



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JULY 20, 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**

FIFTH 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

When I Can Read My Title Clear

Arr. by Joseph Martin

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

Today we tell the story of Eutychus, a young man listening late into the night, weary from the day, drifting into sleep, and falling. It is a strange story, and yet a deeply human one.

Who among us hasn't felt tired, stretched thin, worn out from trying to keep up, to hold on, to stay awake in a world that moves so fast? And yet, the heart of this story is not the fall, it's what happens after.

There is grace. There is reaching. There is restoration.

The God who met Eutychus in his weariness meets us in ours, not with condemnation, but with compassion, and with life.

Let this be a time to rest in that grace and to trust that even when we fall, God is not far.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Dan Thompson & Congregation

Sing praises to God, O you saints,
and give thanks to God's holy name!

We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!

We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

You turn our mourning into dancing!

Our souls cannot be silent!

O God, our Savior, we give thanks to you forever!

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, we pray for your blessing
on the church in this place.**

**Here may the faithful find salvation,
and the careless be awakened.**

**Here may the doubting find faith,
and the anxious be encouraged.**

**Here may the tempted find help,
and the sorrowful comfort.**

**Here may the weary find rest,
and the strong be renewed.**

**Here may the aged find consolation
and the young be inspired;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther; there is no sha-dow of
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter and spring-time and harv-est sun, moon, and stars in their
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, thy own dear pre-sence to



tur-ning with thee; thou chang-est not, thy com-pas-sions, they
 cour-ses a-bove join with all na-ture in ma-ni-fold
 cheer and to guide, strength for to-day and bright hope for to-



fail not; as thou hast been thou for-e-ver wilt be.
 wit-ness to thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 mor-row—bles-sings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

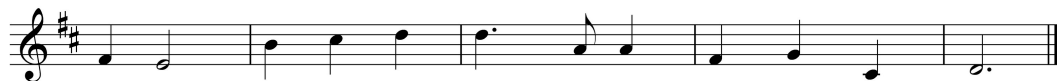
Refrain



Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Mor-ning by



mor-ning new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy hand hath pro-



vi-ded. Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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

Acts 20:7-12

9am - Mara Bim & Congregation

11am - Dee Dee Young & Congregation

On the first day of the week, when we met to break bread, Paul was holding a discussion with them; since he intended to leave the next day, he continued speaking until midnight. There were many lamps in the room upstairs where we were meeting. A young man named Eutychus, who was sitting in the window, began to sink off into a deep sleep while Paul talked still longer. Overcome by sleep, he fell to the ground three floors below and was picked up dead. But Paul went down, and bending over him took him in his arms, and said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." Then Paul went upstairs, and after he had broken bread and eaten, he continued to converse with them until dawn; then he left. Meanwhile they had taken the boy away alive and were not a little comforted.

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

Jan Quesada

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

Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

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1. Dear re - fuge of my wear - y soul, on Thee, when sor - rows rise,
 2. But oh! When gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I fear to call Thee mine.
 3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, and shall I seek in vain?
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat

On Thee, when waves of trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re - lies.
 The springs of com - fort seem to fail, and all my hopes de - cline.
 And can the ear of sove - reign grace be deaf when I com - plain?
 With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.

To Thee I tell each ris - ing grief, for Thou a - lone canst heal, —
 Yet gra - cious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust. —
 No, still the ear of sove - reign grace, at - tends the mourn - er's prayer.
 Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here let my soul re - treat. —

Thy Word can bring a sweet re - lief for ev - 'ry pain I feel.
 And still my soul would cleave to Thee though pro - strate in the dust.
 Oh, may I ev - er find ac - cess, to breathe my sor - rows there.
 With hum - ble hope at - tend Thy will, and wait be - neath Thy feet.

Invitation to Generosity

When we have lost our hope,
or when sorrows overwhelm,
our gifts can offer life.
As we recognize God's gifts to us,
we are invited to give in return.
Together, we beckon transformation.

9am - Theresa Helms & Congregation

11am - Cara Craggett & Congregation

Offertory Prayer

Hear now this prayer.

Gracious God, you have given us many gifts, which we humbly recognize. Receive our offering as an expression of our gratitude and a sign of our willingness to participate in your vision for this earthly life. May the gifts we offer lead to transformation in many other lives. In the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Offertory

As the Deer
Arr. by Douglas E. Wagner

Jeanie Chuang

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



Prayers of the People

*9am - Jeff Hill & Congregation
11am - Garland Hamic & Congregation*

For the hungry and the overfed
May we have enough.

For the mourners and the mockers
May we laugh together.

For the victims and the oppressors
May we power wisely.

For the peacemakers and the warmongers
May clear truth and stern love lead us to harmony.

For the silenced and the propagandists
May we speak our own words in truth.

For the unemployed and overworked
May our impress on the earth be kindly and creative.

For the troubled and the sleek
May we live together as wounded healers.

For the homeless and the cosseted
May our homes be simple, warm, and welcoming.

For the vibrant and the dying
May we all die to live.

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

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Solo

Adam Visconti - clarinet

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Arr. by Fernando Ortega

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
And he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I’ll walk,
Till traveling days are done.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“When They Fall”

Moment of Contemplation

Near to the Heart of God

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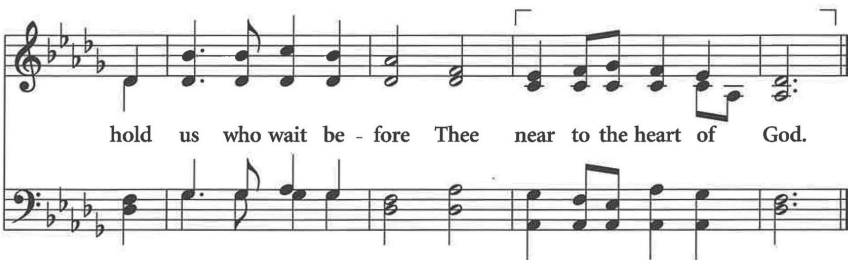
1. There is a place of qui - et rest, near to the heart of God,
 2. There is a place of com - fort sweet, near to the heart of God,
 3. There is a place of full re - lease, near to the heart of God,



a place where sin can - not mo - lest, near to the heart of God.
 a place where we our Sav - ior meet, near to the heart of God.
 a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.



O Je - sus, blest Re - deem - er, sent from the heart of God,



hold us who wait be - fore Thee near to the heart of God.

 **Benediction**

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

Grateful Praise
by Paul Taylor



WORSHIP *NOTES*



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Liturgy Notes

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Hymn Notes

When I Can Read My Title Clear

Arranged by Joseph Martin, Malcolm Music 1995

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 (Lam. 3:22-23)

Music: William M. Runyon, 1923

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Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul

Words: Anne Steele from the Indelible Grace Hymnbook

Music: Norwegian folk melody; arr. William J. Kirkpatrick, ca. 1890

As the Deer

Arranged by Douglas E. Wagner

Maranatha Praise 2001

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Music: arranged by Fernando Ortega

Words: Horatius Bonar

Near to the Heart of God

Words: Cleland B. McAfee, 1903

Music: Cleland B. McAfee, 1903

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ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Summer Club Meetings

Date, Time, Location

Women of the church will gather to discuss Sue Monk Kidd's *The Book of Longings* at Times Ten Cellars. Men of the church will listen to an album and enjoy whiskey together.



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. Follow the QR code to sign up.



Learning Event

Saturday, August 9, 9:30am, Arapaho UMC

Join us at this event hosted by Texas Impact! The program will review recent decisions made in the Texas legislative session, cover the implications for our communities, and equip us for civic engagement.



Welcome Class

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

Been visiting Royal Lane for awhile? Want 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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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Wednesday, July 23

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

Thursday, July 24

8:00 pm: Pastor's Summer Book Club — Times Ten Cellars

8:00 pm: Men's Music & Whiskey Club — Home of Matt Powers

Friday, July 25

11:30 am: Service Event — Feed My Starving Children

Saturday, July 26

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, July 27

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

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

Children 3-year through Third Grade

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

Jeff Hill & Garland Hamic

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.

ONLINE

GIVING



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