



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

JULY 27, 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, appearing to read 'Victoria Robb Powers'.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

JULY 27, 2025

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

SEVENTH 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

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Arr. by Mary McDonald

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

Today, we reflect on one of Christianity's most controversial and tragic characters: Judas Iscariot.

He betrayed his friend and Rabbi, and when he finally understood the full scope of his actions, Judas was filled with regret. He desperately tried to undo what he'd done, to no avail. In the end, despair overcame him.

We have all felt the sting of betrayal by someone we love. And we have all experienced the regret that comes from betraying someone we hold dear.

But betrayal wasn't the final act in the Gospel story and it need not be the final act in ours.

Let this time of worship remind us: God is always beckoning each of us back into relationship and wholeness. We are resurrection people!

Call to Worship & Invocation

Dan Thompson & Congregation

We gather today, seeking the peace Christ gives.

We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.

We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us courage and renewal.

Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest.

Bless us through the power of your Spirit,

and give us the courage to live as your disciples today and all days.

Let us pray.

O God in whom we live and move and have our being,

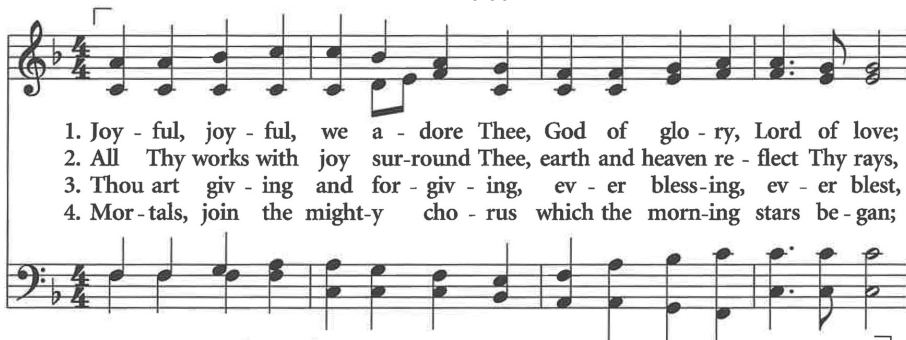
we have gathered in your presence to sing your praise.

**Gather up the prayer of each heart into one harmony of worship and service,
that we might truly be one body in Christ.**

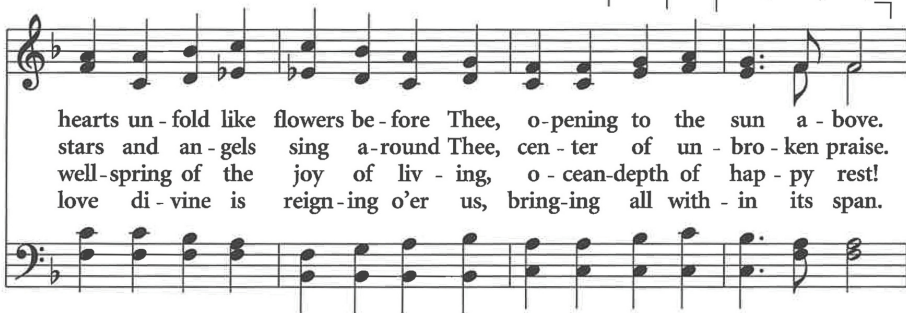
**Accept the words of our mouths and the thoughts of our hearts,
for we are yours in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

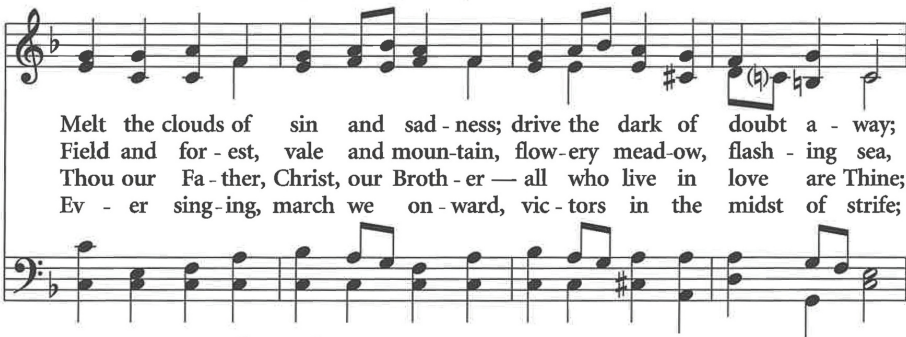
HYMN TO JOY



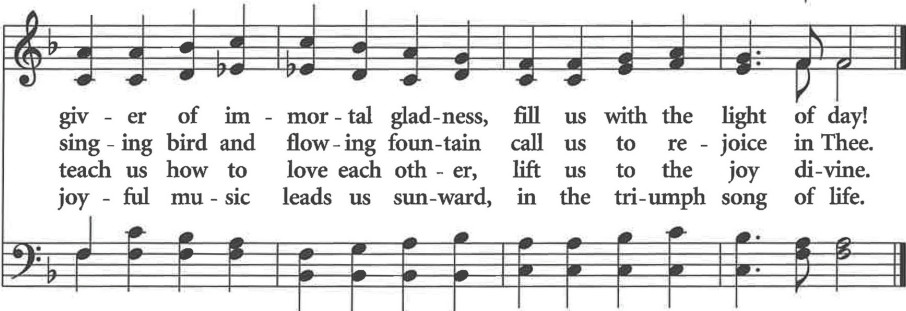
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, bring-ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Broth - er — all who live in love are Thine;
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in Thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

Words of Welcome

Dan Thompson

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

Matthew 26:47-56

9am - Kenna Curry & Congregation

11am - Cathy Walling & Congregation

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him." At once he came up to Jesus and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you are here to do." Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

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.

Hymn

Congregation

I Then Shall Live

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1. I then shall live as one who's been for - giv - en;
 2. I then shall live as one who's learned com - pas - sion;
 3. Your King - dom come a - round and through and in me,



I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
 I've been so loved that I'll risk lov - ing too.
 Your pow'r and glo - ry, let them shine through me;



I know my name is clear be - fore my Fa - ther;
 I know how fear builds walls in - stead of bridg - es;
 Your hal - lowed name, O may I bear with hon - or,



I am His child, and I am not a - fraid.
 I dare to see an - oth - er's point of view.
 and may Your liv - ing king - dom come in me.



So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an - oth - er;
 And when re - la - tion - ships de - mand com - mit - ment,
 The Bread of Life, O may I share with hon - or,



the law of love I glad - ly will o - bey.
 then I'll be there to care and fol - low through.
 and may You feed a hun - gry world through me.

⦿ Offertory Prayer

9am - Wayne Meachum & Congregation

11am - Nina Strenk & Congregation

Hear now this prayer.

Gracious God, as we bring our gifts to Your altar,

we remember the story of Judas—

a man who, like us, missteps and feels regret.

Remind us of your ways,

that you can transform even betrayal into resurrection.

Use these gifts, O God,

not for our glory, but for Yours.

Teach us to give with integrity,

to serve without hidden motives,

and to follow You with faithful hearts, even when the path is narrow.

Redeem what we offer,

just as You redeem what is broken.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Offertory

Jeanie Chuang

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Arr. by John F. Wilson

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



Prayer of Confession

*9am - Adam Visconti & Congregation
11am - Rodney Macias & Congregation*

Our hearts are hard, O God –
Soften them with your love.

Our hands are clenched, O God –
Open them with your grace.

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God –
Invite us to dance with you.

Our lives are not our own, we know –
Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. Amen.

We now silently confess our sins together.

Let us pray.

**Holy Lord, God of life, hear our prayer:
Forgive us when we follow those paths that do not lead to life,
that lead instead to violence, or hate, or fear,
paths that lead to dread and death.
Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life,
life that is abundant and eternal,
life that began at the creation of all things.
Forgive us, turn us to the right path,
and let your love and grace flow over us and the world.
We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.**

Solo

J.T. Hauser

Sing to Jesus **Fernando Ortega**

Come and see, look on this mystery
The Lord of the universe, nailed to a tree
Christ our God, spilling His Holy blood
Bowing in anguish, His sacred head

Sing to Jesus, Lord of our shame
Lord of our sinful hearts, He is our great Redeemer
Sing to Jesus, honor His name
Sing of His faithfulness, pouring His life out unto death

Come you weary and He will give you rest
Come you who mourn, lay on His breast
Christ who died, risen in paradise
Giver of mercy, Giver of life

Sing to Jesus, His is the throne
Now and forever He is the King of Heaven
Sing to Jesus, we are His own
Now and forever sing for the love our God has shown

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Sermon

Mara Bim

“The Kiss”

Moment of Contemplation

 Hymn of Response

Congregation

May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus

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May the grace of our Lord Je - sus, and the bless - ed love of God,

the com - mun - ion of the Spir - it, rich-ly bless and keep you all.

The musical score is written for a congregation, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/2. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

 Benediction

Mara Bim

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Arr. by Robert W. Thygerson



WORSHIP *NOTES*

Cover Art

The Kiss, by Lauren Wright Pittman, graphic image, inspired by Mark 14:1-2, 10-50

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I get really emotional when I think about Judas. I think my emotion stems from a painting I saw in Florence, Italy, called “The Kiss of Judas” by Giuseppe Montanari. It’s an ethereal, dreamy image of a tender moment. Time seems suspended, stars twinkle in the sky, and the figures of Jesus and Judas almost float in the bittersweet haze of this passing moment. Judas stands on his tiptoes, though he is larger than Jesus, and kisses his teacher and friend. If you didn’t know who these figures were, you might think this was an idyllic, simple moment, but it is so grievous and complicated. This image makes me cry. I have a guttural turning in my stomach when I think about Judas and his role in this narrative.

I feel like Judas represents those who are afraid to stand up against the powerful. He allows fear to move him. He faces torture and death by aligning himself with Jesus and does what I think a lot of us would do. A lot of us would choose safety and betrayal instead of the path of suffering for a fight that seems impossible to win. In Matthew’s account of this story, Judas kills himself because he can’t survive knowing what he has done; he can’t live with himself. The echoes of his decision continue to reverberate and he is the vilified scapegoat of our faith.

I think we act like Judas in passing moments every day. That’s why I drew this image. That’s why I love the image by Montanari; it humanizes Judas and forces us to face the relationship Judas had with Jesus, to face our relationship with Jesus. Judas’ relationship is fraught, complicated, and ultimately tragic, but I know there were moments of beauty. —Lauren Wright Pittman

Hymn Notes

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Arranged by Mary McDonald

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Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Words: Henry van Dyke, 1907

Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; harm. Edward

Hodges, 1864

I Then Shall Live

Words: Gloria Gaither, 1981

Music: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Hymnal*, 1933, alt.

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Presbyterian Board of Education (Admin. by Westminster John Knox Press)

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Arranged by John F. Wilson.

Integrity media, INC. 1992

May the Grace of Our Lord Jesus

Words: Gracia Grindal (taken from “Trinity”) 2006

Music: William H. Jude, 1887

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He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands

Arranged by Robert W. Thygerson

Lorenzo publishing company 2004

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ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Weekly Prayer Vigil

Weekly Prayer Vigil at ICE

Monday, July 28, 8:00am, Dallas ICE Office

Join our Justice & Advocacy Fellow, Mara Bim for the weekly prayer vigil occurring outside the Dallas ICE office (8101 N Stemmons Fwy). Come to pray for all those involved in and harmed by the current immigration crisis.



Biblical Queer-ies

Bible Study

Wednesday, July 30, 6:00pm, Harris Youth Cottage

Last chance to catch the popular Biblical Queer-ies Bible Study! This Wednesday will mark the last gathering, where we discuss the Bible and LGBTQ+ inclusion. Join us!



YOUNG ADULT SERVICE EVENT

Service Event

Thursday, July 31, 4:00-9:00pm

Young Adults will gather to help some friends of Royal Lane move to Dallas. Moving takes place from 4-7pm with drinks and games afterwards. Please contact our Pastoral Intern, Kenna with any questions.



ROYAL WELCOME CLASS for all visitors

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*



Monday, July 28

8:00 am: Weekly Prayer Vigil — Outside Dallas ICE Office (8101 N Stemmons Fwy)

Wednesday, July 30

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

6:00 pm: Biblical Queer-ies Bible Study — Harris Youth Cottage

Thursday, July 31

4:00 pm: Young Adult Service Event — Contact Kenna for Location

Saturday, August 2

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, August 3

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

Rodney Macias & Adam Visconti

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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