



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

AUGUST 24, 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*

ELEVENTH 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

For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

Paul writes to Philemon with gratitude, and then with a request:
“Do what is right, not because you must, but because of love.”
He speaks of Onesimus, once a servant, now a brother -
his very heart, bound to him in Christ.

So, too, we are called to see one another rightly:
not as burdens, not as strangers,
but as siblings,
as God’s own beloved.

This is the work of love.
This is the way of Christ.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

We gather today, remembering the boundless love of God,
a love that compels us to forgive and be reconciled.

**We give thanks for the love and faith we see in one another,
reflecting the good things God has done in us through Christ Jesus.**

In Christ, there is no longer enslaved or free, but all are united in one family.

**We come seeking refreshment for our souls and renewed hearts,
ready to embrace the transformation God offers.**

Let us worship the God of grace, who invites us to extend forgiveness,
just as we have been forgiven.

Let us pray:

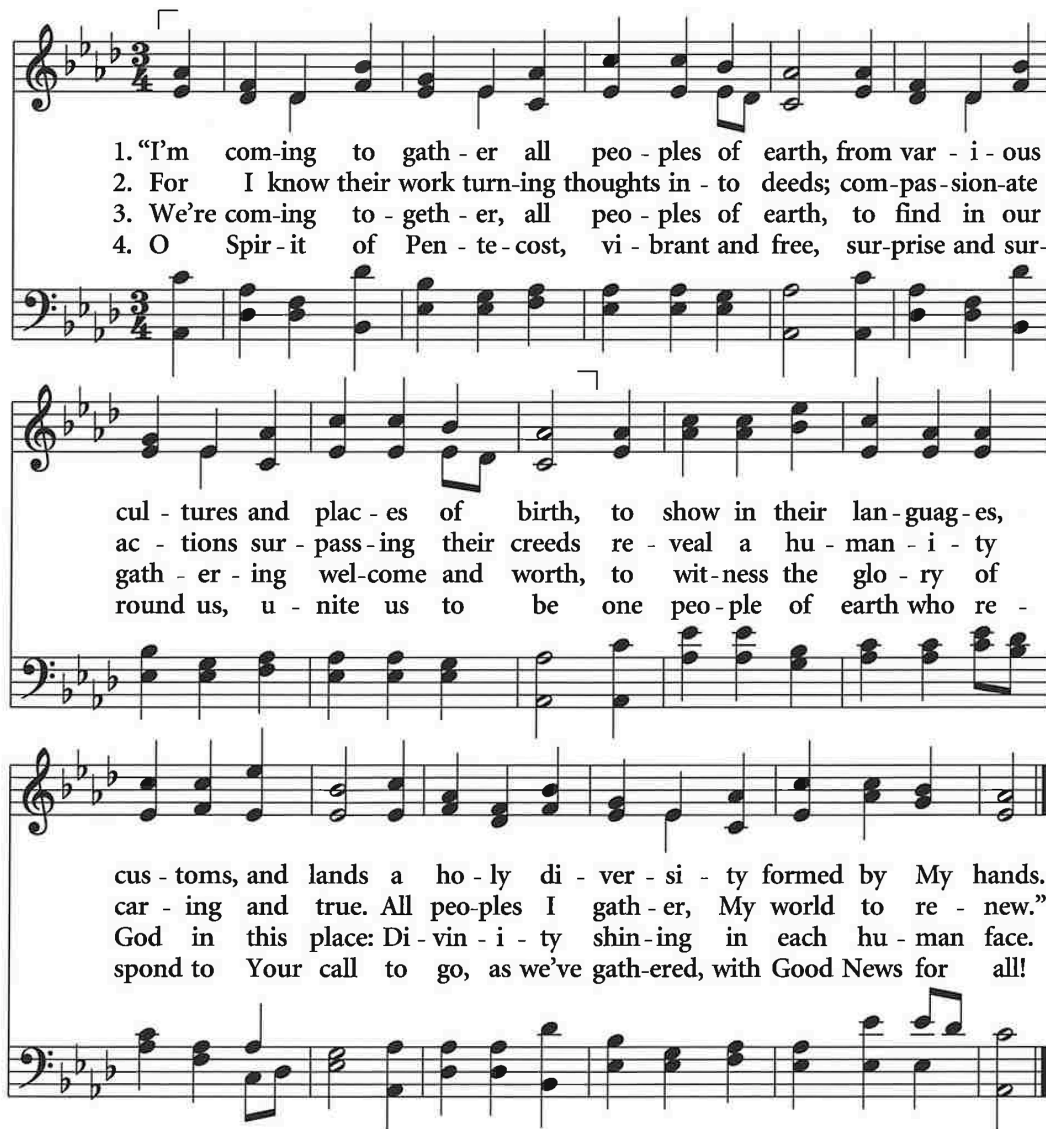
**Merciful God, we thank you for the example of Paul, who, even in chains,
demonstrated the power of Christ's love and the spirit of reconciliation. We
confess that we often struggle to extend forgiveness and reconciliation to those
who have wronged us or those we perceive as different.**

**Open our hearts and minds to receive and extend your grace, just as you have
lavishly poured it out on us. Inspire us to see others, not as they once were, but
as they are now in Christ.**

**May our time of worship deepen our understanding of your boundless love and
empower us to live as true reflections of your forgiveness and reconciliation in
the world. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.
Amen.**

I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth

ST. DENIO



1. "I'm com-ing to gath - er all peo - ples of earth, from var - i - ous
 2. For I know their work turn-ing thoughts in - to deeds; com-pas-sion-ate
 3. We're com-ing to - geth - er, all peo - ples of earth, to find in our
 4. O Spir - it of Pen - te - cost, vi - brant and free, sur-prise and sur-

cul - tures and plac - es of birth, to show in their lan - guag - es,
 ac - tions sur - pass - ing their creeds re - veal a hu - man - i - ty
 gath - er - ing wel - come and worth, to wit - ness the glo - ry of
 round us, u - nite us to be one peo - ple of earth who re -

cus - toms, and lands a ho - ly di - ver - si - ty formed by My hands.
 car - ing and true. All peo - ples I gath - er, My world to re - new."
 God in this place: Di - vin - i - ty shin - ing in each hu - man face.
 spond to Your call to go, as we've gath - ered, with Good News for all!

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

Philemon 1:4-21

9am - Mike Jones & Congregation

11am - Steven Rhodes & Congregation

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

MORNING SONG

(stanzas 1-3)

1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray;
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart;
3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and bid re - sent - ment cease;

but You a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to You!
then, bound to all in bonds of love, our lives will spread Your peace.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four stanzas of the hymn, and the second system contains the final stanza. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves.

⦿ Offertory Prayer

*9am - Joey Belgard & Congregation
11am - Sharon Larkin & Congregation*

Hear now this prayer.

Gracious and reconciling God,

we thank you for the love and faith we see in each other,

just as Paul thanked God for Philemon's love and faith.

We pray that our partnership in the faith may be effective,

leading us to recognize all the good things that are ours in Christ Jesus.

We ask that you deepen our understanding of the blessings you have given us

and that our love for one another may be a source of encouragement and refreshment.

As we offer our gifts today,

may our generosity reflect the love you have shown us in Christ,

and may we be willing to forgive and reconcile with one another,

just as Paul pleaded with Philemon to forgive Onesimus.

We pray that our actions would be a reflection of your grace and love,

and that we would be willing to extend that grace and love to all those around us,

just as Paul urged Philemon to do.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.

Offertory

Poor Wayfaring Stranger
Spiritual

Jeanie Chuang

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



Pastoral Prayer

Mel Beller

Anthem

Choir

Grace by Carolyn Hamlin

Lord, as I seek your guidance for the day,
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way;
But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through,
your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.

*Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me,
your hand will protect me. I rest in your care.
Your eyes will watch over me, your love will forgive me,
and when I am faltering, I still will find you there.*

Each new day's design is charted by your hand
and graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan.
Keep my foot steps faithful when from you I go.
Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow.

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“My Very Heart”

Moment of Contemplation

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

MORNING SONG

(stanza 4)

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread Your peace.**

Blessing and Welcoming New Members

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

McKenna Arras & Anneka Hutton

KayLynn Lion

Ricky Ashton

Terri Moore

Carl & Linda Bell

Maryanne Visconti-Pfeffer

Faith Forinash & Dylan Schwoegl

Teri Willding

Jenny Kiehl

Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church?

New Members: We do.

Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

New Members: We will, with God's help.

To the members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, will you witness these promises and do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

All: We will.

 **Benediction**

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

How Firm a Foundation
Arranged by Craig Courtney



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Service Event

Saturday, September 6, 12:00pm, Shelton School & Evaluation Center

We've added an additional date to the Feed My Starving Children efforts—this event is located at 17301 Preston Road. Follow the QR code above to sign up!



Guns to Gardens

Sunday, September 7, 2:00pm, Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration

In partnership with RAWTools and Presbyterian Faith Fellowship, this safe surrender event will be hosted from 2-5 pm.



Church Conference

Wednesday, September 10, 5:30pm, on Zoom

Our Church Conference will now be held on Wednesday, September 10th at 5:30pm. This meeting will take place on Zoom! Visit our website calendar for access to the Zoom link.



Community Dinners

Saturday, September 13 & 20, 6:00pm

Join us again for Community Dinners! Members will be grouped together for a night of food and fellowship. Dinners will take place from 6-8pm. Follow the QR code to register.

WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Monday, August 25

- 8:00 am: Weekly Prayer Vigil — Outside Dallas ICE Office (8101 N Stemmons Fwy)
- 7:30 pm: Young Adult Mondays — Harris Youth Cottage

Wednesday, August 27

- 4:00 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (4:00 - 5:45 pm)
- 7:15 pm: Choir — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, August 30

- 2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, August 31

- 9:00 am: Morning Worship — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am: Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building & Library
- 9:45 am: New Pre-K Sunday School Class — Childcare Room
- 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

WORSHIP *NOTES*



Hymn Notes

For the Beauty of the Earth

by John Rutter

2020 Oxford University press

I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth

Words: Larry E. Schultz, 2008 (Isa. 66:18)

Music: Welsh hymn tune, from John Roberts'

Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839

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Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1966 (Matt. 6:12)

Music: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part*

Second, 1813; harm. Donald Murphy, 2008

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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

Joey Belgard & Sharon Larkin

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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GIVING



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