

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Harry Wooten

On this Sunday of World Communion, we pray for all the members of Christ's church, that all people may be bound together by spiritual ties, and labor together for the coming of your kin-dom. With all lowliness and humility, with long-suffering and mutual forbearance, let us endeavor to build up the body of Christ. Until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Psalm 19 — Benedetto Marcello
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

Day and night return endlessly,
showing God's steadfast love.

**The sun shines upon the earth,
reflecting God's light.**

The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

**The decrees of God bring wisdom,
making wise the pure of heart.**

The heavens are telling the glory of God.

The skies proclaim the work of God's hand.

Come! Let us worship the living God.

—*Psalm 19*

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Holy and gracious God, let us be open to your presence among your people, those gathered for worship, and those throughout your creation. May we receive you fully and respond to you wholeheartedly. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Jesus Shall Reign — DUKE STREET
(stanzas one, three and four)

Testimony of Joy

Darrin, interviewed by Tim Schaefer

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers for the World

Tim Schaefer

Holy One, we lift up our siblings around the world. We have heard their cries for justice and peace as they face the challenges of human rights abuses, damage to creation, natural disasters, and COVID-19,
God of hosts,

hear our prayer.

We know that there are many obstacles to addressing these challenges. But we also know that you are greater and that your love for your people is deeper than we could ever imagine. Cover your people with your love, O God. May we feel your presence walking with us each day.

God of hosts,

hear our prayer.

Guide us, O God, that we may also walk beside our local and global neighbors in prayer, partnership, and presence. May we listen to you and our partners as we consider what we might do to share in ministry with all people.

God of hosts,

hear our prayer.

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

Let us pray:

Weave us together in hope, O God, that we may recognize that we are all part of your great tapestry. All of our threads are needed and necessary for your beautiful design. Strengthen us and nourish us for the journey, as you strengthen and nourish those around the globe. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshipers

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

Scripture Lesson

Darrin

Philippians 3:4b-14 [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

“ Ruth, Ray, and Collecting Seeds ”

Stewardship Hymn

Worshipers

The Ties That Bind — DENNIS

1. Our spi - rits still are joined, Though sep' - rate
we must be, For we have found our
Lord a - gain A - mong the least of these.

A Stewardship Moment

Barbara Gunnin & Charlotte Sewell

Offertory

David Weigle

This Little Light — Joe Utterback

Communion

Worshippers

Remembering that many of us are gathered remotely, at many tables,
And are sharing bread and wine in virtual communion,
May we remember that this action at table is the ultimate symbol of unity.
These tables are set and all of God's children are welcome.
These tables are open and all of God's children receive grace, love, and hope.
This welcome, this bounty, this experience of Christ's saving love
are celebrated here at this table and around the world.

Bread of the World in mercy broken. Amen.

Wine of the Soul, in mercy shed. Amen.

Communion Prayer

O Savior Christ, in whose way of life lies the secret of life, and the hopes of all the people, we pray for quiet courage to meet this hour. We do not choose to live in such an age. But let its problems challenge us, its discoveries exhilarate us, its injustices anger us, its possibilities inspire us, and its vigor renew us, for your Kin-dom's sake.

Bless this cup and this bread
That it may nourish us for the journey
Together in hope. Amen.

—Bangladesh. *A Procession of Prayers, Meditations and Prayers from around the World.*
Comp. John Carden, WCC and Cassell, London, UK, 1998.
Additional communion language added by Global Ministries.

Closing Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — OLD HUNDREDTH

(continued)

Benediction

Michael Gregg

The One who blesses you is the One from whom you came,
The One who met you on the road,
The One who has sustained you all the days of your life,
and the One to whom we all shall return,
Jesus Christ, our Lord,
Amen.

Amen. —Ray Vickrey

Postlude

David Weigle

Festive Processional — David Lasky

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Hymn Notes

Jesus Shall Reign

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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>



The Ties That Bind



How do we start thinking about planning for next year when so many of us are struggling with the hardships and realities of 2020? How do we plan when we do not know what to expect? When will we meet in person again as a church family? These are questions on many of our minds. We answer them through some combination of prayer, faith, hope, courage, anxiety, and (most importantly) love.

It is important to know that we are all going through these emotions and this uncertainty together as a church family. We are not physically together, but we are bound together in our love of God, our love for each other, and our commitment to love everyone in our world, especially the least fortunate.

Our stewardship theme for this year is “The Ties That Bind”. We are bound together by many aspects of our lives even though we cannot be physically together every Wednesday night and Sunday morning. We are grateful for all the ways our ties have not changed due to COVID-19. As a church community we continue to care for the vulnerable and those who struggle with chronic health issues. We reach out to the elderly. We teach our children. We worship virtually. And we help each other in hard times.

Thank you for stepping up in such important ways over this extremely challenging year. You have continued to faithfully offer your time and resources to help strengthen those ties that bind us together. And your continued giving has kept our church community strong.

As we begin planning for next year, we are now asking that you make your 2021 financial commitment by October 31st so that the division chairs can begin budgeting and planning programming for next year. Although stewardship will look a little different this year, your commitment to this community will continue to help our church thrive and fulfill its mission.

In Grace,

Ed Meier
Finance Chair

Paulette Harrison
Deacon Chair

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

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.

Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons

Sunday, October 11, 2020

Procedure for the Election of New Deacons

- At the close of worship Sunday, October 11th, members of RLBC will access the special church conference via a Zoom meeting. The Zoom ID for the meeting will be sent to members via their email.
- Once the church has been called into conference, a link to access a ballot will appear in “Chat.”
 1. Members will open the ballot, mark the ballot, and submit it to be counted.
 2. Ballots must be accessed and submitted by 4:00 PM Sunday evening.
- Drive-by balloting will be available from 12:00 and 4:00 PM Sunday in the parking lot behind the sanctuary.
- Members of the Tabulating Committee will be tasked with counting the ballots and reporting the results to the deacon chair.
- The deacon chair will be responsible for communicating the results of the ballot the congregation.

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 in the church office.



Jesus Shall Reign

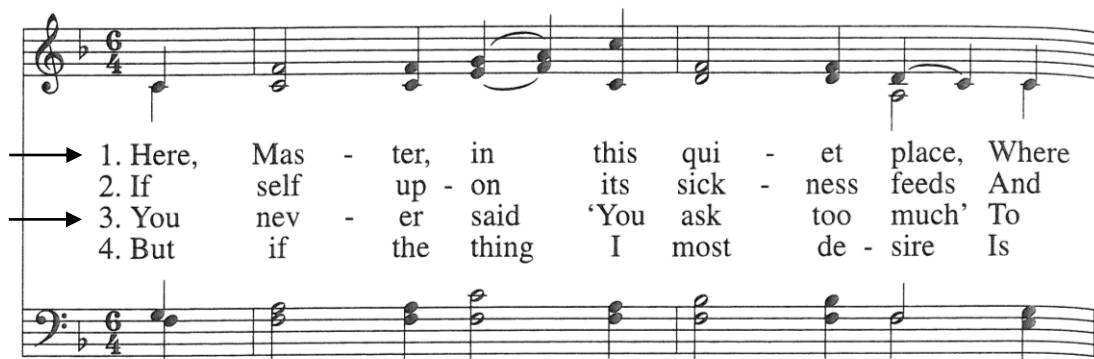
1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and end - less prais - es crown His head;
dwell on His love with sweet - est song,
hon - or and glo - ry to our King;

His king - dom spread from shore to shore,
His name like sweet per - fume shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
and earth re - peat the loud "A - men"!

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.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody starts on a whole note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff begins with a bass clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The accompaniment starts with a whole note G3, followed by quarter notes A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. There are fermatas over the first and fifth measures of both staves.

here below; praise Him, above ye heavenly host; praise

The second system of music continues in G major and 4/4 time. The treble staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff continues with quarter notes G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. There are fermatas over the first and fifth measures of both staves.

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

The third system of music concludes the piece in G major and 4/4 time. The treble staff starts with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody continues with quarter notes G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The bass staff continues with quarter notes G3, A3, B3, C4, B3, A3, G3. There are fermatas over the first and fifth measures of both staves. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

The Scripture this morning is Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **October 4 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
World Communion Sunday
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
- Wednesday** **October 7 - Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom
 Luke 22:39-71, The Trial of Jesus
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday** **October 9**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday** **October 10**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **October 11 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Saturday School — Zoom
10:00 am Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am Morning Worship — Livestream
 Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons — Zoom
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — 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

Alan Greider & Harry Hunter

When WE Give: we continue to reach out to those in need even while we are apart.

August 2020 Financials

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

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