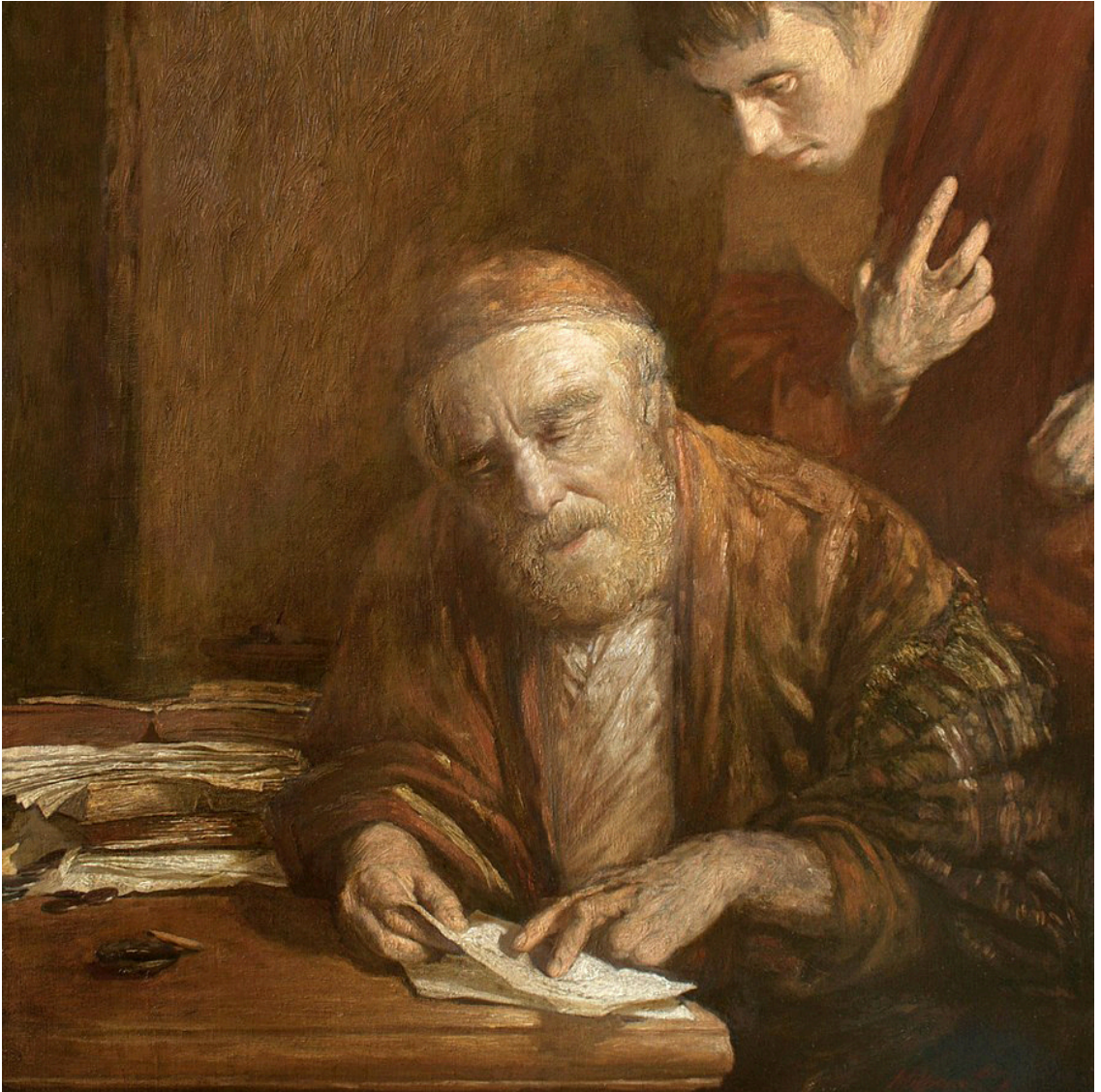




ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

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TO ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH



Thank you for choosing to worship with us this morning. We are so glad you're here! Royal Lane Baptist Church is a diverse community of faith united in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Since 1952, our church has sought to be a beacon of light in the city of Dallas and beyond.

Rather than escaping the world, we gather at Royal Lane with the hopes of transforming the world. We believe the heart of the gospel is to share, in word and deed, the life-giving, liberating, and loving word of God. Therefore, we commit ourselves to a proclamation of the Christian faith that is responsible, socially concerned, and relevant to our needs as a caring and inclusive fellowship.

The Church is an imperfect institution, and Royal Lane is no exception. We do not presume to be a perfect place, but we do commit ourselves to the practice of faith and grace. If you're joining us this morning, our hope is that you'll sense God's love in our fellowship and that you'll come to know more deeply your own belovedness as a child of God. No matter who you are, you are welcome here. There are no prerequisites to your worthiness. We are all God's children, and it's a gift when we come together.

We're grateful you're here.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Victoria Robb Powers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Victoria" being the most prominent.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

FIFTEENTH 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

My Savior's Love
Arranged by Roger House

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

As the music begins, let us enter a holy stillness.

We breathe deeply of the life that God has given.

We remember that each day, each relationship, each moment of grace
is entrusted to our care.

Jesus asks: *"Who will trust you with true riches
if you are not faithful with what is already yours?"*

In this quiet, we ponder:

How are we tending the life God has placed within us?

How are we nurturing the gifts of love, mercy, and hope?

How do our choices reflect the One we serve?

Let this silence open us,
so that in worship we may return to the Giver of all things
with hearts ready to be faithful in both the little and the great.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Praise the Lord, O servants of the Lord!

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised.

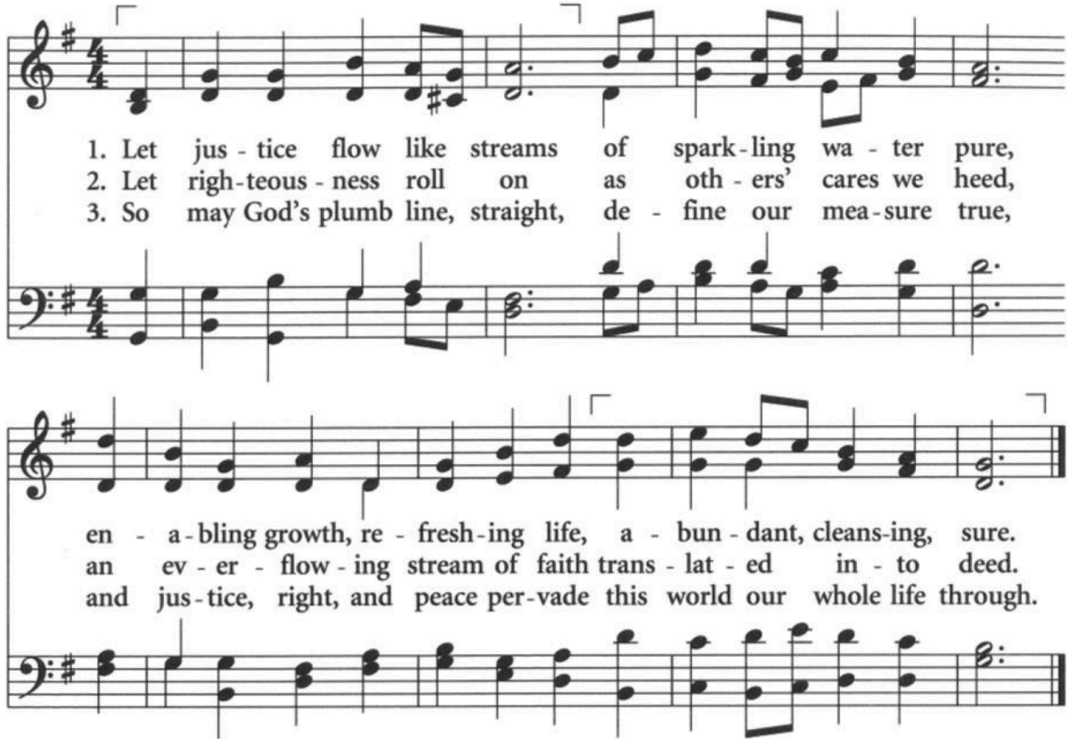
**Blessed be the name of the Lord
from this time on and forevermore.**

Let us pray:

**Faithful God, we give you thanks
that in Jesus Christ you have entrusted us
with the richness of your glory
and the treasure of your grace.
Make us faithful stewards of your good gifts,
that we may show your love to this generation.
Welcome us into your eternal home,
where we will worship and serve you forever;
through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ST. THOMAS



1. Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter pure,
 2. Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
 3. So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

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

Luke 16:1-13

9am - Rita Kirk

11am - Cookie Stokes

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

11am - 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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON



1 I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol-low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ; I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain
 star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the
 light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Offertory Prayer

You call us to be wise with our riches, O God,
that your realm may be blessed
for the benefit of all.

May we be found faithful in a little,
that you may entrust us to be faithful in much.

We offer you these gifts
in gratitude for your love.

May they bring your healing and light
to those who need the balm of Gilead. Amen.

Dan Thompson

Offertory

Softly and Tenderly
Arranged by Roger C Wilson

Jeanie Chuang

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



Prayers of the People

Mara Bim & Congregation

Lord, we pray for the wisdom to be faithful in the small matters of our lives.

Help us to manage our daily responsibilities with integrity, knowing that how we handle little things reveals our character and prepares us for greater trust.

O God of overflowing goodness, awaken our hearts to the needs of those around us.

Inspire us to use the wealth and possessions you have given us to serve others with compassion, wiping out the self-interest that often displaces your love.

We pray that you would guide your people to use their worldly wealth to gain eternal friends, using their finances to share the gospel and build up your kin-dom.

Help us to invest in relationships and eternal treasures, not just temporary security.

We pray for all who are trapped by the love of money, who chase after possessions and worldly power.

Shine your light into their lives, that they may realize the emptiness of their pursuits and come to find true worth in you.

We pray for those who manage wealth and power in this world—in government, business, and finance.

Guide them to act with integrity and justice, and to use their positions to serve the common good and care for the vulnerable.

For those who lack the basic necessities of life, we pray that your church will be a source of help and hope.

Move our hearts to give generously, and open our eyes to recognize how we can use our resources to alleviate their suffering.

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

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

**O God, teach us to tend the world you love:
to sow more than we reap,
to heal more that we wound,
to make room for others as you made room for us.
In the name of the Christ we pray. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated

Arranged by Ovid Young

Take my life and let it be consecrated,
Lord, to Thee;
take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee;
take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.

Take my silver and my gold,
not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine,
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Sermon

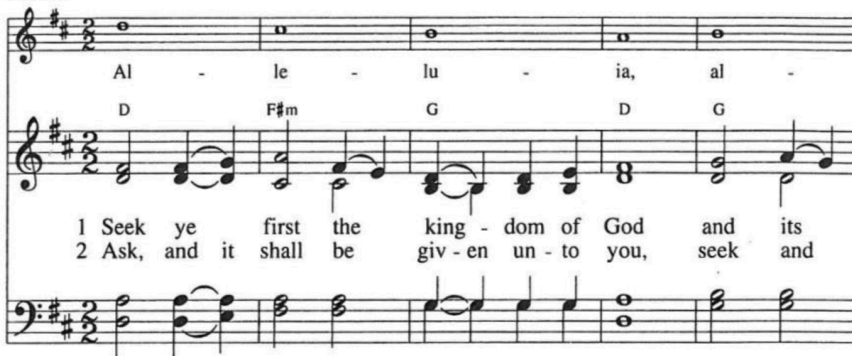
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Moment of Contemplation

Seek Ye First

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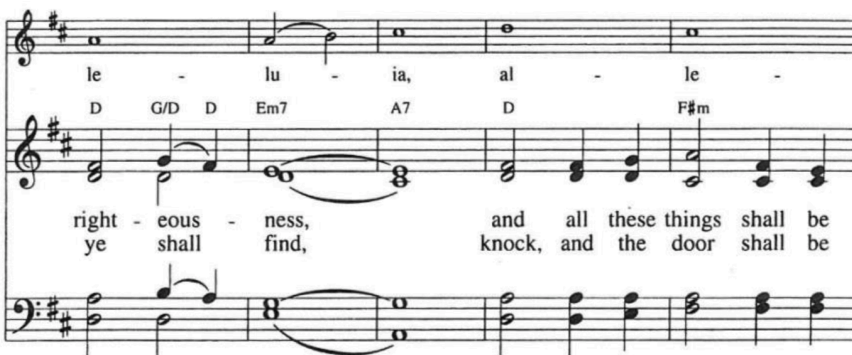
Descant



Al - le - lu - ia, al -

D F#m G D G

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God and its
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and



le - lu - ia, al - le -

D G/D D Em7 A7 D F#m

right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

G D G D/A G/A D/A Em7/G A7 D

add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

 **Benediction**

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

This Little Light of Mine
Arranged by Vicki Tucker Courtney



*At the close of the service, we will be resetting the room for Lunch and Learn.
Please join in helping, if you are able.*

ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Weekly Prayer Vigil at ICE

Monday, September 22, 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.



Young Adult Weekly Meeting

Monday, September 22, 7:30pm, Harris Youth Cottage

In your 20s or 30s? Join Young Adult Mondays at the Harris Youth Cottage from 7:30-9pm! Contact Maddie Wiltse (mwiltse@smu.edu) or Gloria Chang (gychang@gmail.com) to sign up for the communication list!



Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, September 10, 12:00pm

(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)

Don't miss this conversation with Texas House Representative, John Bryant! John will use decades of experience in politics to discuss how we might bridge ever-widening political divides.



Pumpkin Delivery & Opening of the Patch

Saturday, September 27, 9:00am

The pumpkins arrive September 27th! We need you to help us sell pumpkins and raise money to support our church. Serving together in the pumpkin patch is a lot of fun, and a great way to get to know our community. No heavy lifting required! Follow the QR code to sign up.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Monday, September 22

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

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

Wednesday, September 23

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

Program: John Bryant, “Bridging Political Divisions”

4:00 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 212 (1:00 - 2:45 pm)

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, September 27

9:00 am: Pumpkin Patch Delivery & Unloading — Pumpkin Patch

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, September 28

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*

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sign up here:

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 & Dan Thompson

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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