



ROYAL LANE
BAPTIST CHURCH



FACES OF OUR FAITH

BOLD & UNTOLD STORIES



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JUNE 15, 2025

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Whether you're a longtime member or a first-time guest, we're so glad you're here!

This summer, we're journeying through a worship series called Faces of Our Faith. Each week, we'll tell the story of a biblical figure - some well-known, others less familiar - whose life has shaped the story of God's people. These are the saints, seekers, strugglers, and everyday folks through whom God

has moved, reminding us that God works through all kinds of people in all kinds of ways.

You'll also notice that we're worshipping in a new space. While our sanctuary undergoes renovations, we'll be gathering here in Vickrey Hall. This may not be the setting we're used to, but we hope this space still feels sacred - a place of welcome, connection, and community.

It's a good reminder that God's presence is not tied to a particular building. Sacred space isn't just about architecture, it's about hearts turned toward God and one another. So as we prepare for worship, may we turn our hearts toward the one who made us and toward the people around us.

We're grateful you're here.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Victoria Robb Powers'.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers


JUNE 15, 2025

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

TRINITY SUNDAY



To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

 = *please rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

David Weigle

Old Time Religion/Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

arr. by Mark Hayes

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

Today we enter the story of our beginnings - not just to recall what was, but to wonder together about what still might be. In the garden, God looked upon the first human and saw something missing. "It is not good," God said, "for the human to be alone." From the very beginning, God has seen our isolation - not just our solitude, but the ache for connection - and responded with presence, companionship, and creation.

When Adam first saw Eve, it was a beautiful, breath-catching moment. He didn't analyze or compare or withdraw. He exclaimed. He celebrated. "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh!" He received her not as stranger, not as other, but as part of himself, as the piece he didn't know was missing, as kin in the deepest sense.

What if we were to receive one another like that? What if every person we met was seen not as rival or burden, but as flesh of our flesh? As someone bound to us by a sacred thread we can't always see—a part of us we don't yet know?

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Holy God, let us listen.

So we may hear your word and know that it is good.

Holy God, open our minds.

So we may love one another and the earth which you gave us to cherish.

Holy God, let us see.

That we are your children created in your image, and may we live by it.

Let us worship you, God.

Let us pray:

**Loving Creator, we thank you for the breath of life,
for the world you have crafted,
and for the individuals you have brought into our lives.**

**We are grateful for the gift of connection,
the beauty of creation, and the potential for profound relationships.
Yet, we also acknowledge the struggle for connection,
the ways we sometimes fall short,
and the echoes of conflict that mar our world.**

**Help us to see the beauty in each other,
to cultivate unity, and to find your peace in our relationships.**

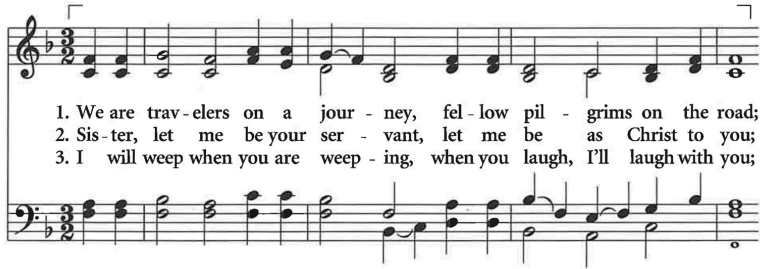
**We ask for your guidance in fostering healing,
forgiveness, and understanding in our communities.**

**May our words and actions reflect your love,
and may we be instruments of peace,
justice, and reconciliation in a world yearning for these gifts.**

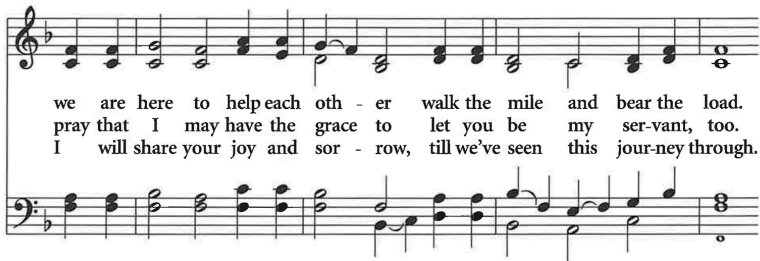
Amen.

We Are Travelers on a Journey

BEACH SPRING



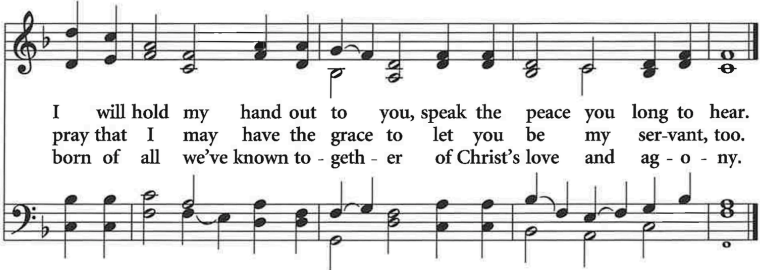
1. We are trav - elers on a jour - ney, fel - low pil - grims on the road;
 2. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;
 3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;



we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
 I will share your joy and sor - row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.



I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear;
 Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;
 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such har - mo - ny,



I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
 born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

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 scanning the QR code.



Time for Young Disciples

Rev. Beth Johnson

During the 11am service, 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

When Love Is Found

O WALY, WALY

Unison

1. When love is found and hope comes home, sing and be
2. When love has flowered in trust and care, build both each
3. When love is tried as loved ones change, hold still to
4. When love is torn, and trust be - trayed, pray strength to
5. Praise God for love, praise God for life, in age or

glad that two are one. When love ex - plodes and fills the
day, that love may dare to reach be - yond home's warmth and
hope, though all seems strange, till ease re - turns and love grows
love, till tor - ments fade, till lov - ers keep no score of
youth, in calm or strife. Lift up your hearts, let love be

sky, praise God, and share our Mak - er's joy.
light, to serve and strive for truth and right.
wise through lis - tening ears and o - pened eyes.
wrong, but hear through pain love's Eas - ter song.
fed through death and life in bro - ken bread.

⦿ Offertory Prayer

Hear now this prayer.

9am - Jessica Lamberth

11am - Anna Mays

From the very beginning, you have seen our need, not just for breath and sustenance, but for relationship. You knew it was not good for us to be alone, and so you gave us the gift of one another.

Today, we remember that first meeting in the garden - Adam's joyful recognition of the one who made him whole, and we give thanks for the companions you have placed in our lives - partners, friends, neighbors, and this community of Royal Lane Baptist Church.

In gratitude for your care, and in recognition that all we have is yours, we offer these gifts. Bless them, and use them to nurture connection, foster belonging, and bring love and justice to all. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Eighteenth Variation on a Theme by Paganini by Sergei Rachmaninoff

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



Prayers of the People

*9am - Adam Visconti & Congregation
11am - Margaret Darden & Congregation*

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

God of the wilderness, we pray for the church. Lead us in showing grace and hospitality to all who struggle with doubt or shame. Make your church holy ground where all people can be seen and loved for who you have created them to be. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for creation. Show your glory in deserts and on mountaintops. Nourish gardens and orchards, and bless those who tend them. Forgive us for our desire to dominate creation instead of serving as faithful stewards and caretakers. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations. Liberate leaders and governments from the temptation to exercise unjust dominion over those whom they are called to lead and serve. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those in need. Sustain those who are hungry and alone, those who are anxious, those facing difficult decisions, and those facing a recent diagnosis or new grief. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We thank you for putting new songs on our lips and in our hearts. Hear our voices as we join in songs of lament and praise. We give thanks for musicians, composers, and poets especially David Weigle, Jeanie Chuang, and JT Hauser. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for bringing us through the desert into the promised land of your kingdom. We give thanks for saints who have guided us in times of trial and joy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Solo

JT Hauser

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

by Isaac Watts, arr. by Virgil Thomson

My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways.
He leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.
One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, insight of all my foes doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may Thy house be my abode and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come:
No more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“At Last”

Genesis 2:15-25

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Moment of Contemplation

Hymn of Response

Congregation

The Bond of Love

SKILLINGS



We are one in the bond of love; we are one in the bond of love.

We have joined our spir-its with the Spir-it of God; we are one in the bond of love.

Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

David Weigle

When We All Get To Heaven

arr. by Mark Hayes

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.



WORSHIP *NOTES*



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ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Gen X/Millennial Women's Event

Saturday, June 21, 6:45pm, Akaya Sushi, Izakaya & Ramen

Join us next weekend for the final Gen X/Millennial Women's gathering—bring a friend and enjoy an evening together! Contact Jessica at jessicalamberth@gmail.com with any questions.



Young Adult Game Night

Saturday, June 21, 7:00pm, Kenna's House

The Young Adult group will meet at Kenna's house for Game Night! Come bearing your favorite snack or drink for a good time with friends.



Summer Club Meetings

Thursday, June 26, 8:00pm

Women of the church will meet next week for Book Club to discuss Michelle Zauner's *Crying In H Mart* and the Men's Music Club will listen to Fleetwood Mac's *Rumours*.



Community Dinner Sign-Up

Saturday, June 28, Community Members' Homes

Groups of 8-10 folks gather in community members' homes for food and fellowship! Sign up today to be assigned to a group. The deadline to register is June 25.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Tuesday, June 17

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

Wednesday, June 18

4:00 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (4:00 - 5:45 pm)

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

Saturday, June 21

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

6:45 pm: Gen X/Millennial Women’s Dinner — Akaya Sushi, Izakaya & Ramen

7:00 pm: Young Adult Gathering — Kenna’s House

Sunday, June 22

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: *Special Called Church Conference — Vickrey Hall & Online*



Cecilia Gutierrez has been nominated by the Member Resource Committee to fill the vacant position on the Board of Deacons. A special called church conference will take place next **Sunday, June 22**, following the 11am worship service. Voting will take place via paper ballot to affirm the nomination and will be available via Zoom for those who cannot attend in person.

RENOVATION *UPDATE*



We are excited to share that construction is officially underway on our Sanctuary Renovation project! Last week, the pews were carefully removed, disassembled, and stored, and the seat cushions were sent off for new foam and reupholstery. Our beautiful pipe organ has been sealed and covered for protection, and the grand piano is now safely relocated to Vickery Hall. Crews have started removing the water-damaged ceiling in the balcony, and over the next few weeks, the sanctuary will be sealed off as contractors begin removing the old asbestos flooring. The renovation will continue throughout the summer, with plans to joyfully unveil our refreshed sanctuary on Welcome Back Sunday, August 24.

DONATIONS NEEDED

Our VBS and Music/Arts Camp takes place June 23-27 and we would love your help! You may donate much needed supplies by scanning the QR code here.



HOW TO *CONNECT*

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

Prayer Requests

We invite you to submit prayer requests by filling out the prayer request form on the website at royallane.org/prayer or by scanning the QR code.

Deacons on Call

Adam Visconti & Margaret Darden

REQUEST

PRAYER



GIVING AT ROYAL LANE

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.

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