



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JULY 6, 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 worshiping 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

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THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



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

 = *please rise in body or in spirit*

Gathering Music

Jeanie Chuang

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

arr. by Matt Limbaugh

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

As we gather today in this sacred space, let us pause and draw breath, deeply and intentionally.

Before the songs, the prayers, and the words spoken aloud, let us reflect on the quiet courage of Deborah. In the thick of oppression and the shadow of war, she didn't retreat in fear or despair. Instead, she made space, under the branches of a palm tree, to listen. To trust. To align herself with the wisdom and movement of God.

Most of us aren't facing armies or looming battles. And yet, our hearts carry weight - anxieties, questions, burdens. Too often, instead of seeking God's presence in those moments, we turn inward, trying to carry the world alone. We second-guess the tug on our hearts, the wisdom within us, the still small voice calling us to trust.

But today, as we begin worship, let Deborah remind us:

Stillness is a sacred act.

Trust is a brave response.

And God is still speaking.

May this time of worship be a palm tree for you, a space to slow down, to listen, to trust. May you feel the tug of the Spirit.

May you make space for God's voice to rise within you.

And may you be reminded that even in chaos, God's victory is already on the horizon.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Terry Berrier & Congregation

When chaos swirls around us...

God's presence stills our hearts and minds.

When we see cruel indifference toward the most vulnerable...

God's presence gives us courageous compassion.

When facing the injustices of the world...

God's presence inspires discernment and action.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, we pray for the gift of stillness
so that we might attune ourselves to your timeless call.
Like Deborah before us, we seek your guidance.
Awaken us to your presence and fill us with your wisdom.
Embolden us to confidently step out of our comfort zones
to become the people you have called us to be.
Be with us and remind us always
to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with you.
Amen.**

With Awe Approach the Mysteries

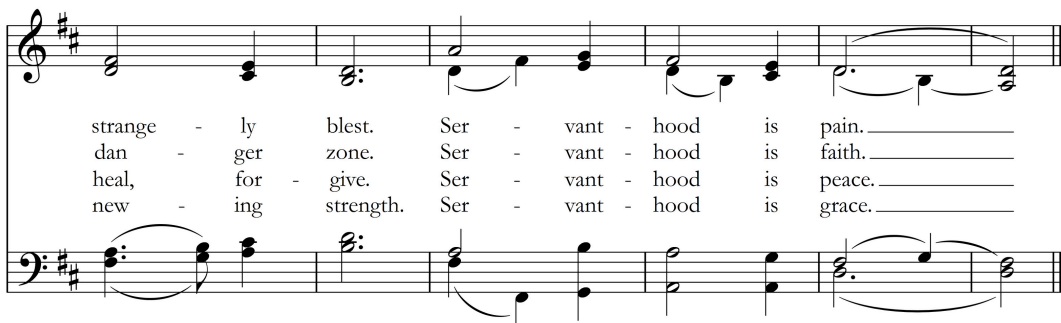
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1. With — awe ap - proach the my - ste - ries and — wres - tle
 2. With — wis - dom teach, with cour - age preach; like — Deb - orah,
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 4. Fill — tire - less - ly your call's de - mands, then — rest, like



with the — Word — — — — — like Ja - cob, bruised yet
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 fused op - posed; — — — — — and like a mo - ther,
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strange - ly blest. Ser - vant - hood is pain. — — — —
 dan - ger zone. Ser - vant - hood is faith. — — — —
 heal, for - give. Ser - vant - hood is peace. — — — —
 new - ing strength. Ser - vant - hood is grace. — — — —

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.



Scripture Lesson

Mara Bim

Judges 4:1-10

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'" Barak said to her, "If you will go with me, I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go." And she said, "I will surely go with you; nevertheless, the road on which you are going will not lead to your glory, for the Lord will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman." Then Deborah got up and went with Barak to Kedesh. Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; and ten thousand warriors went up behind him; and Deborah went up 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

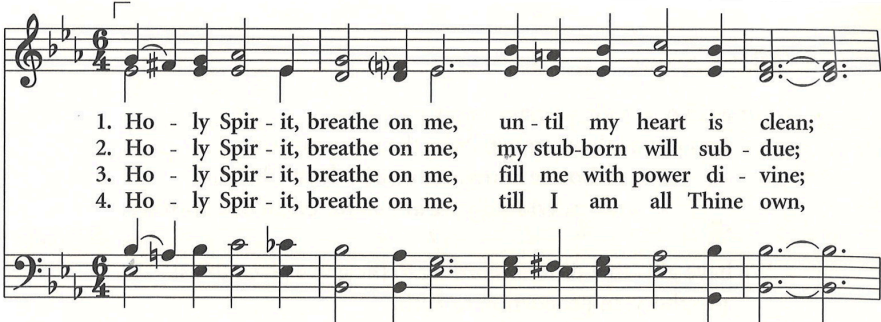
Rev. Beth Johnson

During the 11am service, children 3-years of age through 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

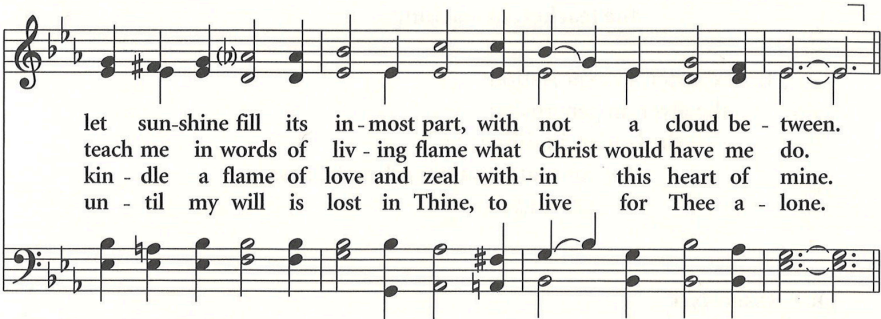
You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.

Breathe On Me

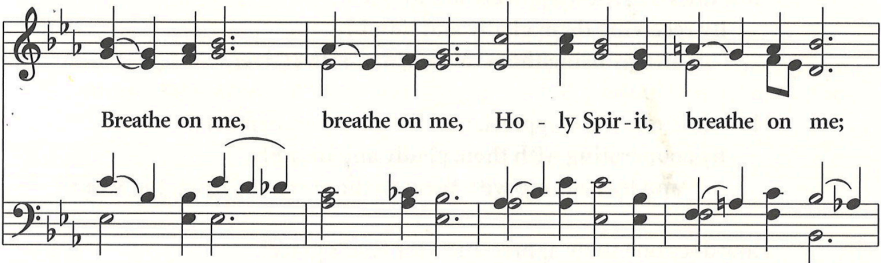
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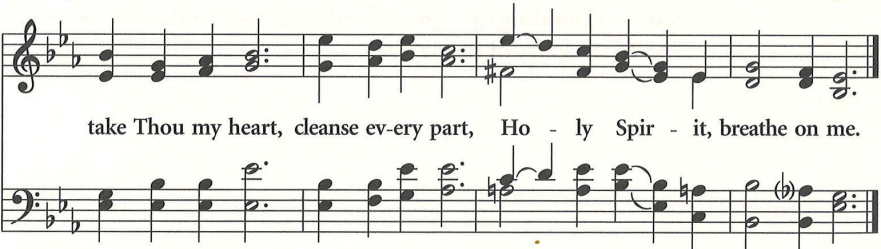
1. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, un - til my heart is clean;
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, my stub-born will sub - due;
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, fill me with power di - vine;
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, till I am all Thine own,



let sun-shine fill its in-most part, with not a cloud be - tween.
teach me in words of liv - ing flame what Christ would have me do.
kin - dle a flame of love and zeal with - in this heart of mine.
un - til my will is lost in Thine, to live for Thee a - lone.



Breathe on me, breathe on me, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me;



take Thou my heart, cleanse ev-ery part, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

Offertory Prayer

*9am - Tiffany Thomas & Congregation
11am - Darlene Carpenter & Congregation*

God has entrusted us with a variety of gifts;
let us return to God a generous measure of our bounty
with thanksgiving and praise.

Hear now this prayer.

O God of constancy, you are our home and resting place.
We give you thanks for all that you are and all that you do.

Today we pray for the trust and courage of Deborah, who could hear your wisdom clearly.
May we also listen and align ourselves with your movements in the world.

We pray to hear your voice, and to follow your ways.
Bless these gifts that we offer you this day.
With them may we share your love with others,
that all may enter into your eternal joy.
Amen.

Offertory

Do Lord
arr. by Chuck Marohnic

Jeanie Chuang

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



Prayers of the People

*9am - Kelley Keith & Congregation
11am - Blake Vickrey & Congregation*

Longing for Christ's Wisdom to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's Wisdom on the church, the world, and all in need.

Mother of the church, ignite your people with the passion of your Wisdom. By the fire of Her, the Holy Spirit, unify us across ministries, congregations, and denominations, and refine us to participate in Her activity throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mother of Creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise You for the beauty of nature. Thank You for the Trinity River and all our watersheds that quench us and sustain our natural homes. Bless our waters for Your glory and restore their integrity where exploitation has caused ruin. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mother of the nations, sound forth Your Wisdom in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mother of all in need, search out all who cry to You in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with Your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of Your healing. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Mother of the stranger, stir up holy restlessness in us to extend love to those at the margins. Release our desire for control and open us to learn from the perspectives of others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud...

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

O God, receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when You gather all Creation around Your throne where You will reign forever and ever. Amen.

Solo

J.T. Hauser

Remember Me **O WALY WALY**

Remember me — the God who saves —
For back in Egypt you were slaves;
Then by my hand I set you free.
Now keep my law. Remember me.

Remember me in bread and wine
Whene'er you share this meal of mine.
I gave my life to set you free.
With thanks and praise, remember me.

Remember me in all you do,
For I'm alive! I walk with you.
I was, I am, and I shall be.
O church I love, remember me.

Our God, we hear! We're called and freed!
Your Spirit gives us memory.
Now send us out that we may share
Your love's great story everywhere.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“In Tune”

Moment of Contemplation

Communion

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

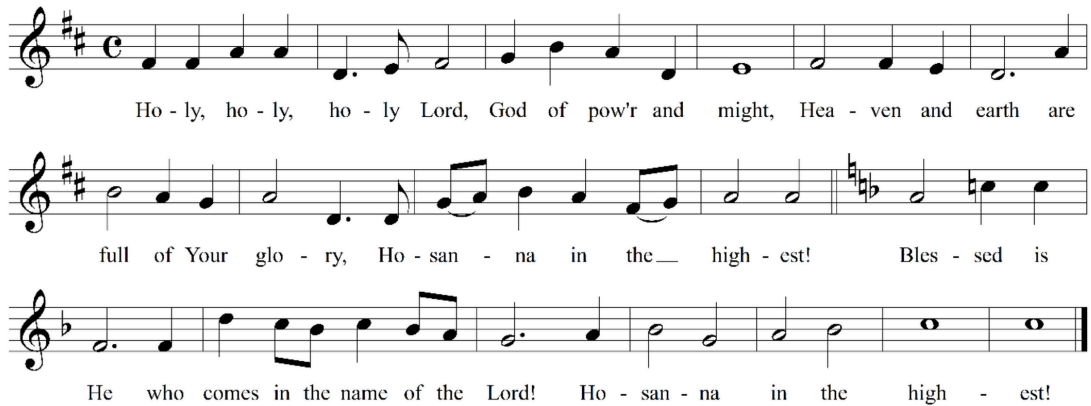
We lift them up to God.

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.

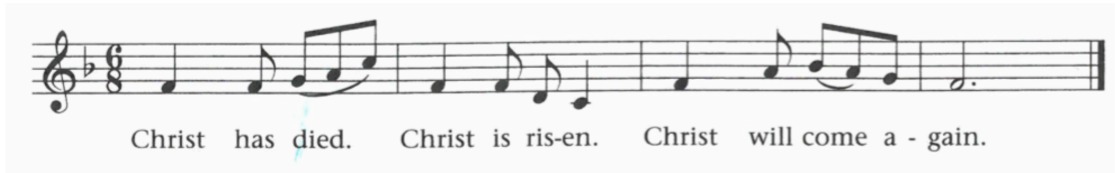


The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into three lines of music. The first line ends with a double bar line. The second line begins with a key signature change to one flat (Bb) and ends with a double bar line. The third line begins with a key signature change to two flats (Bb, Eb) and ends with a 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.

Communion will be passed down each aisle.

You may discard trash at the exit of Vickrey Hall at the close of the service.

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.**

Hymn of Response

Congregation

Breathe on Me

TRUETT

Breathe on me, breathe on me,
Holy Spirit, breathe on me;
Take Thou my heart, cleanse ev'ry part,
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
by Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. by Joel Raney



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Children and Youth Family Night at T.P. Hill

Family Night

Wednesday, July 9, 5:30pm, T.P. Hill

Join us at White Rock Lake for dinner and fun - bring the whole family to this summer gathering!



Biblical Queer-ies

Bible Study

Wednesday, July 9, 6:00pm, Library

Join us for a weekly study on the Bible and LGBTQ inclusion. Let's ask together: what does the Bible really say?



MISSION Opportunity



ROYAL WELCOME CLASS for all visitors

Service Event

Friday, July 25, 11:30am, Feed My Starving Children

Help pack nutritious meals for hungry children around the world. There are important tasks for sit-down volunteers, as well as children age 5 and older, who can participate if accompanied by an adult.

Welcome Class

Sunday, August 17, 10:00am, Church Library

Been visiting Royal Lane for awhile? Want your friends to learn more? Our Royal Welcome class is the perfect opportunity to learn more about our church and to ask questions of our staff. Join us for light refreshments in the library!

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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SUNSET VESPERS

AT SISTER GROVE FARM

*register
here:*



The first Christians of the early Church instituted seven fixed times of prayer each day. This devotional practice continues to this day in many expressions of Christianity. Vespers (which is Latin for "evening") takes place at sunset and is a time for contemplation of the day. Join Royal Lane for a 30-minute reflective liturgy surrounded by nature and friends. Afterwards, stay and enjoy fellowship with cocktails, drinks, and snacks. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect and unwind together. We look forward to seeing you there!

LITURGY, REFLECTION, FELLOWSHIP

07.13.2025

Sunday | 8-10PM | Sister Grove Farm
1731 Jim Cannon Road | Van Alstyne, Texas



Sister Grove Farm offers pasture-raised chickens that are ready for the freezer, which will be available for purchase the evening of the event. There are also rooms available to rent for those wishing to stay at the farm overnight – please email Sarah Macias at sarah@sistergrovefarm.com for inquiries about accommodations.

WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Wednesday, July 9

- 4:00 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (4:00 - 5:45 pm)
- 5:30 pm: Children and Youth Family Night — T.P. Hill at White Rock Lake
- 6:00 pm: Biblical Queer-ies Bible Study — Church Library

Saturday, July 12

- 2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, July 13

- 9:00 am: Morning Worship — Vickrey Hall
- 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
 - Deacon Ordination of Cecilia Gutierrez*
 - Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room
 - Children 3-year through Third Grade
- 8:00 pm: Sunset Vespers — Sister Grove Farm



Cecilia Gutierrez will be ordained as a Deacon during the 11am worship service next **Sunday, July 13**. Cecilia was nominated by the Member Resource Committee to fill the vacant position on the Board of Deacons and affirmed by the congregation. Join us for this special occasion!

WORSHIP *NOTES*



Cover Art

In Tune, by Lauren Wright Pittman, acrylic & ink on canvas, inspired by Judges 4-5
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In the midst of the oppression of her people, Deborah creates space for channeling God's wisdom. In the chaos of war she finds stillness under a palm tree and tunes herself to God's voice.

When I'm in far less stressful situations than direct oppression and imminent war, I struggle to remember to turn to God for council or comfort. In response to anxiety, instead of fostering an environment to receive God's direction, I often turn inward and try to carry the burden of the world on my own. I also have a hard time trusting my intuition. When I feel a tugging on my heart, I often ignore it, devaluing my thoughts, insights, and emotions, and because of this, I fear I miss God's movement altogether.

The wisdom of Deborah lies in her willingness to create space. Deborah shows us that, in stillness, practicing attending to God with fierce trust, we can sift through the chaos of this world and align ourselves with the movement of God.

Create spaces for yourself where you can get in tune with God. Trust your intuition, share your insights with others, and use your voice. When you feel God tugging on your heart and calling you to move, try practicing fierce trust and leaving your comfort zone.

In this image, Deborah stands firm under her palm tree with her hand open, signifying her openness to God's wisdom and to sharing her voice with others. The chariots of war loom in the distance, but the chariots are empty because, in the midst of impending war, this prophetess can see God's victory before it even takes place.
—Lauren Wright Pittman

Liturgy Notes

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Hymn Notes

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Do Lord

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Arranged by: Joel Raney

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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

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

Patsy Meier & Blake Vickrey

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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