

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

July 19, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Michael Gregg

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Jennifer Maddox

We often act like we are the only children in your family, God. Our arrogance has caused divisions where none should be. We forget that through Christ we have been adopted into the family you have chosen for your own. And we forget others were adopted from other ethnic groups, and other denominations of the Christian church. We have not loved them as fellow pilgrims should be loved, nor have we loved the unity for which Christ prayed. Remind us again that our adoption has become a reality only through the love of your Son, Jesus Christ. Never let us forget that we are members of your family, not by inheritance, but by loving and grace filled adoption.

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Gabriel's Oboe from "The Mission"* — Ennio Morricone

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

God, it is you who made us.

**We belong to you.**

You created every detail of our beings.

**We belong to you.**

You are unimaginable in every way.

Our best guesses about you don't come close to your glory.

**We belong to you.**

You have blessed us immensely with your presence,  
with love, with Christ and the Spirit.

**We belong to you.**

You have made us one with you in Christ.

**We belong to you.**

May we live each day, resting in this welcoming truth.

**We belong to you.**

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Holy God of mystery and miracles, reveal your presence to us as we gather in worship. Send your Holy Spirit to descend upon us. Raise our thoughts that we may reflect on your promises and trust with hope in promises yet to come. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — HYMN TO JOY  
(stanzas one and two)

Testimony of Joy

Reann Tiemann, Mara & Lillie

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Gracious God, all of creation is groaning, and so we dare to ask that you would come to us. In the midst of our boredom, our self-congratulation, our closeted vision, startle us with the tearing, the cry, the first breath of life that will not be restrained. Strengthen in us the fruits of your Spirit, and teach us to pray:

We pray for all who flee from pasts by which they are haunted.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We lift up all who feel abandoned by a future for which they had hoped.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We plead for all who do not know that they are loved and chosen.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We intercede for our own divided souls.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

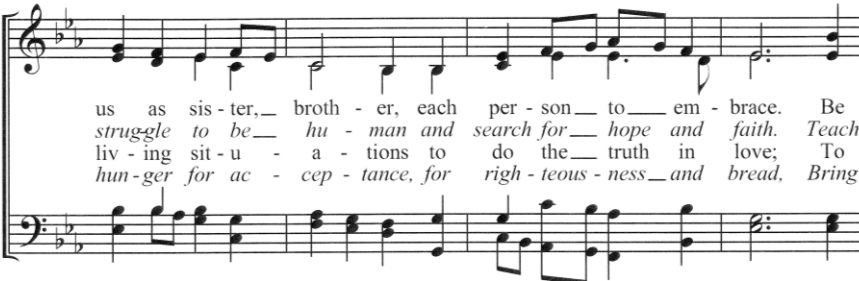
In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**


*Help Us Accept Each Other* — NYLAND  
(stanza one)



→ 1. Help us ac-cept each oth - er as Christ ac-cept-ed us; teach  
2. Teach us, O God, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life we  
3. Let your ac-cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved in  
4. God, for to-day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, who



us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace. Be  
struggle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith. Teach  
liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love; To  
hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread, Bring



pres - ent, God, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve we  
us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some, to  
prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart the  
us new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on; re -



are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.  
love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.  
ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.  
new us with your Spir - it; God! Free us, make us one!

Scripture Lesson

Terry Berrier

Romans 8:12-25 [ see insert ]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo

Rita Nsumbu

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* — arranged by Margaret Bonds

Sermon

Michael Gregg

### **“ A Spirit of Adoption ”**

Offertory

Danny Wesley Ray

*Medley on “There's a Place for Us”* — arranged by Danny Wesley Ray

Communion

Tim Schaefer & Worshipers

Ordinary bread made by ordinary people is holy when we take and eat and remember. Ordinary grapes taken by ordinary people made into ordinary wine is holy when we hold it to our lips and drink and remember.

This bread . . . remember his body was given for us.

This wine . . . remember his blood was poured out for us.

Bread and wine, from ordinary to holy . . . Remember.

Communion Prayer

Thank you, God, for uniting us with yourself and with all your people everywhere in sharing the body and blood of Jesus. Now send us forth by your spirit to build and to plant and to work for the welfare of everyone around us. Amen.

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshipers

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* — HYMN TO JOY  
(stanza four)

Blessing

Michael Gregg

May patience pave our path.  
May hope comfort our world.  
And may love guide our lives.  
Go with patience, hope, and love.  
Amen.

**Amen.**

Postlude

David Weigle

*Celebration* — Charles Callahan

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Cover Art — *Hand of God* – Stained Glass  
God is depicted by a gracious, powerful, victorious,  
and providential hand over a circle, no beginning and no end.  
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### Hymn Notes

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

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**Help Us Accept Each Other**

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**Quarterly Church Conference**  
6:00 pm, Wednesday, July 22 - Zoom

Please Join Us For A

# Drive Through Baby Shower

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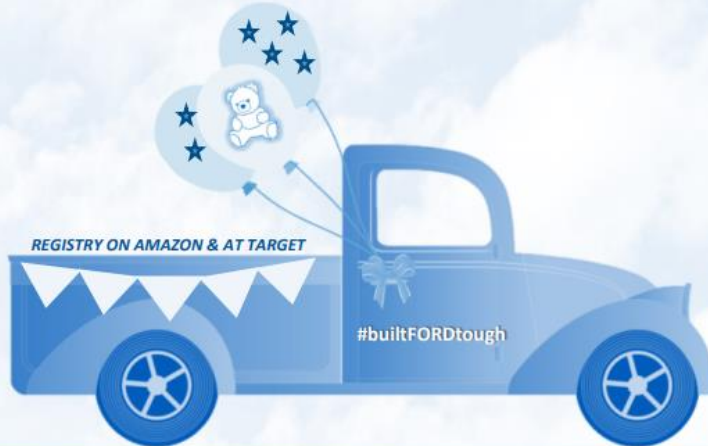
*Amanda Gregg*

Saturday, July 25th  
9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m.

Royal Lane Baptist Church  
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Dallas, TX 75230

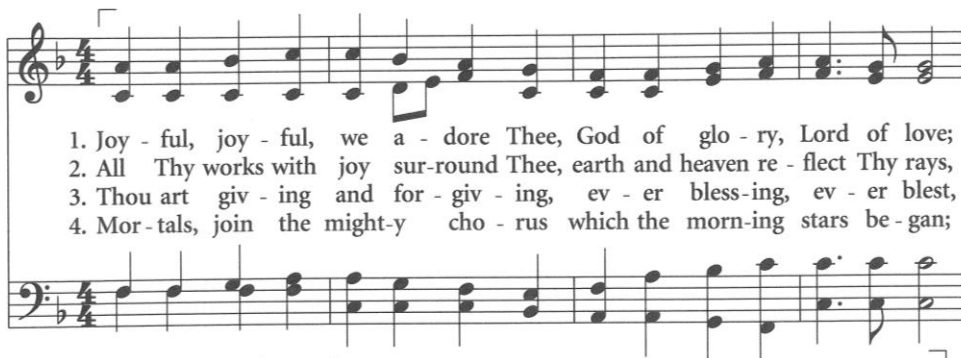
Give a “shout out” to Amanda then enjoy curbside treats!

HOSTED BY: MARGARET DARDEN, PAULETTE HARRISON, REBECCA REMPert, CATHY WEBB

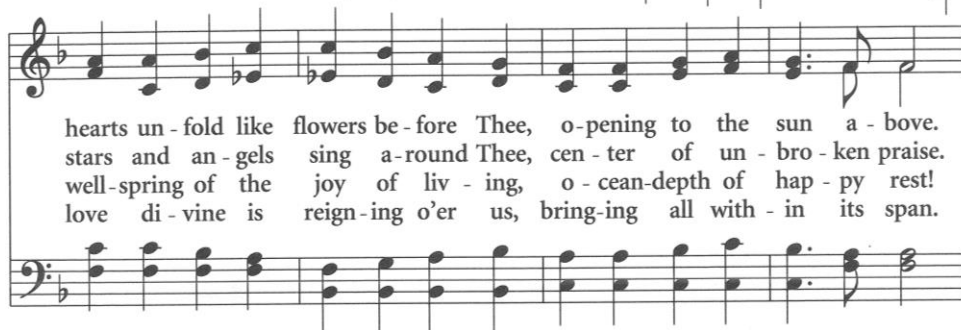


- To create a smooth traffic flow for this drive through event, please enter from Royal Lane using the entrance to the parking lot closest to Hillcrest.
- Feel free to decorate your car or make signs.
- Please wear a mask when you are doing your shout out to Amanda.

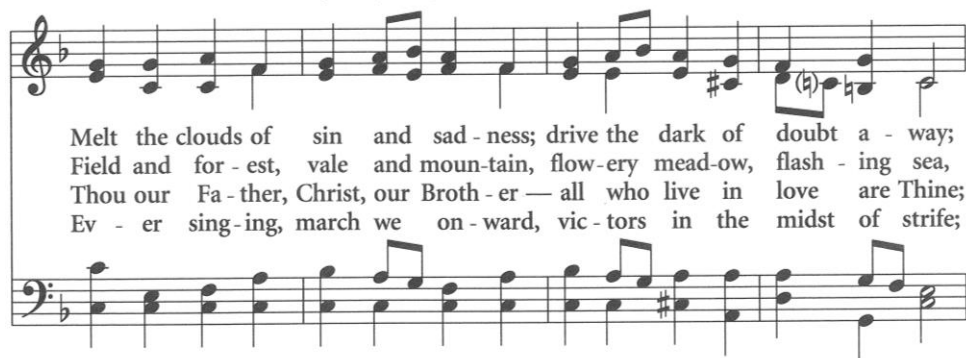
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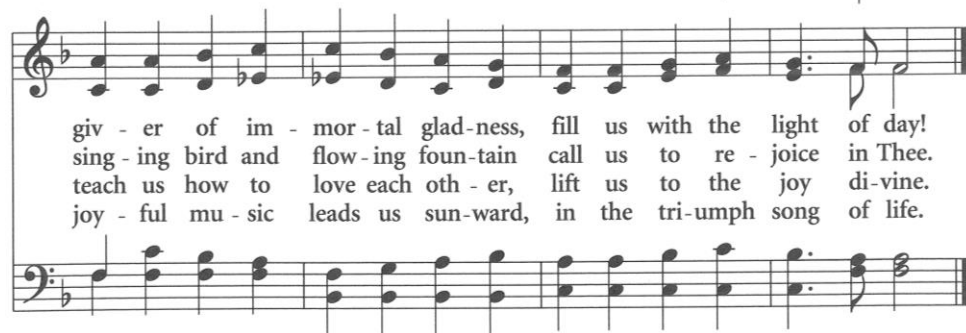
1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2. All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,  
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,  
4. Mor - tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, o - pening to the sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!  
love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, bring - ing all with - in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Broth - er — all who live in love are Thine;  
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!  
sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in Thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.  
joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward, in the tri - umph song of life.



## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday July 19 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom  
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- Wednesday July 22**  
6:00 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday July 23**  
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday July 25**  
9:00 am Drive Through Baby Shower Honoring Amanda Gregg (9:00 – 10:30 am)  
Church Parking Lot  
2:00 pm 4-6-Year-Old Saturday School – Zoom  
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom  
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom  
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday July 26 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom  
11:00 am Morning Worship — Livestream  
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom  
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom



Save the dates in August and September for our virtual conversation about race and white fragility. Copies of *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo are available for purchase online and in the Church Office. Books may be purchased in the Church Office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at \$12.00 per copy. Registration will open in mid-July.

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The Scripture this morning is Romans 8:12-25

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<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

<sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*(NRSV)*

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Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**

## *Schedule*

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.  
See the website for information and resources.  
royallane.org

## **Prayer Requests**

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,  
available on the website at royallane.org.

## **Deacons on Call**

Terry Berrier & Karen Miller

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