



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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The Summer Day

by Mary Oliver

Who made the world?
Who made the swan, and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper?
This grasshopper, I mean--
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down--
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?
Tell me, what is it you plan to do
With your one wild and precious life?

I've been revisiting Mary Oliver the last two weeks as part of my morning devotion, and while this is perhaps one her most popular poems, it's also my favorite. I feel both challenged to do something of meaning with my life and encouraged to just be idle and blessed. It reminds me of another poem of hers in which she writes: "You do not have to be good. You do not have to walk on your knees for a hundred miles through the desert, repenting. You only have to let the soft animal of your body love what it loves."

Wherever you are today, may you find opportunities to make meaning with your life, but may you also remember that a meaningful life isn't one where you walk on your knees for a hundred miles in the desert. A meaningful life is simply one that pays attention. One that knows how to be idle and blessed. And one that knows the beauty of loving what it loves.

Love you all,

Pastor Victoria

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for August 24 & September 7, 2023.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Coming Events

Sunday

August 13 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am Deacon's Meeting — Vickrey Hall
- 9:30 am August Adult Sunday School Sabbatical — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 9:45 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 10:55 am Morning Worship, Blessing of the Backpacks — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Godly Play – Following Blessing of the Backpacks — Godly Play Room
- 12:15 pm Kickoff Lunch, Children, Youth, Families & Volunteers — Vickrey Hall
- 7:30 pm Racial Justice Committee — Zoom

Tuesday

August 15

- 6:00 pm Book Launch, "My Love, God is Everywhere" by Victoria Robb Powers & Cameron Mason Vickrey
- Reading – Sanctuary, Reception & Book Signing – Vickrey Hall

Wednesday

August 16

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
- 4:00 pm Meet the Artist – Sherry Houpt — Box Gallery
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
- Menu: Tacos, Rice & Beans, Queso/Chips/ Guacamole, Dessert
- 6:00 pm Midweek Gathering & Program: "Ask the Artist" with Sherry Houpt — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 6:15 pm Children's Activities — Godly Play Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday

August 19

- Third Saturday Youth Activity
- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday

August 20 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am August Adult Sunday School Sabbatical — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building
- 10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 10:55 am Morning Worship, Sarah Macias: Guest Preacher — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Godly Play – Following Time for Young Disciples — Godly Play Room

Wednesday

August 23

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building – Room 201 (3:30 – 5:30 pm)
- 5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
- The meal for tonight will be provided by Dialogue Institute Dallas
- 6:00 pm Midweek Gathering: "Noah's Pudding" with Dialogue Institute Dallas — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
- 6:15 pm Children's Activities — Godly Play Room
- 7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Saturday

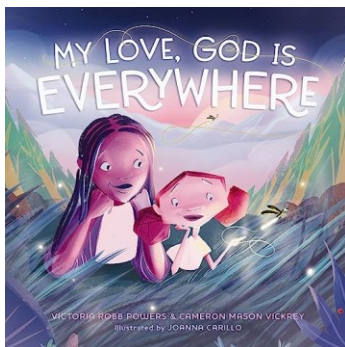
August 27

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

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**Come and share Noah's
Pudding Wednesday
evening, August 23, 2023,
with our friends from the
Dialogue Institute Dallas.**



Book Launch

"My Love, God is Everywhere"

by Victoria Robb Powers & Cameron Mason Vickrey

August 15, 6:00 pm

Reading – Sanctuary

Reception and Book Signing – Vickrey Hall

(Books will be available to purchase on site
from Interabang Books.)



View Evite Invitation at <https://bit.ly/44zXoxW> or point to QR Code.

Deacons of the Week

August 13

David Doom

Sandy Washington

August 20

Patsy Meier

Barrett Wooten

Midweek Program 6:00 p.m. Wednesday in Vickrey Hall

August 16

"Ask the Artist"

Sherry Houpt

August 23

"Noah's Pudding"

Dialogue Institute

Join us for a Fellowship Meal
at 5:30 pm.

Announcements, Birthday Celebrations
and Prayer Concerns at 6:00 pm.

In the Box Gallery
Through August 25, 2023



Sherry Houpt

Gallery open by appointment
10-4, weekdays, 10-5 Wednesdays

Attention

We pay over \$600 a month in transaction fees for credit card charges. If possible, please make your contributions via cash, check, or direct bill pay.

Scriptures of the Week

August 13

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10:5-15

Matthew 14:22-33

August 20

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

June 2023 Financials

YTD Actual

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*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Columbarium

Happy Birthday!

August

Alice Johnson.....10

Rodney Macias.....12

Ryah Hill.....15

Sharon Larkin.....15

Humberto Valtierra.....15

Jackson Maddox.....18

Brandon Green.....19

Doug Washington.....20

Sharon Miller.....21





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Christian Education: Saturday & Sunday

Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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