



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 5, 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 more prominent.

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

OCTOBER 5, 2025

THE *WORSHIP OF GOD*

SEVENTEENTH 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

9am - Down to the River to Pray/Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying
11am - For the Beauty of the Earth

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship.

A mustard seed's worth of faith has miraculous potential.

The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are gifts from God.

Anticipate these gifts.

Receive them with thanksgiving.

Respond to them as servants of Christ.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Destruction and violence are everywhere;
strife and contention are all around.

**The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

The law is slack,
and justice does not prevail.

**The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

How many threats surround us:
warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**The needs of the world are so great,
but you, O God, are greater still—
the One in whom all things are possible.
O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

Let us pray:

**Holy God, through Christ Jesus
you bring the light of the gospel
into our lives as grace revealed.
Help us to guard this treasure
and to share it with others, too,
so that the faith that has lived in our ancestors
and now lives in us
may come to life in every new generation.
We pray with the help of the Holy Spirit
who lives in us. Amen.**

In Unity We Lift Our Song

EIN' FESTE BURG



1. In un - i - ty — we lift — our song of grate - ful a - dor -
 2. For sto - ries told and told — a - gain to ev - 'ry gen - er -
 3. For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and
 4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the

a - tion, for bro - thers brave and sis - ters strong. What
 a - tion, to give us strength in time — of pain, to
 trea - sure, which give us hope when hope — is gone and
 Gi - ver. Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose

cause for cel - e - bra - tion! For those whose faith - ful - ness has
 give us con - so - la - tion. Our spi - rits to re - vive to
 make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind and
 hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day when

kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight, who've
 keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from home and
 death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still whose
 night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone and

held us in the night, the bles - sed con - gre - ga - tion.
 e - vil sea - sons come; how firm is our foun - da - tion.
 words our hearts can fill with hope be - yond all mea - sure.
 all our work is done, and we shall sing for - ev - er.

Words of Welcome

Rev. Harry Wooten

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 17:5-10

9am - Faith Forinash & Congregation

11am - Terry Berrier & Congregation

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Would any of you say to your servant, who had just come in from the field after plowing or tending sheep, 'Come! Sit down for dinner'? Wouldn't you say instead, 'Fix my dinner. Put on the clothes of a table servant and wait on me while I eat and drink. After that, you can eat and drink'? You won't thank the servant because the servant did what you asked, will you? In the same way, when you have done everything required of you, you should say, 'We servants deserve no special praise. We have only done our duty.'"

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.

When Our Confidence Is Shaken

PICARDY



1. When our con - fi - dence is — sha - ken In be - liefs we
2. So - lar sys - tems, void of — mean - ing, Freeze the spi - rit
3. In the dis - ci - pline of — pray - ing, When it's hard - est
4. God is love; and he re - deems us In the Christ we



thought se - cure; When the spi - rit in its — sick - ness
in - to — stone; Al - ways our re - sear - ches lead us
to be - lieve; In the drudg - er - y of — car - ing,
cru - ci - fy: This is God's e - ter - nal — an - swer



Seeks but can - not find a — cure: God is ac - tive in the
To the ul - ti - mate Un - known: Faith must die, or come full
When it's not e - nough to — grieve: Faith ma - tur - ing, learns ac -
To the world's e - ter - nal — why; May we in this faith ma -



ten - sions Of a faith not yet ma - ture.
cir - cle To its source in God a - lone.
cept - ance Of the in - sights we re - ceive.
tur - ing Be con - tent to live and — die.

Offertory Prayer

9am - Jeanie Chuang & Congregation

11am - David Doom & Congregation

Divine Master, purify the motivations of our hearts,
as we offer you the works of our hands.

May we work tirelessly,
until your servants can confidently say,
“We have done only what was ours to do.”

May these gifts inspire us
to be as generous in our giving
and with our forgiveness,
as you have been with us. Amen.

Offertory

Jeanie Chuang

9am - At the Cross
11am - There is a Fountain

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



Sermon

Mara Bim

“Servants of Christ”

Moment of Contemplation

Call to Confession

*9am - Garey Wisdom & Congregation
11am - Bettie Meachum & Congregation*

God answers those who seek mercy;
salvation comes to those who wait for the Lord.
Therefore, let us confess all we have done,
and what we have not done, trusting in God's grace.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Merciful God, you have called us to live
in sincere faith and to suffer for the gospel.
We confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience.
Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty.
We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others.
Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first.
We confess that in our own lives, and in the church,
we rely on our power rather than yours.
Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples.
Take away from us a spirit of cowardice,
and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used,
of love unconditionally offered and of self-discipline gracefully lived.
In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith,
that we may be faithful servants at your table.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

We now silently confess our sins together.

Promise of Forgiveness

Hear now these words:
The power of God has saved us:
grace is given to us in Jesus Christ,
who abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light.

Thanks be to God!

Invitation to the Table

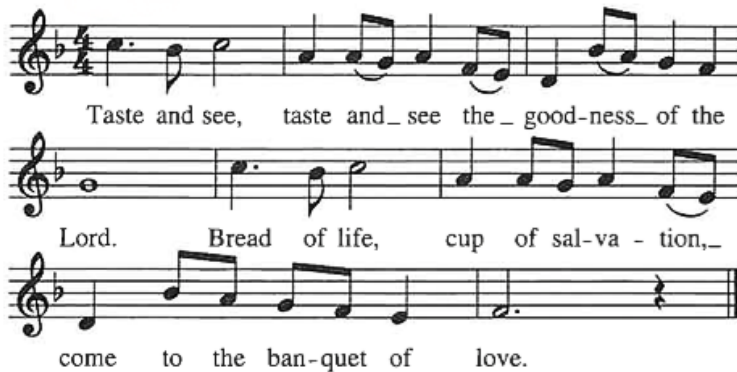
Choir & Congregation

Taste and See

by Michael Helman

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Bread of life, cup of salvation, come to the banquet of love.

Refrain:



Lord, you write your name upon our hearts;
praise and thanks we give to you.
Come and share the Word of life and love;
gracious God we give you glory.

Refrain

Lord, you rule over all creation,
tending all with loving hand.
You gave us your Son, the Bread of Life;
Loving God we give you glory.

Refrain

Praise to you, O God, Creator.
Praise to Christ, Redeemer, King.
Praise the Spirit who brings unity.
Triune God we give you glory!

Refrain

Communion

Rev. Beth Johnson

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,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.



Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name.

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

OLD 100TH

**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

Mara Bim

Closing Music

Jeanie Chuang

9am - Bringing in the Sheaves

11am - Bless the Lord, O My Soul/How Majestic Is Your Name



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5, 4:00pm, Pumpkin Patch

Come back this afternoon with your furry, scaly, hairy, or feathered friends to the Blessing of the Animals. All pets welcome!



*THIS WEDNESDAY
LUNCH+LEARN SERIES*

Charlie Johnson

The Role of Faith Leaders in Public Education

Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, October 8, 12:00pm

(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)

Executive Director of Pastors for Texas Children, Charlie Johnson, joins us to discuss the role of faith leaders in public education.



Pumpkin Patch Sign Up

Now - October 31

Our pumpkin patch needs ongoing volunteers to help 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.



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 19, 4:00pm

Come enjoy the fellowship and fun trunks, or host one yourself! Volunteer options include offering your car as a "trunk," handing out treats, setting up, cleaning up, and helping with a station. Follow the QR code to sign up.

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*



Sunday, October 5

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

Monday, October 6

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

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

Wednesday, October 8

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

Program: Charlie Johnson, “The Role of Faith Leaders in Public Education”

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

6:00 pm: Justice & Advocacy Book Study — Library

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, October 11

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, October 12

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

12:15 pm: Racial Justice Team — Christian Education Building, Room 212

SPECIAL CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 12
12:15 (following 11am Worship)
in-person and online



The church shall be called into special conference during the Sunday morning worship service of the second Sunday of the month of October (10/12/25) for the purpose of electing six Deacons. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at said special conference, provided that any additional nominees have been contacted in advance and have agreed to serve if elected.

This year the Member Resource Committee presents the following six nominees to serve three-year terms for outgoing deacons. All terms begin November 1, 2025.
Service Dates: 2025 - 2028

Brad Eason
Elwanda Edwards
Julia Jacobs

Matt Orwig
Haley Simental
Jamie Walker-Luckett

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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:

Ordination Ceremony
for
MARA BIM



SATURDAY

NOVEMBER

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2025

AT 3:00PM

AT ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH
Reception to follow in Vickrey Hall

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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

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

Jack Mullinax & Jeanie Chuang

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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Rev. Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families
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Mara Bim, Justice & Advocacy Fellow
Cathy Walling, Office Administrator & Prophetic Leadership
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