

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Laura Keller

Those who have gone before us show us what it means to live lives of faith by following Jesus no matter what the obstacles may be. God wants us, also, to be faithful witnesses to the power of Christ in our lives, that we too may bring God's justice into the brokenness of our world.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist — J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

If you come
in certainty or in confusion
in anger or in anguish

This time is for us

If you come
in silent suffering or hidden sorrow
in pain or promise

This time is for us

If you come
for your own or another's need
for a private wound or the wound of the world

This time is for us

If you come,
and do not know why,
to be here is enough

This time is for us all.

Come now, Christ of the forgiving warmth
Come now, Christ of the yearning tears
Come now, Christ of the transforming touch

This time is for you

—Giles David, in *The Pattern of Our Days: Liturgies and Resources for Worship*,
ed. Kathy Galloway (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 1996)

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Merciful God, we thank you for your many blessings. So fill our lives with gratitude and love that we may be found worthy to speak for you when we encounter the poor, the hungry, the sorrowing, the ill, and all those with heavy burdens that are too much for them to carry alone. Open our eyes to see the needs all around us, and through your Holy Spirit enable us to see how we can be your hands and your voice ministering in your name. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Lift High the Cross — CRUCIFER
(stanzas one, two, and four)

Testimony of Joy

Jasmine, interviewed by Tim Schaefer

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Scripture Lesson

Sarah Fuller Phillips

1 Kings 17:17-24 and Hebrews 11:35-40 [see inserts]
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Let us pray for the world saying,
Lord we pray, let your life fill this child again.

Breath of life, breathe into us, that we might live.

For the one who is bowed down by the weight of what cannot be controlled...

Lord, we pray,

let your life fill this child again.

For the one who is blinded by the shimmer of insatiable desires...

Lord, we pray,

let your life fill this child again.

For the one who is hopeless, helpless, lost in fear...

Lord, we pray,

let your life fill this child again.

For the one who is imprisoned, abandoned, left to die...

Lord, we pray,

let your life fill this child again.

(continued)

For the one who is preparing to leave this home on earth...

Lord, we pray,

let your life fill this child forever and ever.

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

Let us pray:

All these prayers we offer to you, O God, through Jesus Christ who prays for us and the Holy Spirit who intercedes for us in ways too deep for words. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Here, Master, In This Quiet Place — LAND OF REST
(stanzas one and three)

Gospel Lesson

Cathy Webb

Mark 9:14-28 [see insert]

This is the Gospel of the Lord ... **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Message to the Congregation

Tim Schaefer

Duet

Jasmine, violin, & Jonah, horn

HOLY MANNA — arranged by Danny Wesley Ray

Sermon

Stephen Sprinkle

“ Uprising! Left-For-Dead No Longer ”

Offertory

David Weigle

L’eglise Boissy-Saint-Antoine — Robert Hebble

Communion

Worshippers

Pour out your Holy Spirit on our gathering, O God, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ to a world that longs for peace.

The life of Christ, revealed in you.

The love of Christ, flowing through you.

(continued)

Communion Prayer

Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us vessels of light and love, joy and hope. Walk with us in the power of your Spirit, that we might be one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world. Strengthen us until we feast with him at our heavenly banquet. Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

I Know Whom I Have Believed — EL NATHAN
(stanza one)

Benediction

Stephen Sprinkle, Laura Keller,
Tim Schaefer & Harry Wooten

Go into the world with compassion.

We leave to be compassionate to all we meet.

Go into the world with mercy.

We will be merciful to even the unmerciful.

We ask God help.

Go into the world, heal the sick and raise the dead.

We leave to do the greater works

in the name of the Voice, the Answer, and the Response.

Hallelujah and Amen.

Hallelujah and Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Rue des Saints-Peres — Robert Hebble
from Seven Palette Sketches of Utrillo

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Cover Art — *Christ Pantocrator*, St Catherine's Monastery in Sinai

This is the oldest surviving panel icon of Jesus, dating from the 6th century AD. It is the earliest known version of the pantocrator style that still survives today and is regarded by historians and scholars to be one of the most important and recognizable works in the study of Byzantine art as well as Eastern Orthodox Christianity.

Hymn Notes

Lift High the Cross

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Missions Project Supporting Teachers at Foster Elementary School



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

<https://amzn.to/3gTUKms>

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 do not 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.

Alliance of Baptists – Devoted to Justice

Join the Alliance of Baptists on October 10 for Devoted to Justice, the Alliance's fall online gathering. This 90-minute online gathering will focus on liberation and justice in our current climate and will feature keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. William Barber II. The program will provide the opportunity for inspiration, reflection, connection, a chance to check-in with your Alliance family and to hear the state of the Alliance in these unprecedented times.

Register at <https://bit.ly/32kBiR8>





Dr. Stephen V. Sprinkle Guest Preacher

Stephen V. Sprinkle is Professor of Practical Theology and has held the office of Director of Field Education and Supervised Ministry since 1994 at Brite Divinity School, located on the campus of Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. A native of North Carolina, and educated with a B.A. from Barton College, an

M.Div. from Yale University Divinity School, and a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Duke University Graduate School, he is an ordained minister of the Alliance of Baptists. Dr. Sprinkle was named 2010-2011 Hero of Hope by the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas, Texas for his advocacy on behalf of the LGBTQ community, and currently serves as Theologian-in-Residence for the Cathedral. In 2013, he was named Director of Baptist Programming for the Divinity School. He holds professional memberships in the Academy of Religious Leadership, the Association of Theological Field Educators, and is a member of the Forum on the Military Chaplaincy. Dr. Sprinkle is a human rights advocate, a widely sought speaker, and an internationally recognized authority on anti-LGBTQ hate crimes.

Dr. Sprinkle is the author of many articles and chapters in books, and of three books, *Disciples and Theology* (1999) and *Ordination* (2004), both published by Chalice Press, and *Unfinished Lives: Reviving the Memories of LGBTQ Hate Crimes Victims* (2011) by Resource Publications. *Unfinished Lives* won the International Silver Medal in Gay/Lesbian Non-fiction, given by the Independent Book Publishers Awards (the IPPYs) in 2012. In 2013, his book was translated into Korean and published in the Republic of Korea under the title, *Who Trampled Down the Rainbow Flag?: Remembering the Death of Victims of Hate Crimes Against the Sexual Minority* (Seoul, South Korea: Alma Publishing Co. Ltd.). Dr. Sprinkle is the founder and webmaster of unfinishedlivesblog.com, and an official blogger for the Huffington Post.

A Message from Tim

Friends,

It is with mixed emotions that I share some news with you. After much prayer and discernment, I have accepted a call to be the next pastor of the First Baptist Church of Madison, Wisconsin.

As I embark on this new chapter of my life, I find myself reflecting on the past five years with my Royal Lane family. Royal Lane has played an instrumental role in preparing me for full-time ministry as a pastor in a local congregation. You welcomed me, cared for me, nurtured me, and ordained me. For all of this, I say “thank you.” The love and support you have shared with me is a gift that will continue to shape my ministry in the years to come.



So, it is with great hope, excitement, and anticipation that I transition into this new role. And yet, I recognize the sadness and grief I am already feeling as I prepare for my departure.

To the youth—current and past—that I have gotten to know over the years, I want to say that I am so proud of you. It has been a privilege and an honor to be your youth minister.

And to all the members and friends of Royal Lane, I want to say that I am happy to have had the opportunity to be in ministry with you. Please know that I love you, and I will miss each of you dearly.

*Blessings,
Tim*

Deacon Nominees

According to Article VIII, Section 1b of the By-Laws, the Member Resource Committee shall review and supplement such recommendations and shall nominate six (6) persons to serve on the Board of Deacons; such nominations to be published in the Sunday morning orders of worship the last Sunday in the month of September (9/27/20) and the first Sunday in the month of October (10/4/20). The church shall be called into special conference during the Sunday morning worship service of the second Sunday of the month of October (10/11/20) for the purpose of electing six (6) Deacons. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at said special conference, provided that any additional nominees have been contacted in advance and have theretofore agreed to serve if elected.

This year the Member Resource Committee presents the following six (6) nominees to serve three-year terms for outgoing deacons and two (2) one-year unexpired deacon terms. All terms begin November 1, 2020.

Nominees to serve three-year terms:

Nate Green
John Helms
Mike Keith
Christin Lavery
Sandy Washington
Donna Wood-Martin

Nominees to serve one-year unexpired terms:

Joey Belgard
Melissa Orwig

Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons October 11, 2020

October 21, 2020 – Quarterly Church Conference

The October Quarterly Church Conference will include a presentation by the Member Resource Committee of the 2020/2021 Church Leadership Roster for congregational approval. The Leadership Roster includes the names of the folks who are being nominated and who have agreed to serve on the various committees of the church.

Lift High the Cross

Unison

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

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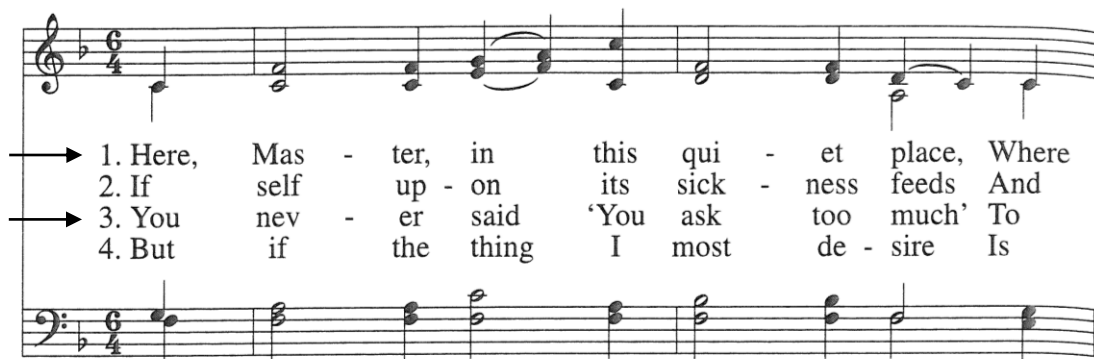
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1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod, our
2. O Lord, once lift - ed on this glo - rious tree, as
3. For Thy blest cross which doth for all a - tone, cre -
4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise

D.C.

King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
Thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to Thee.
a - tion's prais - es raise be - fore Thy throne.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

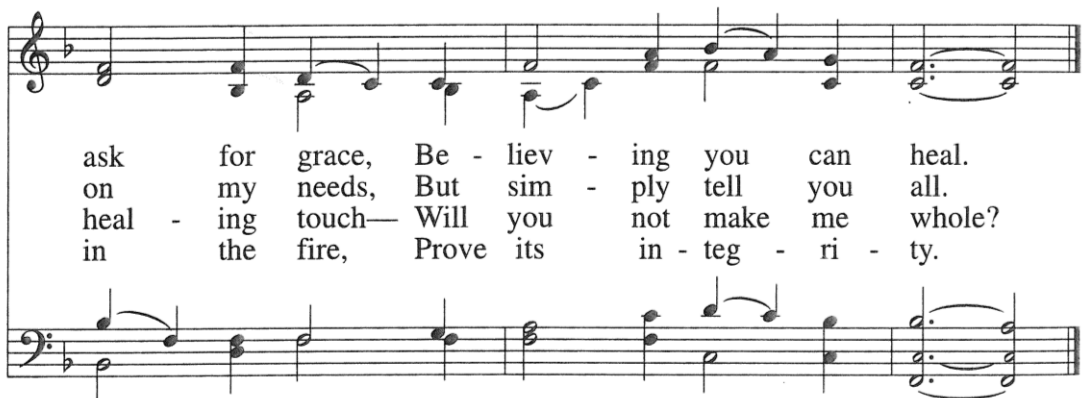
Here, Master, In This Quiet Place



1. Here, Mas - ter, in this qui - et place, Where
2. If self up - on its sick - ness feeds And
3. You nev - er said 'You ask too much' To
4. But if the thing I most de - sire Is

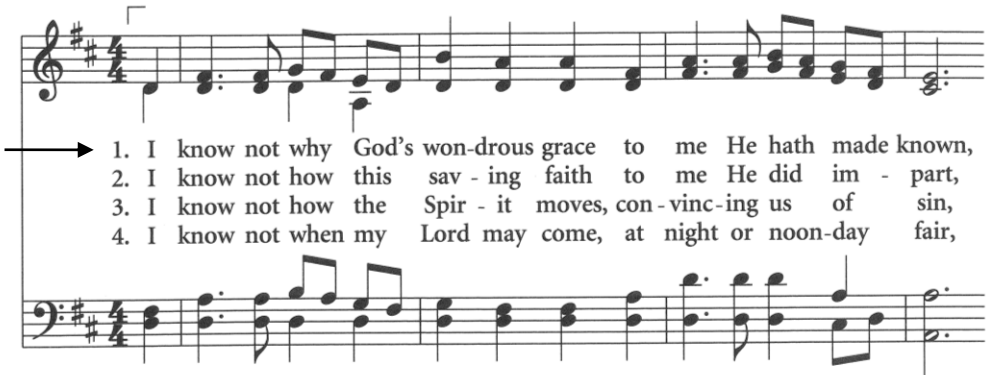


an - y - one may kneel, I al - so come to
turns my life to gall, Let me not brood up -
an - y trou - bled soul. I long to feel your
not your way for me, May faith, when test - ed

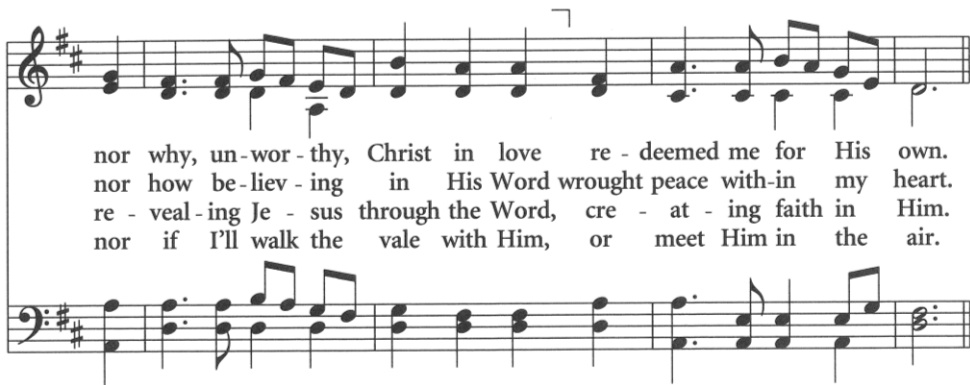


ask for grace, Be - liev - ing you can heal.
on my needs, But sim - ply tell you all.
heal - ing touch— Will you not make me whole?
in the fire, Prove its in - teg - ri - ty.

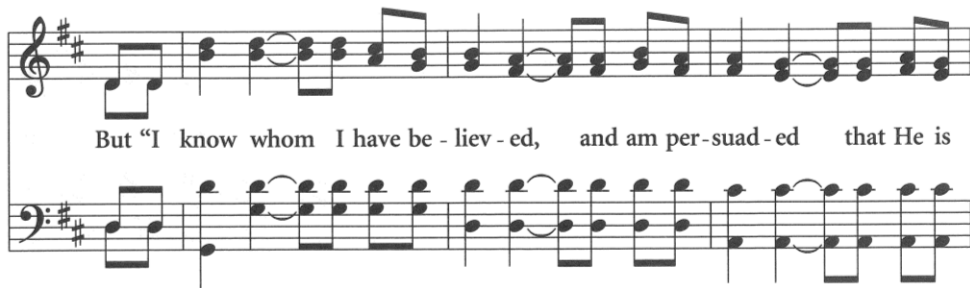
I Know Whom I Have Believed



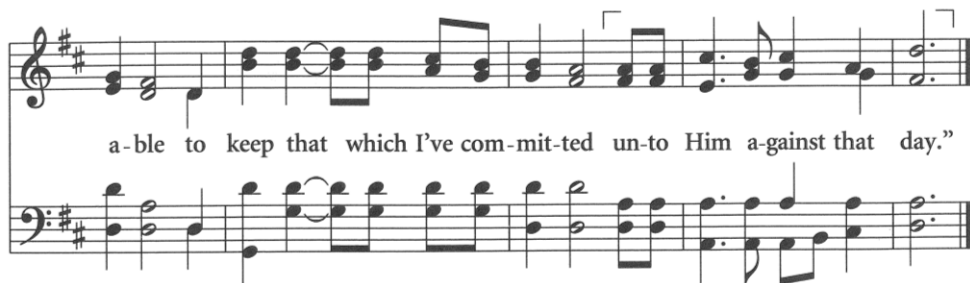
1. I know not why God's won-drous grace to me He hath made known,
2. I know not how this sav - ing faith to me He did im - part,
3. I know not how the Spir - it moves, con - vinc-ing us of sin,
4. I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,



nor why, un-wor - thy, Christ in love re - deemed me for His own.
nor how be-liev - ing in His Word wrought peace with-in my heart.
re - veal - ing Je - sus through the Word, cre - at - ing faith in Him.
nor if I'll walk the vale with Him, or meet Him in the air.



But "I know whom I have be - liev - ed, and am per-suad - ed that He is



able to keep that which I've com-mit - ted un-to Him a-against that day."

The Scriptures this morning are 1 Kings 17:17-24, and Hebrews 11:35-40. From 1 King 17:

¹⁷After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸She then said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!" ¹⁹But he said to her, "Give me your son." He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. ²⁰He cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?" ²¹Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." ²²The LORD listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said, "See, your son is alive." ²⁴So the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

(continued)

From Hebrews 11:

³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. (NRSV)

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



Saturday, October 3, 12:00-1:30 PM EDT

Tune in with other like-minded Baptists and learn how they are supporting the LBGTQ community and ministering during the time of COVID.

For more information and to register online:
awab.org/national-zoom-gathering-2020/



The Gospel Lesson this morning is Mark 9:14-28

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. ¹⁶He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; ¹⁸and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." ¹⁹He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." ²³Jesus said to him, "If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" ²⁶After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. ²⁸When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?"
(NRSV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord...**Praise be to You, O Christ.**

Schedule for the Week

Sunday **September 27 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

- 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
- 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- 12:30 pm Missions Committee — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

Wednesday **September 30**

- 6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg – Zoom
 Luke 22:1-38, A Betrayal and a Farewell
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom

Friday **October 2**

- 12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

Saturday **October 3**

- 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 **October 4 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost / World Communion**

- 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
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

November 1, All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 1, 2020, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since November 1 of 2019. If you have a family member you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Wednesday, October 21 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member.

You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to bmerry@royallane.org or jschultz@royallane.org.



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

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Cathy Webb

When WE Give: we support our college bound students with scholarships.

August 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 522,107
Expenses	\$ 499,852
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 22,255

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.
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