 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

*Kelley Keith*

**Acts 1:1-11**

*[Page 884 of the New Testament]*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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.*

## **Call to Confession**

*Matthew Robinson & Congregation*

Let us come before God with contrite hearts,  
acknowledging our sin and trusting in forgiveness.

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us pray:

**Merciful God,  
day by day we have failed to believe  
in your presence and your promised forgiveness.  
We have not trusted in your power  
to give the riches we cannot see.  
We have not honored our siblings in Christ  
as heirs of your desired peace.  
We have not forgiven others or ourselves.  
Give us the wisdom and faith to be your body on earth,  
that we may rejoice in the presence of your saving bounty,  
in the glory of your ascended Son. Amen.**

*We now silently confess our sins together.*

## **Promise of Forgiveness**

By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
as a witness to the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus  
and the assurance of pardon in Jesus' name,  
I proclaim to you the forgiveness of all your sins,  
that with renewed life you may  
serve this creation and the people of God  
in peace and strength.  
God is with you.

**Thanks be to God!**

# O Christ, When You Ascended

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1. O Christ, when you as - cend - ed, you took your right - ful throne;
2. We're tempt - ed. Lord, to leave you in sto - ries nice - ly told;
3. One day, O Lord, we'll know you, as we are ful - ly known;



Your time on earth had end - ed, yet we weren't left a - lone.  
Some - times we don't be - lieve you and say your ways are old.  
One day this world of sin - ners will bow be - fore your throne.



You reign o'er earth and hea - ven; your Spir - it guides our way. —  
Some - times we feel so lone - ly and live in doubt and fear; —  
One day, God's whole cre - a - tion will sing and praise your name; —



Your prayers up - hold your peo - ple; you lead your church each day.  
But your as - cen - sion means, Lord, you're pre - sent with us here.  
On earth as now in hea - ven, we'll cel - e - brate your reign.

## Invitation to Generosity & Offertory Prayer

*Darlene Carpenter*

For the gifts of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension,  
and for the privilege of offering the fruits of our hands,  
let us give thanks to God with what we have this day.

Hear now this prayer.  
Gracious and giving God,  
you are the One who first has given to us  
all that we need for life.  
Guide us to use what we now gather  
for the well-being of your church,  
for those in need of shelter and food,  
for all who suffer for want of your Word,  
and for nurturing faith in your people.  
In the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Offertory Anthem

*Choir*

### Jesus, My All, To Heaven Is Gone

by John Cennick, arr. by Howard Helvey

*Adam Visconti, clarinet*

*Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone,  
I'll never turn back no more;  
He whom I fix my hopes upon,  
I'll never turn back no more.  
No more, no more, no more, my Lord;  
I'll never turn back no more.  
His path I see, and I'll pursue,  
I'll never turn back no more;  
The narrow way, till Him I view,  
I'll never turn back no more.*

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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

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

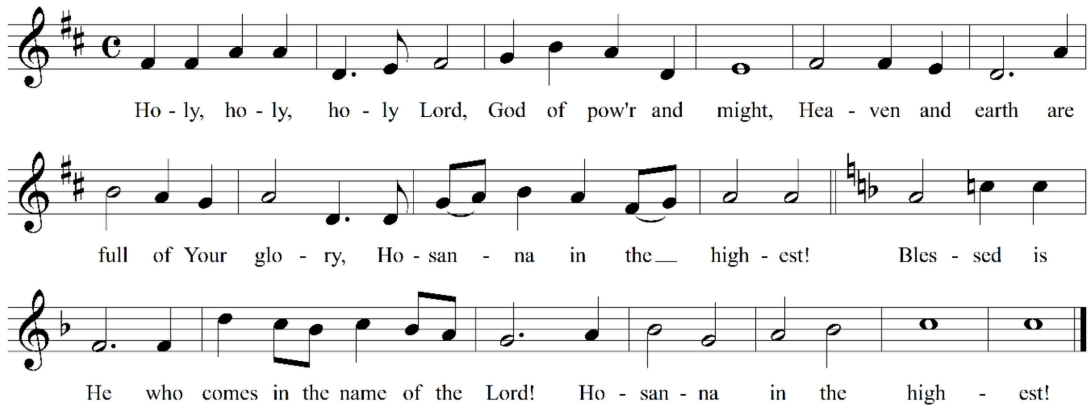
**We lift them up to God.**

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.



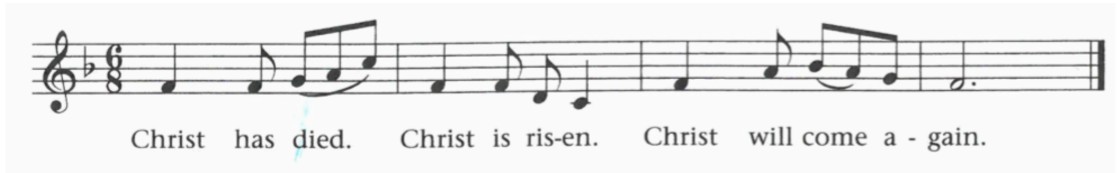
The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into three lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line ends with a double bar line. The third line ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 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!

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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 non-alcoholic and 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.**

## **Sung Response, Hymn 217**

*Congregation*

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

**HYMN TO JOY**

*stanza one*

## **Affirmation of Justice and Advocacy Fellow**

## **Benediction**

*Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

## **Organ Dismissal**

*David Weigle*

Toccata from Symphony No. 5

**by Charles-Marie Widor**

*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.*



# ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



## Life Support Group

*Tuesday, June 3, 6:30pm, Harris Youth Cottage*

This small group is focused on caregiving, but is open for all. Anyone who wants to support those who give care, or those seeking connection and support are welcome to join!



## Bible Study

*Wednesdays, June 4-July 30, 6:00pm, Library*

Join our Pastoral Intern, Kenna Curry, for a weekly study on the Bible and LGBTQ inclusion. What does the Bible really say?



## Pentecost/Pride Sunday

*Sunday, June 8, 9:00 and 11:00am, Vickrey Hall*

Join us for Pentecost/Pride Sunday in Vickrey Hall! We will affirm God's inclusive love for all as we celebrate the diversity and belovedness of our community. Services will be offered at 9 & 11am.



## Community Dinner

*Saturday, June 28, Community Members' Homes*

Our Community Dinners are back! Mark your calendars for June 28<sup>th</sup> and sign up if you plan to attend. Groups of 8-10 folks will be assigned to community members' homes to gather for dinner and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

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

**ROYALLANE.ORG**

# WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

## **Sunday, June 1**

12:15 pm: Missions Division — Christian Education Building, Room 212

## **Tuesday, June 3**

6:30 pm: “Life Support” Small Group — Harris Youth Cottage

## **Wednesday, June 4**

1:30 pm: Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (1:30 - 3:30 pm)

6:00 pm: Biblical Queer-ies Bible Study — Church Library

7:15 pm: Choir — Sanctuary

## **Saturday, June 7**

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

## **Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost/Pride Sunday**

9:00 am: Morning Worship — Vickrey Hall & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

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

9:45 am: Children’s Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am: Youth Christian Education — Harris Youth Cottage

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

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

Children 3-year through Third Grade

12:15 pm: Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall

## *SUMMER* WORSHIP

Beginning June 8, join us at 9 or 11am  
every Sunday for worship in Vickrey Hall  
while our sanctuary undergoes renovations.  
Stay tuned for construction updates.



# WORSHIP *NOTES*



## Cover Art

*Apotheosis of St. Ignatius* by Andrea Pozzo | between 1685-1709 | Rome, Italy

The ascension of Jesus Christ became a tradition adopted by some saint traditions as well, as in this ceiling fresco of the ascension/apotheosis of St. Ignatius.

from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

## Hymn Notes

### **Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1820 (Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50-51)

Music: Robert Williams, 1817; arr. John Roberts, 1837

### **O Christ, When You Ascended**

Words: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2007 (Acts 1:1-11)

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1835

### **Jesus, My All, To Heaven Is Gone**

by John Cennick

Traditional Spiritual, *The Social Harp*, John G. McCurry, 1853

Setting by Howard Helvey (ASCAP)

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### **Sanctus**

Music: Mark Snow, Used by permission.

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

Words: William C. Dix, 1866, alt.

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; harm. Edward Hodges, 1864



# 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](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.

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*REQUEST  
PRAYER*



## Deacons on Call

Dan Thompson & Kelley Keith

# *GIVING* AT ROYAL LANE

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GIVING*



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## ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor  
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Rev. Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families  
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