



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

AUGUST 31, 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*

TWELFTH 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

Since I Have Been Redeemed

By Edwin O. Excell

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

Come, beloved of God,
to the well where Jesus waits.

Here, we bring our weariness, our questions,
our thirst that never seems to be satisfied.

Here, we discover a love that sees us.

Not the masks we wear,
not the burdens we carry to prove our worth,
but our true selves, known and cherished.

This is a place where hiding is not needed,
where shame is met with grace,
where emptiness is filled with living water.

As the music begins,
let us breathe deeply and rest in the truth:
Christ meets us here,
and everything we thought we needed to carry
can be left behind.

Come, for you are seen.
Come, for you are loved.
Come, and drink deeply of God's living water.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

We gather as pilgrims on a journey of faith.

We come seeking the awareness of God's presence as we travel on.

We come seeking light for our darkness,
strength in our weakness,
living water for the dryness of our lives.

Shine in our hearts, O God, with the light of your love.

Make your presence known through Jesus the Christ.

Let us pray:

God of living water,

**we thank you for the glimpses of your glory,
and the whispered words of your promise,
which quench our thirst from day to day.**

**Help us to press onward in the journey of faith,
trusting your grace for today and tomorrow,
accepting the cost and joy of discipleship to Jesus Christ our faithful guide.
Amen.**

The Thirsty Cry for Water, Lord

NEW BRITAIN



1. The thirst - y cry for wa - ter, Lord; The
2. The cup of wa - ter poured in love The
3. But help us al - so hear the cry Of
4. And come to us, O ris - en Christ, Our

hun - gry plead for bread. And man - y long
pangs of thirst will still. The bread of earth
hun - g'ring, thirst - ing hearts For liv - ing wa -
rest - less souls re - lieve; And sat - is - fy

to rise a - gain Where hope, cast down, lies dead.
you bid us share, The fam - ished child can fill.
ter, bread of life Your grace a - lone im - parts.
our starv - ing hearts That we may rise and live.

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

Benjamin P. & Harper W.

John 4:4-30

But he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, 'What do you want?' or, 'Why are you speaking with her?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to 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.



Hymn

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Congregation

ABERYSTWYTH

(verses 1-2)

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bos - om fly,
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on Thee;
3. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.
let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of Thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of Thy wing.
spring Thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

The musical score is written for a congregation, featuring a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a corresponding musical line. The first system includes three verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a bridge or chorus. The fourth system concludes the hymn with a final line of lyrics. The score is marked with various musical notations, including notes, rests, and dynamic markings.

Offertory Prayer

9am - Tommy Lamberth & Congregation

11am - Sheryl Gambill & Congregation

See how the fields are ripe for harvest!
Already, God is gathering fruit for eternal life.
With rejoicing, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Hear now this prayer.
O Lord, you are our God;
we are the people of your pasture,
the sheep of your hand.
As you have fed us by your mercy,
may it be our daily bread to do your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offertory

His Eye Is On the Sparrow
Arranged by Martha Mier

Jeanie Chuang

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



Prayers of the People

Mel Beller & Congregation

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying,
Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

Saving God,
you are the giver of living water,
the source of deepest compassion,
the fountain of eternal life.

Therefore we pray for you:

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who are thirsty—
thirsty for a life of meaning,
thirsty for a word of grace,
thirsty for a drink of water...

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who are weary—
weary from life's long journey,
weary from quarreling and testing,
weary from pain or grief...

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

For all who are broken—
broken by sin and suffering,
broken by hard disappointment,
broken by acts of violence...

Wellspring of mercy, hear our prayer.

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

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

**Living God, through your Spirit,
pour your love into our hearts,
your grace into our lives,
your healing into our world,
until the earth is filled with your glory
as the waters cover the sea;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Come, Thou Fount by Eric Nelson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
*here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.*

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

“Left Behind”

Moment of Contemplation

Hymn of Response

Congregation

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

ABERYSTWYTH

(verse 3)

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.

Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of Thee;
spring Thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arranged by Mary McDonald



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Lunch + Learn

*Wednesday, September 3, 12:00pm
(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)*

Lunch and Learn is back! Join us this Wednesday, September 3 for a conversation with Dallas County Judge, Clay Jenkins. Lunch line opens at 11:30am and program starts at noon.



Medicare Info Event

Tuesday, September 9, 12:00pm, Vickrey Hall

Have questions about Medicare coverage? Need help with enrollment? Our own Dan Thompson will run two information events, covering everything from fundamentals to plan changes and drug coverage. Come September 9th at noon or September 16th at 6:30pm.



Church Conference

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

Our Church Conference will 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.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Monday, September 1

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

Wednesday, September 3

12:00 pm: Lunch + Learn — Vickrey Hall (Lunch line opens at 11:30 am)

Program: Clay Jenkins, “Faith and Leadership During Crisis”

1:00 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (1:00 - 2:30 pm)

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, September 6

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, September 7

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



Please help provide meals for our kids and youth on Wednesdays or breakfasts on Sunday mornings! This act of hospitality will help us to create a welcoming environment for our young people. We would love for you to stay or you can simply drop it off.



sign up here:

WORSHIP *NOTES*



Cover Art

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Hymn Notes

Since I Have Been Redeemed

By Edwin O. Excell
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The Thirsty Cry for Water, Lord

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, b. 1923, © 1997 GIA Publications, Inc.
Tune: NEW BRITAIN, CM: *Virginia Harmony*, 1831; harm. by Edwin O Excell, 1851-1921

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Text: Charles Wesley, 1738
Music: Joseph Perry, 1879, Public Domain

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Arranged by Martha Mier
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Come, Thou Fount

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, and written in 1758, *alt.* (PD).
Tune: *NETTLETON*, *Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813 (PD).
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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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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

Sheryl Gambill & Tommy Lamberth

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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