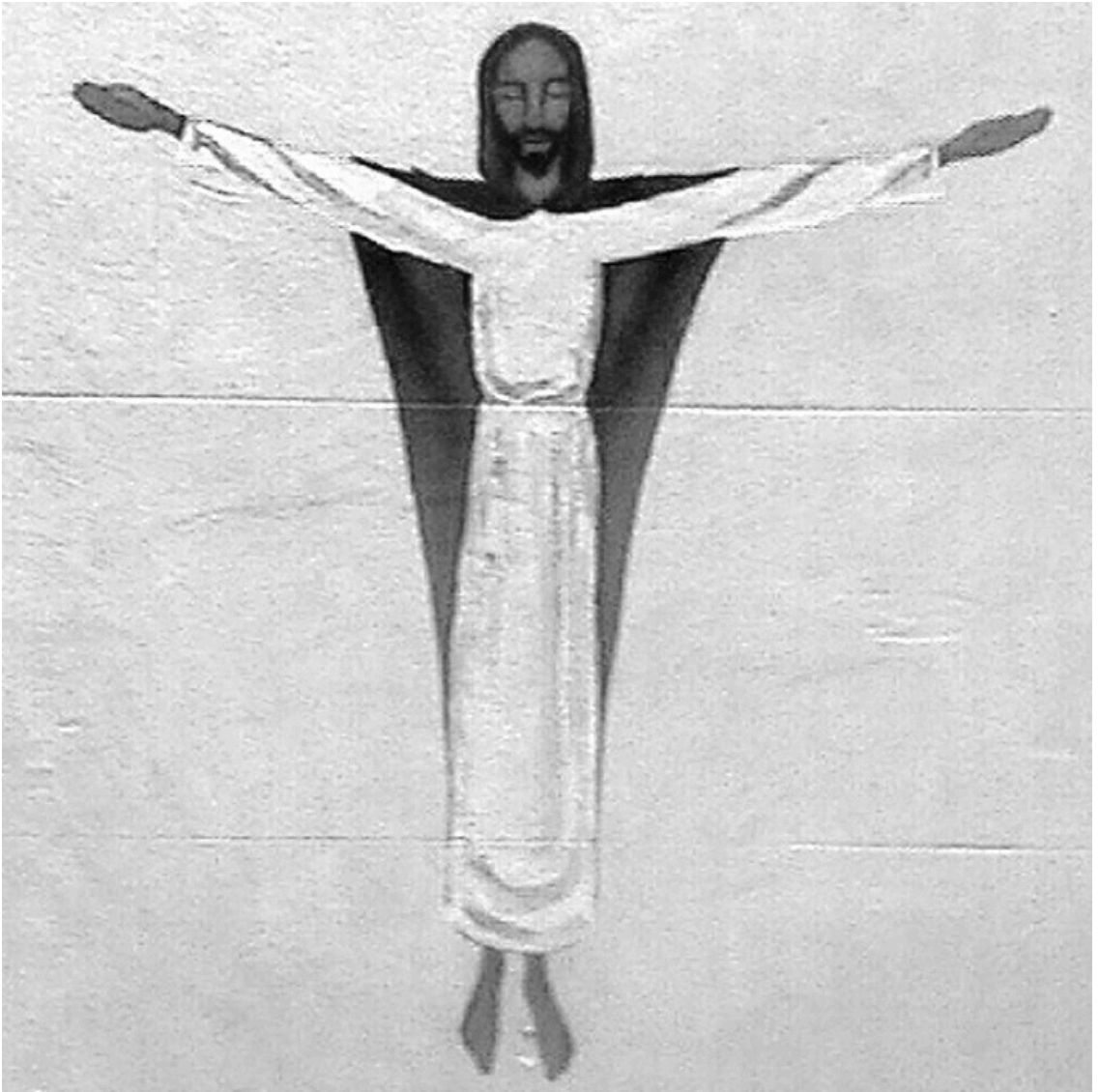




ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OCTOBER 12, 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 12, 2025

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

EIGHTEENTH 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 - We Gather Together
11am - Bound For the Kingdom

(Please consider the opening sentences during gathering music.)

Remember Jesus Christ,
raised from the dead,
descendant of David,
faithful through all generations.

Remember the One who called you,
who holds you still in mercy and light.

Let the noise within grow still.
Let memory become prayer.
Let your life rise again
from this holy remembrance.

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

Our worship today begins with a reverence for God,
who is gracious and compassionate.

**We come with pure hearts and holy hands,
remembering that our prayers are
effective when our lives are marked by faithfulness
and a sincere desire for God's glory.**

So let us give ourselves to God as a worker approved,
one who correctly handles the word of truth...

**...that we might be unashamed of our faith
and faithful in the work to which God has called us.**

Let us pray:

Gracious and eternal God, as we gather in your presence,
we lift our hands, not in conflict or anger,
but with hearts cleansed by your grace,
asking that You might enable us to serve You faithfully,
enduring suffering for the sake of the gospel.

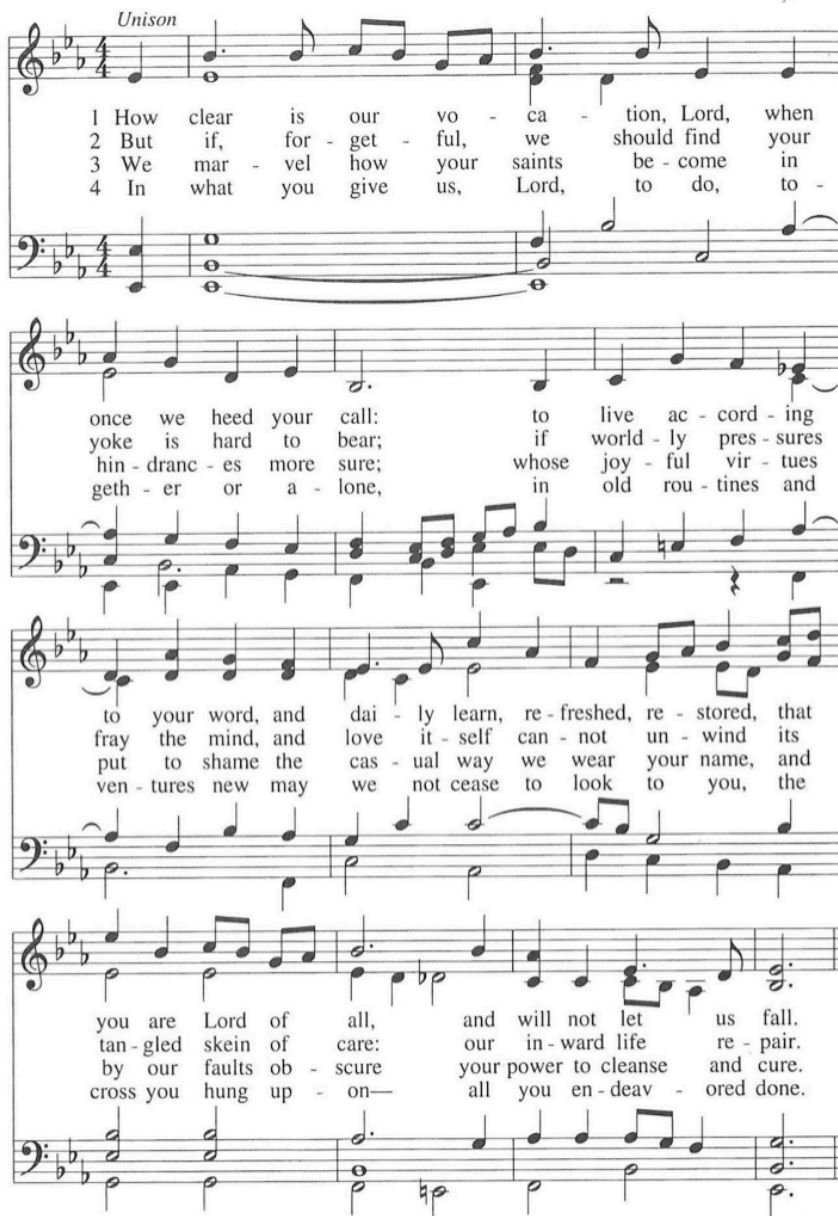
May our community be united, free from quarrels and bitterness,
that we might be a testament to Your peace and reconciliation.
Give us strength to be diligent workers for Your kin-dom,
handling the truth of Your Word with care, integrity, and love.
Strengthen us to overcome the difficulties of life,
and to press on with confidence and courage,
always seeking to do Your good works for Your glory.
In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

Unison



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when
 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to -

once we heed your call: to live ac - cord - ing
 yoke is hard to bear; if world - ly pres - sures
 hin - dranc - es more sure; whose joy - ful vir - tues
 geth - er or a - lone, in old rou - tines and

to your word, and dai - ly learn, re - fresh - ed, re - stored, that
 fray the mind, and love it - self can - not un - wind its
 put to shame the cas - ual way we wear your name, and
 ven - tures new may we not cease to look to you, the

you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
 tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 cross you hung up - on - all you en - deav - ored done.

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

9am - Donna Wood-Martin

2 Timothy 2:8-15

11am - Jeanna Fellers

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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

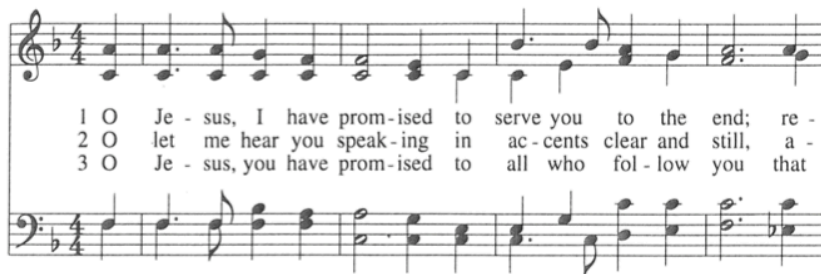
During the 11am service, children 3-years of age through 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

Children Grades 4 through 6, are invited to Young Theologians.

You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.

Oh Jesus, I Have Promised

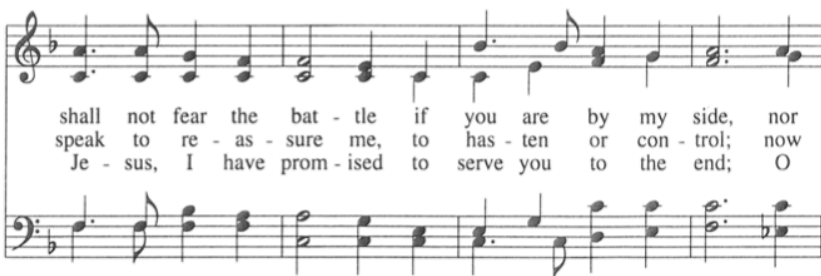
ANGEL'S STORY



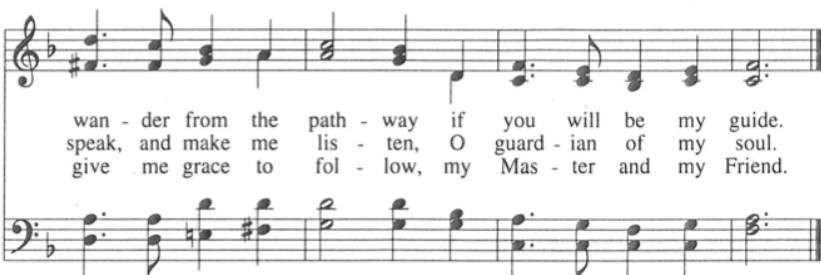
1 O Je - sus, I have prom-ised to serve you to the end; re -
 2 O let me hear you speak-ing in ac-cents clear and still, a -
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom-ised to all who fol - low you that



main for - ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend: I
 bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will. O
 where you are in glo - ry, your ser - vant shall be too; and,



shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, nor
 speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; now
 Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; O



wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 speak, and make me lis - ten, O guard - ian of my soul.
 give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

Offertory Prayer

*9am - Adam Visconti
11am - Margaret Darden*

We bring the first fruits of our labors,
the best of all we have,
a portion of the bounty you entrust to us.

Accept our gifts, gracious God,
as a symbol of our renewed commitment.
We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us
amid a fragmented world.

We are grateful for meaningful tasks
in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering.
We dedicate ourselves and our offering to your faithful service.
Amen.

Offertory

Jeanie Chuang

9am - My Shepherd Will Supply My Need
11am - Near to the Heart of God

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



Pastoral Prayer

Mel Beller

Anthem

Choir

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

Arranged by Ken Medema & Cathy Chamblee

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing!
Tune my heart to sing Thy praise!
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.
Here, by Thy great help I've come.
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me while 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 Thy goodness 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

Moment of Contemplation

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

John W. Work Jr., & Frederick J. Work

(stanza 1)



1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart,
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart, in my heart,
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart, in my heart,
 4. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.
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 **Benediction**

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Closing Music

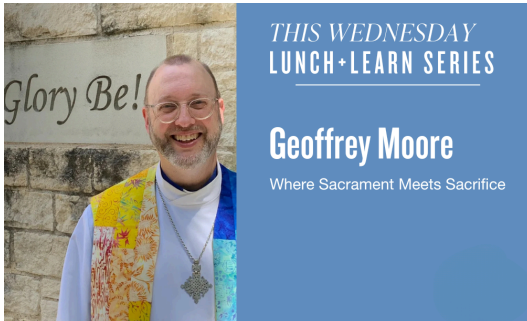
Jeanie Chuang

9am - Strong Praise

11am - Leaning on the Everlasting Arms



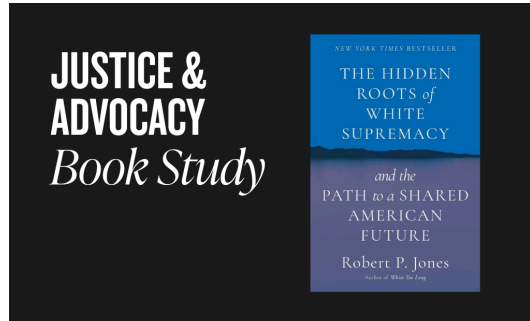
ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Lunch + Learn

Wednesday, October 15, 12:00pm
(Lunch Line opens at 11:30am)

We will host Perkins School of Theology's Curator of Worship, Geoffrey Moore, who will help us think about the places and spaces where sacrament meets sacrifice - we hope to see you there!



Book Study

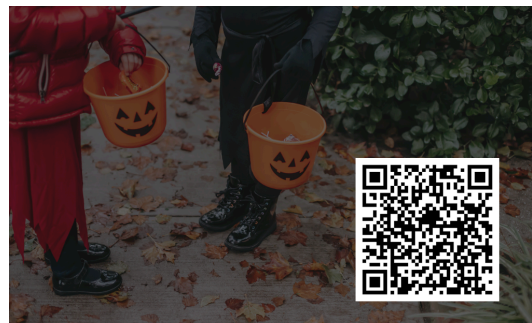
Wednesday, October 15, 6:00pm, Library
Mara Bim continues this study on *The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy* by Robert P. Jones in preparation for the November Advocacy Trip to Phoenix, AZ with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.



Club Meetings

Thursday, October 16, 8:00pm

This Thursday at 8pm is our women's pastor's book club and our men's whiskey and album club. Contact the church office for details. We hope to see you there! The book is *Northern Spy* by Flynn Berry.



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 12

12:15pm: Special Called Church Conference — Vickrey Hall

Monday, October 13

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 15

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

Program: Geoffrey Moore, "Where Sacrament Meets Sacrifice"

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

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

6:15 pm: Children's Choir — Christian Education Building, Room 202

7:15 pm: Choir — Vickrey Hall

Thursday, October 16

8:00 pm: Pastor's Book Club for Women — contact church office for location

8:00 pm: Men's Whiskey & Album Club — contact church office for location

Saturday, October 18

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, October 19

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

****Special Date Notice – November 1st 3:00 pm – Ordination of Mara Bim***

WORSHIP *NOTES*

Cover Art

Ascension, Mural of Christ ascending to heaven on a graffiti wall in Bristol, England.
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Hymn Notes

We Gather Together

Arranged by John Carter
1991 Hope Publishing Company

Bound for the Kingdom

Arranged by Joseph Martin
1995 Malcolm Music

How Clear is our Vocation, Lord

Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)
Music: C. Hubert H. Parry (1848-1918)
Words © 1982 Hope Publishing Company

Oh Jesus, I Have Promised

Words: John E. Bode (1816-1874), alt.
Music: Arther H. Mann (1850-1929)

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Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

Lyrics by Robert Robinson (1758)
Music by Ken Medema
Arranged by Ken Medema and Cathy Chamblee

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

African American Spiritual
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Strong Praise

by Paul Davis
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Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Arranged by Marianne Kim
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Annual Pumpkin Patch

Monday - Friday: 11am - 6pm
Saturdays: 9am - 6pm
Sundays: 1pm - 5pm
until October 31st



**sign up to
volunteer today!**

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

Adam Visconti & Margaret Darden

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. Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship
Rev. Beth Johnson, Minister to Children, Youth, & Families
Tori Jones, Communications & Ministry Coordinator
Mel Beller, Pastoral Intern
Mara Bim, Justice & Advocacy Fellow
Cathy Walling, Office Administrator & Prophetic Leadership
Program Coordinator

Jeanie Chuang, Pianist
Mike Hurder, Maintenance Director
Taide Guerra, Housekeeping
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Brandon Green, Audio Technician
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