



# ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



*WELCOME TO WORSHIP*

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

# WELCOME

TO ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH



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**

THIRTEENTH 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*

Just As I Am, I Come  
Arranged by Mary MacDonald

*(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)*

Lord, we see ourselves in that night of desertion.

We, too, have run -

when the cost was heavy,

when the darkness pressed in,

when fear unfastened our courage.

Yet you did not run from us.

Stripped of all, you bore our frailty,

and clothed us in steadfast love.

In this stillness, draw us near again.

Teach us to remain.

Teach us to watch, to follow, to trust.

## **Call to Worship & Invocation**

*Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation*

Friends, in our hour of deepest trial, where do we flee?

**We flee from the danger, and often, we flee from Christ himself.**

In Gethsemane, every follower of Jesus scattered. In a terrifying moment, a young man was seized and, in his panic, fled naked.

**We have all, in our own ways, fled in shame from the call of Christ.**

But the one who was seized and abandoned was also the one who overcame all fear and death.

**We praise God for his glorious resurrection, which calls us out of hiding and back into his light.**

**Let us leave our shame behind and come together to worship our risen Lord!**

Let us pray:

**Loving God, we confess that some followers of Jesus flee when things become difficult. Grant us hearts that are truly loyal to You and willing to do all You call us to do. Help us to be among those who remain steadfast and to share the good news of Your unfailing love with others, so that they too might know there is one who will never let them down.**

**Amen.**



## Would I Have Answered When You Called

KINGSFOLD

1. Would I have an - swered when you called, "Come, —  
 2. Would I have fol - lowed where you led through —  
 3. Would I have matched my step with yours when —  
 4. O Christ, I can - not search my heart through —

fol - low, fol - low me!"? Would I at once have  
 an - cient Gal - i - lee, on roads un-known, by  
 crowds cried, "Cru - ci - fy!" when on a rock - y  
 all its tan - gled ways, nor can I with a

left be - hind both work and fam - i - ly? Or —  
 ways un - tried, be - yond se - cu - ri - ty? Or —  
 hill I saw a cross a - gainst the sky? Or —  
 cer - tain mind my stead - fast - ness ap - praise. I —

would the old, fa - mil - iar round have —  
 would I soon have hur - ried back where —  
 would I too have slipped a - way and —  
 on - ly pray that when you call, "Come, —

held me by its claim and kept the spark with —  
 home and com - fort drew, where truth you taught would —  
 left you there a - lone, a dy - ing king with —  
 fol - low, fol - low me!" you'll give me strength be -

in my heart from burst - ing in - to flame?  
 not dis - turb the or - dered world I knew?  
 crown of thorns up - on a ter - r'ble throne?  
 yond my own to fol - low faith - ful - ly.

## 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

**Mark 14:43-52**

*9am - Sharon Vickrey Congregation*

*11am - Marian Gandara & Congregation*

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard." So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, "Rabbi!" and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled." All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

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

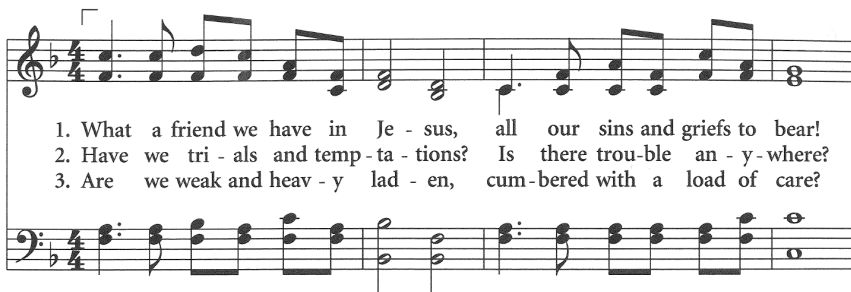
*Rev. Doug Watts*

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.*

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

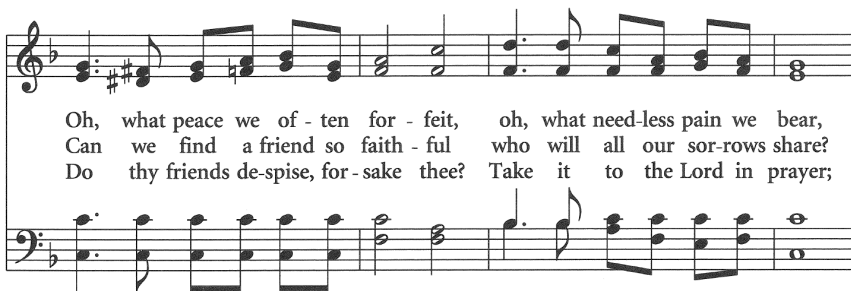
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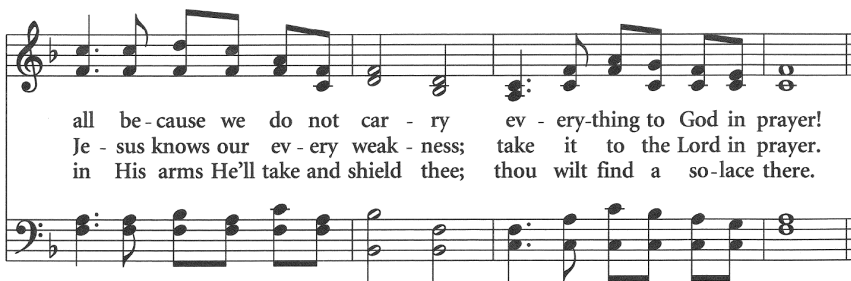
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery-thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 in His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.

## 🔊 Offertory Prayer

Hear now this prayer.

Gracious God,

Thank you that when we flee, you do not abandon us. Your perfect and infinite faithfulness stands in stark contrast to our faltering loyalty. Your sacrifice was made in solitude, a moment of profound isolation, so that we might never be truly alone.

As we present these gifts, we offer them not out of our own strength, but out of gratitude for your mercy. Use these offerings to build your kingdom and to support ministries that help transform fear into courage and shame into hope. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to be faithful followers, not just in times of peace, but especially when faced with tribulation.

In the name of Jesus, our perfectly faithful Lord, we pray. Amen.

*9am - Patsy Meier & Congregation*

*11am - Blake Vickrey & Congregation*

## Offertory

*Choir*

### When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son

David W. Romig, J. Harold Moyer

When we are tempted to deny your Son  
because we fear the anger of the world,  
and we are few who bear the insults hurled:  
*your will, O God, be done.*

When we are tempted to betray your Son  
because he leads us in a harder way,  
and makes demands we do not want to pay:  
*your will, O God, be done.*

When we forget the cross that held your Son  
and would avoid the burden of this life,  
the cry for justice, and an end to strife:  
*your will, O God, be done.*

When doubt obscures the victory of your Son  
and faith is weak and all resolve has fled,  
help us to know him risen from the dead:  
*your will, O God, be done.*

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





## Sermon

*Rev. Garrett Vickrey*

### “Back in the Garden”

## Moment of Contemplation

### Call to Confession

*Mara Bim & Congregation*

Too often our hearts are cold and without gratitude.

Too often our hands are passive and unwilling to carry out acts of mercy.

Too often our lips are pursed tightly, unwilling to speak words of love.

Too often we are indeed separated and alienated from our better selves, separated and alienated from God.

Let us confess our separation and alienation.

Let us join together in the prayer of confession.

### The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, we confess that we have not lived in ways that acknowledge you as the source of life. We are like the disciples who fled that fateful night in the garden. Too often we run away from where we are needed most and move headlong in any direction which offers an easier path. We rush by others in our hurry to find our own way. We seldom stop to consider our future in your gift of new life. Forgive our aimless thinking, doing, and speaking. Amen.**

*We now silently confess our sins together.*

### Promise of Forgiveness

Hear now these words:

God hears our cries and forgives all who are penitent and believing. God provides the resources for our rescue and redemption. Whoever trusts God will not be disappointed. Whoever reaches out to others in the Spirit of Christ will know the joy of God's love. You are forgiven. You are accepted. You are loved. Share these gifts.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Invitation to the Table

*Choir*

### Remember Me

R. Kevin Boesiger, Mary A. Lathbury

*“Remember me, remember me.  
When you come to this table remember me.  
This bread and this cup are the promise of life,  
remember me.”*

In a world of broken promises,  
remember what Christ did.  
The work he did on Calvary would make us whole again.  
The promise that he made  
goes beyond our earthly days,  
His life and death has made our way for all eternity.

Break now the bread of life,  
dear Lord to me,  
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;  
my spirit waits for you, O Living Word.

## Communion

*Rev. Garrett Vickrey &  
Rev. Victoria Robb Powers*

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

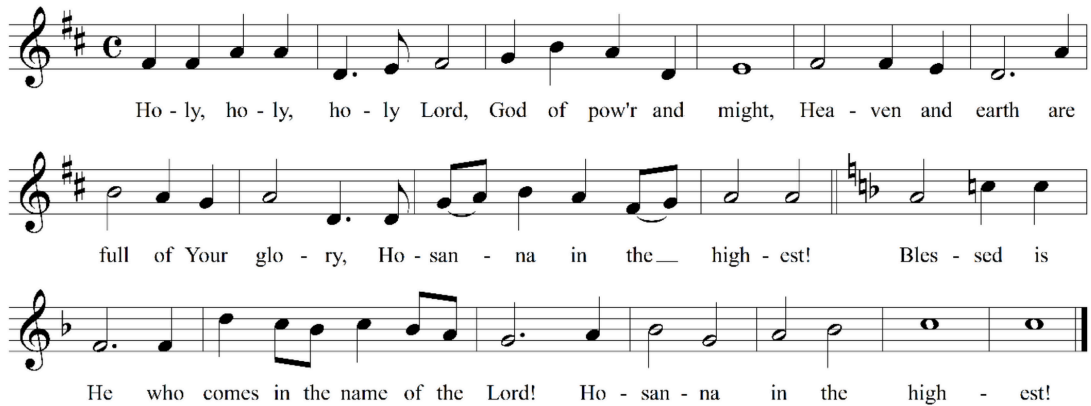
**We lift them up to God.**

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.

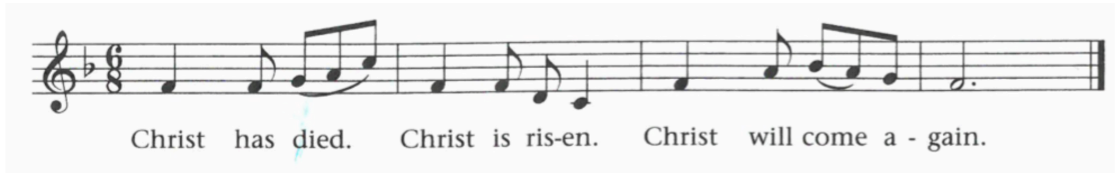


The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The first line of music corresponds to the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are'. The second line continues with 'full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is'. The third line concludes with 'He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!'. The key signature changes to D minor (two flats) for the final phrase. The score uses various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes, as well as rests and a repeat sign.

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*

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly hosts:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

*Rev. Garrett Vickrey*

## **Closing Music**

*Jeanie Chuang*

On Eagle Wings  
Arranged by Mark Hayes



# GUEST *P*REACHER



**Garrett Vickrey** has served as Senior Pastor of Woodland Church in San Antonio since 2012. A graduate of Baylor University and Wake Forest Divinity School, Garrett grew up in Richardson, Texas. He and his family have deep roots at Royal Lane. His father, Ray Vickrey, pastored Royal Lane for nearly three decades. His brother, Blake, has been running sound for worship for twenty years. His mother, Sharon, sings in the sanctuary choir and makes legendary home-made bread. Garrett's wife, Cameron Vickrey, has co-authored three children's books with Senior Pastor Victoria Robb Powers.

Garrett and Cameron live in San Antonio with their three daughters—Finley, Zetta, and Sloane. Garrett once almost scored under 105 in a round of golf at a municipal course. He enjoys playing guitar and running, usually not at the same time. He has survived San Antonio as a Spurs-tolerant Dallas Mavericks fan through grace and grit. Garrett was crushed by the Luka trade last February but is still hopeful for the post-Nico era.

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kids

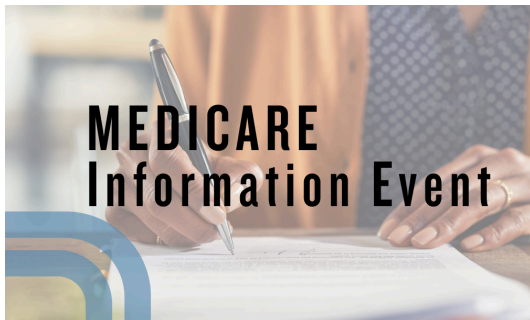


Please help provide meals for our kids and youth on Wednesdays or breakfasts on Sunday mornings! This act of hospitality will help us to create a welcoming environment for our young people. We would love for you to stay or you can simply drop it off.



sign up here:

# ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



## 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 9<sup>th</sup> at noon or September 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.



## Church Conference

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

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



WEDNESDAY  
LUNCH+LEARN SERIES

**Harry Wooten**

Rest, Renewal, and Return:  
Reflections from Sabbatical

## Lunch + Learn

*Wednesday, September 10, 12:00pm*

*(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)*

Join us on Wednesday for lunch and a conversation with Rev. Harry Wooten, who will regale us with tales and wisdom from his recent sabbatical.



## 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.

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*See Coming Events on our website for more information.*

**ROYALLANE.ORG**

# WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



## **Sunday, September 7**

12:15 pm: Missions Committee Meeting — Christian Education Building, Room 212

## **Monday, September 8**

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

7:30 pm: Young Adult Mondays — Harris Youth Cottage

## **Tuesday, September 9**

12:00 pm: Medicare Information Event — Vickrey Hall

## **Wednesday, September 10**

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

Program: Rev. Harry Wooten, “Rest, Renewal, and Return: Reflections from Sabbatical”

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

5:00 pm: Properties Committee Meeting — Christian Education Building, Room 212

5:30 pm: Digital Church Conference — Zoom

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Vickrey Hall

## **Saturday, September 13**

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

## **Sunday, September 14**

8:30 am: Deacons Meeting — Vickrey Hall

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

Young Theologians — Christian Education Building, Room 202

Children Fourth through Sixth Grade





# GUNS 2 GARDENS DALLAS COUNTY



**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

**2pm – 5pm**

**The Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration  
14115 Hillcrest Avenue, Dallas 75254**

On Sunday, September 7th, Royal Lane is one of several congregations hosting a Guns to Gardens event. In partnership with RAWTools and Presbyterian Faith Fellowship, this safe surrender event will be hosted at Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration from 2-5 pm. These unwanted guns will be dismantled by trained volunteers and the leftover parts will be forged into garden tools. As an incentive to gun owners, the collective will offer gift cards in varying amounts. ***To make a financial contribution towards this endeavor, please scan the QR code above.***

Interested in helping? We need community members who will volunteer four to six hours. Volunteers should arrive on-site at noon for training. **Please register** to volunteer so we know all jobs will be covered and that volunteers can be trained.

Tasks required include:

**Greeters (3)** - welcome gun donor and ask them to stay in car throughout donation process; do not block driveways, assign to a Shepherd

**Shepherds (12)** - walk with gun owner through the donation and dismantling process, collect some anonymous survey information (TBD)

**Gift Cards (5)** - retrieve gift cards from our funding team, bring them out to the donors as a thank you gift

**Hospitality (4)** - help provide and serve water and refreshments to our volunteers throughout the event

**Chop saw operator (3)** - receive training in chop saw and angle grinder operation for the safe dismantling of firearms

**Volunteers asked to arrive by 12:30pm.**

**To REGISTER as a volunteer, please send an email to:**

**[dallascountyguns2gardens@gmail.com](mailto:dallascountyguns2gardens@gmail.com)**

# WORSHIP *NOTES*

## Cover Art

photo of Garden of Gethsemane by Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

*This picture was taken on March 15, 2018, during my first trip to the Holy Land. It was in the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus came to pray, that he was arrested. Here, during his greatest hour of need, his closest friends fell asleep. As I stood in that same place, I was struck by the weight of my own betrayals of Jesus - by how often I, too, fall asleep to a world in need.*

*The olive trees that surround the garden are ancient, their twisted trunks bearing silent witness to centuries of prayer, struggle, and grace. Olive trees are remarkable. They can endure drought, fire, and even being cut down, only to send forth new shoots from their roots. They are symbols of resilience and peace, life springing forth again and again. Standing before them, I was reminded that even in our weakness and failures, God's mercy is never out of reach. —Victoria Robb Powers*

## Hymn Notes

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Arranged by Mary MacDonald

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### **Would I Have Answered When You Called**

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### **Whet a Friend We Have in Jesus**

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### **When We Are Tempted to Deny Your Son**

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Music: J. Harold Moyer, 1965.

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### **Remember Me**

R. Kevin Boesiger incorporating “Break Now the Bread of Life” Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913 and William F. Sherwin

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### **Sanctus**

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### **Balm in Gilead**

By Ben Logan

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### **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow**

Words: Thomas Ken, 1674, alt.

Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

### **On Eagle Wings**

Arranged by Mark Hayes

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# HOW TO *CONNECT*

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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](https://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](https://royallane.org/prayer) or by scanning the QR code.

## Deacons on Call

Patsy Meier & Blake Vickrey

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*REQUEST*

*PRAYER*



# *GIVING* AT ROYAL LANE

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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](https://royallane.org/give).

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*ONLINE*

*GIVING*



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## ROYAL LANE STAFF

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship  
Rev. Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families  
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