

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Laura Keller

In today's reading from Romans, Paul questions why we judge one another since we all stand before the judgment of God. Paul helps us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ and all they do shall honor the Lord.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Allegretto from Organ Sonata #4 — Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Welcome those who differ, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions:
Some believe in eating everything, while others eat only vegetables!
Those who eat must not despise those who abstain,
and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat.

For God has welcomed all.

Some judge one day to be better than another,
while others judge all days to be alike.

Let all be fully convinced in their own minds.

Those who eat, eat in honor of Christ,
while those who abstain, abstain in honor of Christ;

And all gives thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves,

And we do not die to ourselves.

If we live, we live in Christ,
and if we die, we die in Christ:

So then, whether we live or whether we die,

We belong to Christ.

For it is written, "As I live, says the Holy One, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then each of us, is accountable to God.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God whose holy name defies our definition, but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed: make us to be one with all who cry for justice; that we who speak your praise may struggle for your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

—*Janet Morley, All Desires Known (London: SPCK, 1992)*

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

At the Name of Jesus — KING'S WESTON
(stanzas one and four)

Testimony of Joy

Samantha, interviewed by Tim Schaefer

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

We pray for all who suffer violence or natural disaster. Bring an end to violence that destroys human flourishing; help us to live in peace with our neighbor and enable us to dwell in harmony with the earth.

Loving God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for children and for all who depend upon the support of others. Protect the vulnerable, shelter the weak, and give strength and wisdom to those who care for them.

Loving God,

hear our prayer.

We pray for elected officials and civil servants. Stir up in them a desire for justice, enable them to fulfill their responsibilities with integrity, and drive from them any spirit of selfish gain.

Loving God,

hear our prayer.

Loving God: We pray for those who are sick or in trouble. Heal their disease, relieve their distress, and return to them the joy of salvation.

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

Let us pray:

Loving God, you have crowned us with steadfast love and mercy. Receive our prayers and help us to trust your goodness; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Response

Worshippers

Help Us Accept Each Other — NYLAND
(stanzas one and three)

Scripture Lesson

Samantha

Romans 14:1-12 [see insert]

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

Solo

Rebecca Rempert

In This Very Room — Ron & Carol Harris

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ A Spirit of Acceptance ”

Offertory

Robin Watson, Gina Moore & Alex Meaux

Trio for 3 Bassoons, Movement 1 — Adolf Bergt

Communion

Worshippers

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples. And said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

(continued)

And now let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray saying boldly:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Discipleship

Michael Gregg

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

O God Beyond All Praising — THAXTED
(stanza one only)

Benediction

Michael Gregg

The blessing of God be with you,
the love of Jesus fill you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,
now and forevermore.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

To God Be the Glory — Robert J. Powell

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Please join the RLBC Missions Division in supporting the teachers and staff at Stephen C. Foster Elementary School in Dallas. We will be providing snacks and drinks to bless the teachers and staff in September as they return to distance learning in September. If you want to contribute, visit our wish list on Amazon at this link:

RLBC Missions Project for Foster Elementary School

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You can purchase items which will ship to a central location, where Missions Division members will collect and deliver the goodies to the teachers and staff at Foster Elementary. Help us bless these amazing hard-working educators. If you don't use Amazon but still want to contribute, you can contact Charlotte Sewell (charlottesewell@yahoo.com) or Laura Keller (lkeller@royallane.org) to find out how to help.

Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk Friday, September 18 – 8:30 pm

You are invited to participate in the *Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk*, Friday, September 18, 8:30 pm. See guide on the next page for parking and gathering group information and more.

Please read the participant guide prior to your arrival on September 18.

Participant Guide

Royal Lane Baptist Church - Social Justice Team

Candlelight Prayer Walk

Arriving at church:

- Park anywhere other than the big, corner parking lot.
- Wear masks, have personal hand sanitizer, and maintain social distancing.
- No entrance to buildings - Worship Sites and Walking Paths are outside.

Choose your Gathering Site:

Site A: east of Vickrey Hall - (stairs included when walking) (max 12 participants)

Site B: corner parking lot - (flat, level walking) (max 24 participants)

Site C: front steps of Sanctuary - sit on the steps or stand nearby, at least six feet apart - no candles - no walking (max - till area is full)

Arrive at your Gathering Site:

- Silence cell phones
- Pick up a single, sanitized candle, only touching that one (Sites A & B only)
- Maintain a sense of solemn yet fervent expectation as all gather at your Site
- Keep your mask on
- Maintain social distancing

At your Gathering Site - Directions from your Site Leader:

- Preview instructions for Walking Path (Sites A & B only)
 - describe path for walking in a one-way circuit
 - walk individually at least 6 feet behind the person in front of you
 - move intentionally and with careful steps
 - remain in single file as you walk together
 - hold your candle in front of you, as a witness to those driving by
 - walk the circuit path until you are done meditating
- Keep your mask on and maintain social distancing
- Rehearse Responsive phrase
- Listen for a single phrase to focus your meditation
- Plan for the reverent ending (*see below*)
- Practice Responsive phrase one more time

Responsive Reading and Candlelight Prayer Walk - (*keep your mask on*)

LIPS

Participate in the Responsive Reading - listen for your phrase

HEART

Meditate on your phrase - reflect within your heart

FEET (Sites A & B only)

Walk the circuit together - pray in the glow of your candle.

(repeat the circuit until you're done praying)

Reverent Ending:

- Return your candle to your Gathering Site when you're done walking
- Move quietly back to your car, maintaining a sense of meditation
- If desired, have conversations near your car, maintaining social distancing and wearing your mask.

At the Name of Jesus

Unison

1 At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
3 In your hearts en - throne him, there let him sub - due
4 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain

ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now.
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came.
all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.
with the Fa - ther's glo - ry, when he comes to reign.

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
Faith - ful - ly he bore it, spot - less to the last,
Crown him as your sov - ereign in temp - ta - tion's hour,
For all earth - ly pow - ers soon to him must bow,

who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed.
let his will en - fold you in its might - y power.
so let us con - fess him King of glo - ry now.

Help Us Accept Each Other

1. Help us ac - cept each o - ther as Christ ac - cept - ed us; Teach
2. Teach us, O Lord, 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. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, Who

us as sis - ter, — bro - ther, each per - son — to — em - brace. Be
strug - gle 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 jus - tice, and — for bread, We

pre - sent, Lord, 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
need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on; Re -

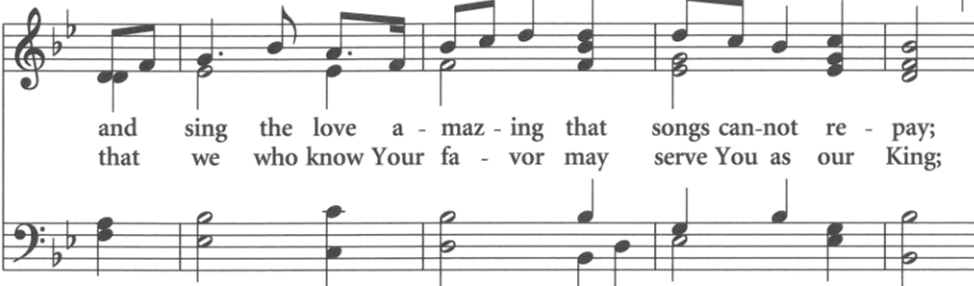
are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to — love and live.
love them as we — find them, or as they may be - come.
ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
new us with your — Spi - rit; Lord, free us, — make us one!

O God Beyond All Praising

Unison



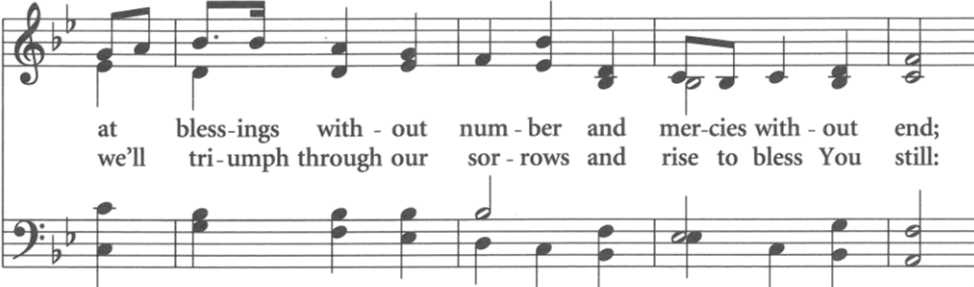
1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship You to - day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that we who know Your fa - vor may serve You as our King;



for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift You send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with - out num - ber and merc-ies with - out end;
we'll tri-umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless You still:

we lift our hearts be - fore You and wait up - on Your Word,
to mar - vel at Your beau - ty and glo - ry in Your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore You, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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The Scripture this morning is Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **September 13 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom
- Wednesday** **September 16 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom
 Luke 21:1-38, Jerusalem’s Destruction and End
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday** **September 18**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
8:30 pm Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk — Church grounds
 Read Participation Guide prior to arrival.
- Saturday** **September 19**
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 20 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
10:00 am Women’s Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am Morning Worship – Tim Schaefer, Preacher — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
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/prayer

Deacons on Call

Melanie Ferguson & Garey Wisdom

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July 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 481,535
Expenses	\$ 439,295
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 42,240

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