



ROYAL LANE

BAPTIST CHURCH



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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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.

If you'd like to learn more about our church or how to become a member, please see the "New Here" card in the pew back in front of you. Thank you for being 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

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

THE **WORSHIP OF GOD**

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

 = *please rise in body or in spirit*

Chiming of the Hour

When fear runs the show, God calls us from the shadows, offers a healing touch,
and invites us to move forward in the light of faith and hope.

Even great prophets knew the fear and despair
that gripped the man possessed by demons.

We long for God, yet fear tries to separate us from God.

When fear tries to run the show, may hope and faith win the day.

Voluntary

Jeanie Chuang

Amazing Grace
arr. J. Christopher Pardini

Call to Worship & Invocation

Rev. Harry Wooten & Congregation

God is ready for us to seek what is eternal.

God wants us to find the truth beyond ourselves.

Our spirits long for God, as a deer longs for water.

We cry out for some evidence of God's presence.

God seldom comes as earthquake, wind, or fire.

Rather, in moments of sheer silence, God is revealed.

We come in quiet expectation to this holy place.

We approach the altar of God, hungering to be fed.

All are welcome here as siblings in Christ.

Here is a place to find healing and promise.

Our hope is in God, who gives us life and identity.

Our help is from God, who is in covenant.

Let us pray:

Come, O God, be with us here.

**As much as a deer longs for streams of cool water,
we long to know that you are with us.**

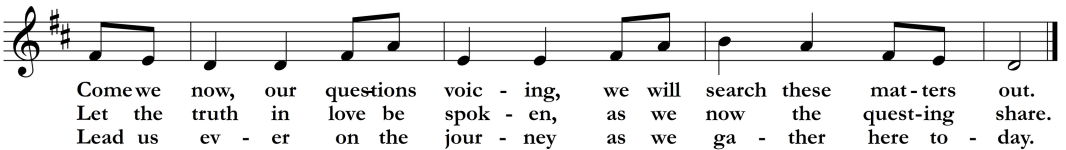
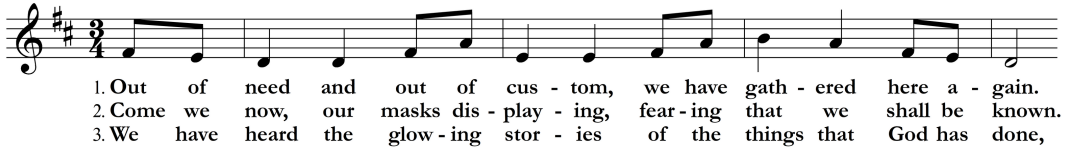
When trouble and sorrow come, we need you.

**Help us remember you are always with us,
and that your love is steadfast.**

**Put your song into our hearts,
that we may praise you this day. Amen.**

The Gathering

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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 filling out a "New Here" card which can be found in the pew racks. You may also register online at royallane.org/register or with the QR code.



Scripture Lesson

Cara Craggett & Congregation

Psalm 42:1-3; 9-11

Sung: Refrain (R): Oh, Our God, we long for you.

As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while people say to me continually,

“Where is your God?” **R**

I say to God, my rock,

**“Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?”**

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,

while they say to me continually, “Where is your God?”

Why are you cast down, O my soul,

and why are you disquieted within me?

Hope in God; for I shall again praise my help and my God. R

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 & Ken Medema

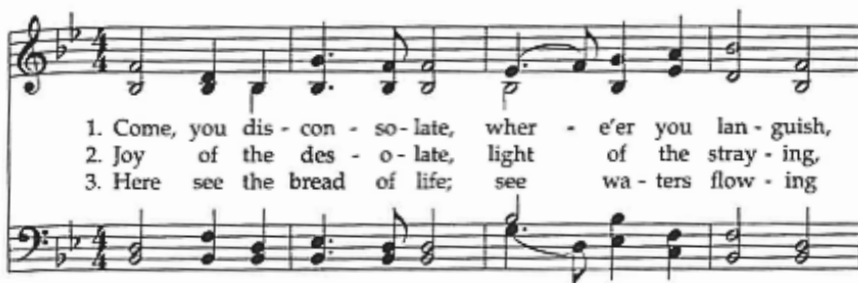
Children 3-years of age through 3rd grade are invited to Godly Play.

Children Grades 4 through 6 are invited to Young Theologians

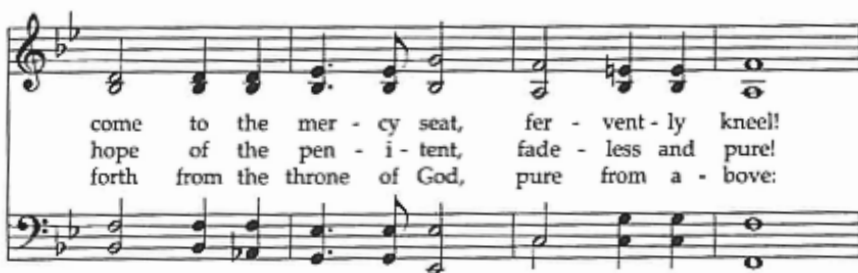
You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.

Come You, Disconsolate

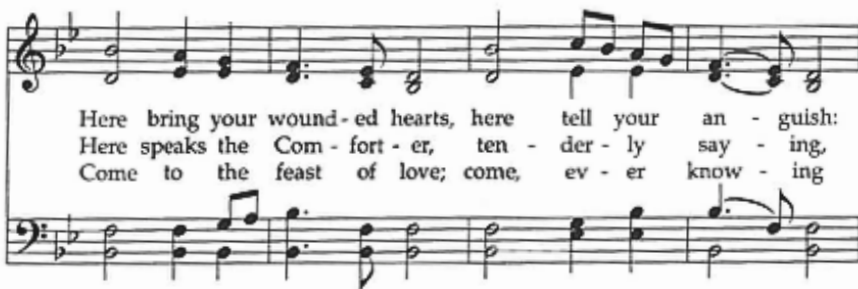
CONSOLATOR



1. Come, you dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er you lan - guish,
 2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel!
 hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:



Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish:
 Here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



Earth has no sor - row that heaven can - not heal.
 "Earth has no sor - row that heaven can - not cure."
 Earth has no sor - row but heaven can re - move.

Prayers of the People

Mel Beller & Congregation

Oh God, we come with longing we cannot hide. A holy ache lives deep in our bones.

**We thirst for You, though we do not always know how to say it.
We hunger for Your nearness, though we walk through silence.**

Some days, our prayers feel like echoes. Our questions rise, but answers stay quiet.

Still, something in us reaches, stretches, waits.

You have felt near before, in songs we once sang,
in joy that filled the room, in peace that came unannounced.

We remember. We carry those memories like lanterns in the dark.

Why this sorrow, soul of mine? Why the unrest that won't let go?

Even in the ache, we dare to hope. Even in the waiting, we lift our eyes.

To long for You is itself a kind of grace,
a sign that love still burns, that faith is not dead, only aching.

You are still our help. You are still our God.

So we press on with honest hearts, holding both the questions and the praise.

And we believe: We will praise You again.

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

We now share silence together.

Let us pray:

**O God, meet us in our thirst, and make our longing holy.
Let our seeking become our worship, and our waiting our song.
We trust that we will praise You again, our help and our God.
Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Black Lives Kyrie

Ken Medema/Laura Cook

Suré Eloff - Soprano

Angelo Geter - Spoken Word

*By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,
and we wept for thee, Zion.*

Kyrie eleison

Black lives shattered, black lives scattered
Black lives stammer, black lives rattle
Black lives would rather be seen deemed worthy of the same inalienable rights
leaned so heavily to those who claim this land.
You maim, and hand the blame down to the next man
No one has ever really rightly reaping responsibility
For the necks slashed, heads bashed
Them bones smashed against concretes
Permanent sleeps: no more dreaming
We weepin' due to loss of breath
We're not breathing, we're screaming due to fear
Due to voiceless cries you cannot hear
They taunt us: "Go back!"
But you brought us here
To this place of needing to face these mirrors
To unions with allies that lift and cheer us
Amalgamation
Unification is not a station of hate for us
It is a must to bust through these realities
Of poverties beyond finances, dreamed the epitome of success
We are not the less we have been made to believe
We have risen well past winged beings and trees
And as Maya sings, still, we rise
Crushing lies, our lives matter
Check yourself if that triggers
Mad Hatters litter the air with insanities,
Go figure.

Sermon

Ken Medema

“Hungry & Thirsty”

Moment of Contemplation

Offertory Prayer

Cecilia Gutierrez

Hear now this prayer.

Healer of life's ills, bring healing and strength
through the gifts we bring before you now.

Bright hope, faith, and love,
that our church may be an instrument of healing
and a vessel of hope for a hurting world. Amen.

Offertory & Choral Reponse

Ken Medema & Choir

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Ken Medema & Cathy Chamblee

**The music never ends 'til strangers turn to friends.
And where we go the world will know that the music never ends.**

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



Organ Dismissal

Jeanie Chuang

Toccata
John Weaver

At the close of the service, if you would like to receive prayer, several of our deacons will remain at the front of the sanctuary and would be glad to pray with you.

Chancel flowers are given in loving memory of Georgia Bradford by her family.



ROYAL LANE *HAPPENINGS*



Ken Medema

Singer-songwriter, www.kenmedema.com

Ken Medema has been performing and leading workshops since the 1970s. A Michigan State University graduate, he's known for creating songs on the spot and inspiring choirs to lead, heal, and uplift through music. He travels roughly 170 days a year, sharing his gift with audiences across the country.



*Non-perishables
&
financial donations
needed*

Donations Needed

Ongoing, Church Office

The government shutdown has left many families without SNAP/Food benefits, creating real hardship. RLBC partners with Now Forward (formerly North Dallas Shared Ministries) to provide food, medical care, & clothing. You can help by donating funds or bringing kid-friendly nonperishables to the church office..



Book Club

Thursday, Nov. 20, 8:00pm

Women of the church will gather to discuss *All the Way to the River*. Men of the church will listen to an album and enjoy whiskey together. Contact the church office for meeting locations



A Royal Friendsgiving

Saturday, Nov. 22, 11:00am, Sister Grove Farm

Join our RLBC family for a Royal Friendsgiving. Bring your friends, family, and a favorite potluck dish to share. Lunch will be served, and Holy Communion will be celebrated. Consider parking at the church and carpooling with a friend to 1731 Jim Cannon Rd, Van Alstyne, TX, 75495

See Coming Events on our website for more information.

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WEEKLY *SCHEDULE*

Monday, November 10

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

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

Wednesday, November 12

12:00 pm Lunch + Learn — Victoria Robb Powers — Vickrey Hall

1:00 pm: Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 205 (1:00 - 2:45 pm)

6:15 pm: Youth Gathering — Youth Cottage

7:15 pm: Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday, November 15

2:00 pm: Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday, November 16

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 — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-years through Third Grade

WORSHIP *NOTES*



Liturgy Notes

"The Ache and the Beauty" Congregational Prayer

Inspired by Psalm 42

Words: Mel Beller

Hymn Notes

Amazing Grace

Arranged by J. Christopher Pardini

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Come You, Disconsolate

Words: Thomas Moore, 1816

Moore: Samuel Webbe, 1792

The Gathering

Words by Ken Medema

Music: Asahel Neddleton, 1825

Black Lives Kyrie

Arranged by Ken Medema and Laura Cook

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arranged by Ken Medema

Toccata

John Weaver

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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 use the green prayer cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. You can also submit requests by filling out the prayer request form on the website at royallane.org/prayer. Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.

*REQUEST
PRAYER*



Deacons on Call

Leslie Chehan and Cecilia Gutierrez

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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