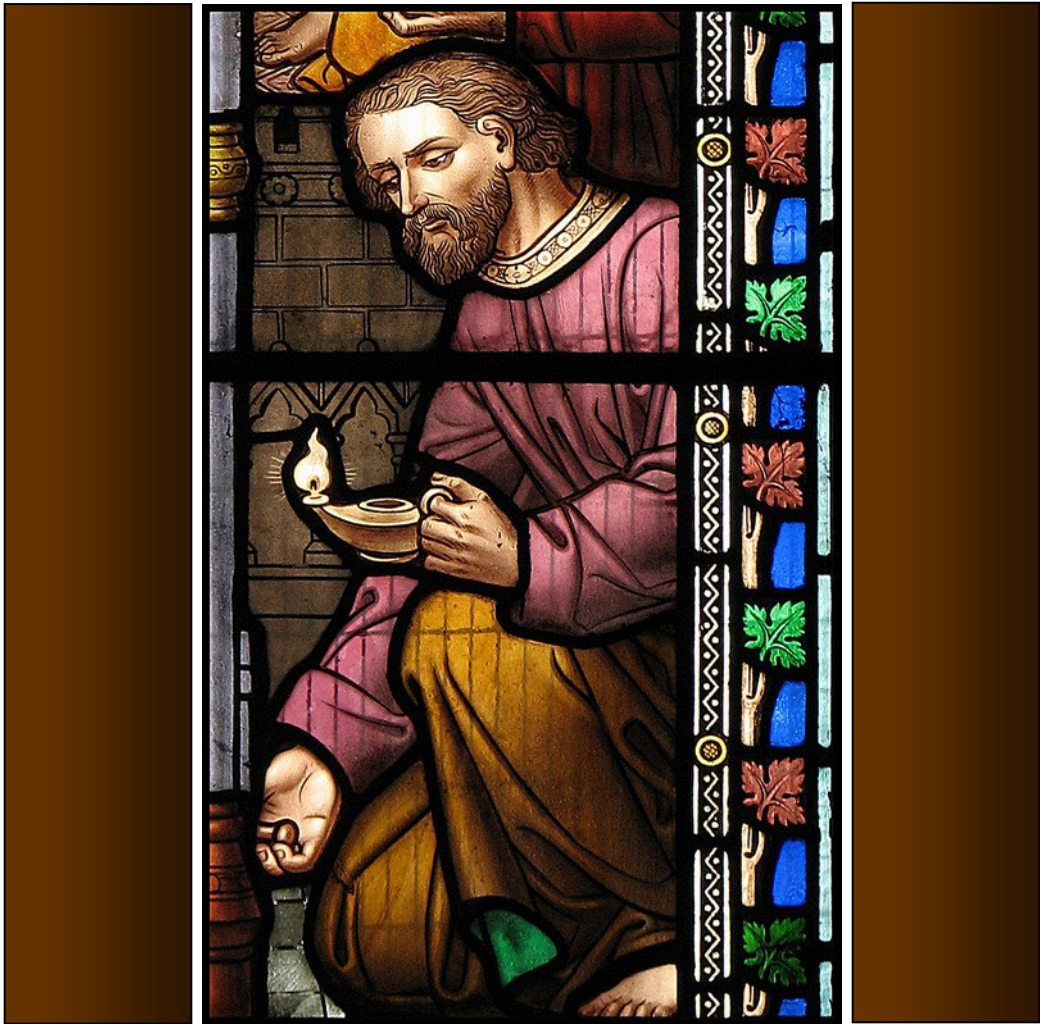


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Laura Keller

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back evil's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to your eternal kingdom.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Dialogue — Gilbert M. Martin

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

O God of the crucified Christ,
Hope of the despised and rejected,

Open our hearts to your grace.

Open our lives to all people.

Open our eyes to see you in the stranger.

Open our ears to hear your voice in the cry of the poor.

Open our hands to serve you among the humble.

Open our arms to embrace you in our enemy.

Open our hearts to receive your grace.

—*Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God of love, today help us to live peaceably with all. Help us live in genuine love: to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to love you, O God, with our whole heart, mind and strength. In Jesus' loving name. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

God, Bless the Earthly Powers — FESTAL SONG

Testimony of Joy

Phil & Kelley Keith, Claire & Owen

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Mothering God, stand with us in our trials.

The pain is too much to bear,
our world has dealt so “shrewdly” with your people
that your renewal seems impossible.

O God, have mercy on us.

Fears of economic uncertainty confront us all
and seem to limit our choices.

O God, have mercy on us.

Fears of immigrants and strangers in our midst
seem to require walls.

Fears about changing traditions
seem to require blocks to new family expressions.

O God, have mercy on us.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

We pray this week for Jacob Blake, Trayford Pellerin, their families, and all of our siblings of color experiencing racism and violence throughout our country.

We also pray for the safety of families in the path of tropical storms and wildfires.
And the first responders responding to these natural disasters.

Let us pray:

God of mercy, our love isn’t always genuine. We see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it. We forget to consider more ways to serve you. We turn our backs on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality. We do not pray enough for our enemies. We associate with our own kind, fearing the “other”. We relish in fantasies of revenge. For all this, and for all that burdens our hearts today, O God, have mercy on us and hear our prayers. Amen.

Response

Worshippers

What a Friend We Have in Jesus — CONVERSE
(stanzas one and three)

Scripture Lesson

Karen Simmons

Romans 12:9-21 [see insert]

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

Solo

Sharon Vickrey

Eternal Life — Olive Dungan

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ A Spirit of Hospitality ”

Offertory

David Weigle

Novelette in C Major — Frances Poulenc

Communion

Worshippers

We thank you, God, for the promise of this meal: presence to break the bonds of isolation, power to overcome our powerlessness. We thank you, God, for the promise of this day: new life for tired spirits, victory for the faithful. Help us to reach out to each other in community and hospitality, to be agents of renewal. May your resurrection happen in and through us.

God, we remember the Lord Jesus on the night he was betrayed.

He took bread, broke it and said:

This is my body, broken for you.

And in the same way he took the cup, saying:

This is my blood, shed for you.

Communion Prayer

All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as fellow pilgrims. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our peace made flesh. Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

For Everyone Born — Shirley Erena Murray & Brian Mann
(stanzas one, four and five)

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

Jayda & Jasmine Parrish

No. 24 A Curious Duet for Two Violins — Niccolo Mestrino

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White Fragility

It's Not Too Late to Join the Conversation!



Join us in September for the last two weeks of 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. Contact Laura Keller, lkeller@royallane.org, to purchase books in the Church Office. \$12.00 per copy.

Registration is required. A Zoom link and instructions for joining will be emailed to you after you have completed the registration process. Register Online at <https://bit.ly/3fNJ0c4>.



Work Anniversary Celebrations

The RLBC staff celebrates the August work anniversaries of our colleagues. Nelida Sanchez has served in the nursery of Royal Lane Baptist Church since August of 2016 and Nelli Sanchez has served in the nursery since August of 2017. We are glad that Nelida and Nelli are a part of our team.

Gratefully, Mike Gregg, Harry Wooten, Tim Schaefer, Laura Keller, Janet Schultz, Barbara Merry, and Rosa Barrientos.

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GOD, BLESS THE EARTHLY POWERS

Adam M. L. Tice

FESTAL SONG
William H. Walter, 1825–1893



1. God, bless the earth - ly pow'rs; turn
2. Pro - tect the in - no - cent and
3. Pro - tect the guilt - y, too, from
4. God, bless us with the strength to




them to do your will. Un - do op - pres-sive
all who live in need from those whose o - ver -
jus - tice gone a - wry. Re - venge is not the
seed and cul - ti - vate a world of jus - tice,




schemes and plots, and end the urge to kill.
whelm - ing drive is mon - ey - mak - ing greed.
path to peace. What can such blood-shed buy?
hope and peace, out - grow - ing fear and hate.


What a Friend We Have in Jesus





1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?





What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer.

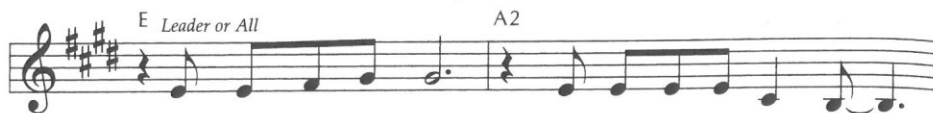
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 in His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



For Everyone Born



- 1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 → 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 → 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bus - ed, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain



The Scripture this morning is Romans 12:9-21

⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	August 30 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Tuesday	September 1
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom
Wednesday	September 2 – Mosaic
6:30 pm	Virtual Book Study – “White Fragility” – Registration Required
Friday	September 4
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	September 5
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	September 6 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
10:00 am	Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Livestream
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom

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

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Karen Simmons

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