

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

January 24, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Michael Gregg

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,  
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light  
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,  
Life whose life all life endowed.  
May the church at prayer recall that  
no single holy name  
but the truth behind them all  
is the God whom we proclaim.

—From the hymn *Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud*  
by Thomas H. Troeger, 1987. Oxford University Press

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Fanfare and Processional* — Douglas Wagner

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

If your ear strains for the Word of the Lord  
and yet is afraid of the sound of God's voice,

**Have no fear, for the Lord God  
will speak from the mouth of a prophet.**

If your eye longs for the sight of the Lord  
and yet cannot bear to behold God's presence.

**Have no fear, for the Lord God  
will appear in the form of a neighbor.**

God has sent to us a prophet.

**Let us hear the Word,  
and burn like a bush that is not consumed!**

God has lent to us a neighbor.

**Let us see the Word,  
and shine like a lamp that cannot be hidden!**

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Gracious God, we repent of all the ways we turn from you. You call, but we do not listen; you show us your path, but we prefer our own way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show mercy to others. In Jesus' name we pray.  
Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Dear God, Embracing Humankind* — REST  
(stanzas 1, 2 & 5)

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Christin Lavery

Holy One, what a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community. But, like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to love those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends.

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

Let us pray:

**The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that we are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known for us in God's love. Amen.**

Response [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Rock of Ages* — TOPLADY  
(stanza 1)

Scripture Lesson

Alan Greider

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 [ see insert ]

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

Solo

Rebecca Rempert

*His Eye Is On the Sparrow* — Charles H. Gabriel/Civilla D. Martin

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ The Fear of the Unknown ”**

Offertory

David Weigle

*Blessed Assurance* — Marianne Kim

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*For the Healing of the Nations* — CWM RHONDDA  
(stanzas 1 & 3)

Litany of Farewell

Michael Gregg, Harry Wooten & Congregation

*Rebecca & Ken Rempert*

Lord, you have called the Remperts to another place,  
another community, another task.

**We are sad to see them go, but we recognize that,  
just as they have been your gift to us,  
so now they go as a gift to another group of your people.**

We pray for each other now as our once-parallel roads of pilgrimage diverge.

**We thank you for all that we have done or learned or shared together.**

We pray for the community and work to which they go,  
that they will value, support, learn from and encourage them all.

**We pray for ourselves as we stay,  
that you will keep us faithful to the vision we have shared.**

As we part, we affirm that it has been your Spirit  
who brought us together in the first place,  
your Spirit who has enlivened our fellowship;

**Your Spirit who goes with the Remperts  
and your Spirit who stays with us;**

Your spirit who keeps us all together  
in the worldwide family of your church.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(continued)*

Prayer of Response

Rebecca & Ken Rempert

Let us pray:

O God, whose everlasting love for us is trustworthy, help us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time when we were together here in your name saw our laughter, our tears, our hopes and our disappointments. Guide us as we hold close these cherished memories but help us now also to move in new directions, until that time comes when we are completely one with you, and with each other. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Go in peace with our love, our forgiveness,  
our prayers supporting you.

Go in strength with the gifts we have shared in our time together.

Go in joy with the assurance that  
the bonds of our love in Christ cannot be broken.

You are part of our family,  
Here you will always be at home.

Go in peace.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Postlude

David Weigle

*March from the Musical Clocks* — Franz J. Hayden

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**Hymn Notes**

**Dear God, Embracing Humankind**

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**Rock of Ages**

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**For the Healing of the Nations**

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## BWIM Month of Preaching

*In 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. The annual preaching month was named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman with a legacy of powerful preaching. In 2019, BWIM redreamed (and renamed) this emphasis to feature, in addition to Martha, three other significant Baptist preachers: Edna Lee de Gutiérrez, Ella Pearson Mitchell, and Helen Barrett Montgomery.*

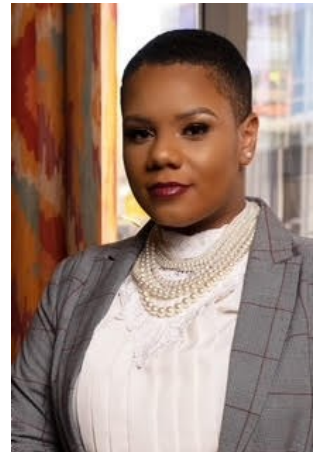
Royal Lane joins BWIM in this celebration on February 7, 2021, with Joslyn Henderson, M.Div/M.M. Candidate, Baylor University, as preacher.

Born to Pastor Marty Henderson and First Lady Joyce James-Henderson, Joslyn Henderson has been using her talents to bless God's people from the time she was first able to walk and talk. Growing up as a pastor's kid (or "PK"), Joslyn had no problem getting up to sing in front of church audiences wherever and whenever her father preached. Despite Joslyn's plans to become a doctor, after hearing her sing in the 12th grade, her English teacher enthusiastically encouraged her to study music.

Following her teacher's advice, Joslyn went on to Spelman College that fall to study music. Though she learned the complexities of classical vocalism through her studies and leadership in the Spelman College Glee Club, she never strayed from her gospel roots.

After graduating college, Joslyn completed a term of community service with AmeriCorps. Having learned the importance of giving back to others, she has since taken a full leap into gospel music. She has been studying, writing, and professing her love for music on any stage that will have her.

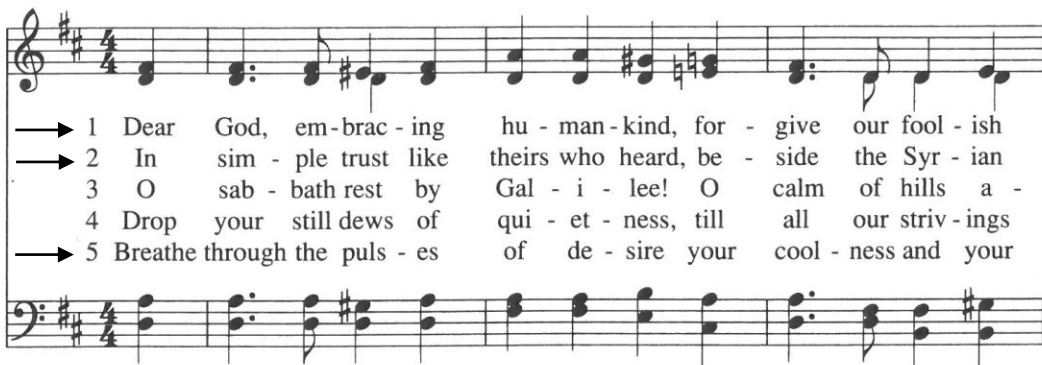
Joslyn Henderson is currently studying at Baylor University, pursuing graduate degrees in Church Music and Theology. She has served as the Ministry Associate for Worship & Chapel at Baylor, as well as served in many Waco churches as a staff member. In addition, Joslyn is also a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.



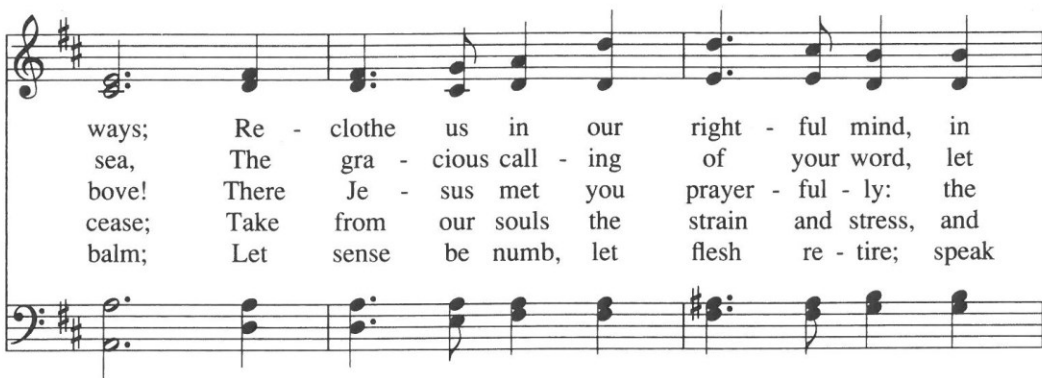
# Dear God, Embracing Humankind

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt.

Mark 1:16–20; Matt. 14:22–23; 1 Kings 19:11–12



→ 1 Dear God, em-brac - ing hu - man-kind, for - give our fool - ish  
→ 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian  
3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -  
4 Drop your still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings  
→ 5 Breathe through the puls - es of de - sire your cool - ness and your



ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in  
sea, The gra - cious call - ing of your word, let  
bove! There Je - sus met you prayer - ful - ly: the  
cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, and  
balm; Let sense be numb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives your ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
us, like them, by spir - it stirred, rise up and fol - lowers be.  
si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love.  
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of your peace.  
through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

# Rock of Ages



→ 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful -  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my

hide my - self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,  
 fill thy law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,  
 to thy cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress,  
 eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,

from thy wound - ed side which flowed, be of sin the  
 could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could  
 help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the  
 see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,

dou - ble cure, save from wrath and make me pure.  
 not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.  
 foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!  
 cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



# For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with  
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair Your  
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the  
 4. You, Cre - a - tor, God, have writ - ten Your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing  
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,  
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,  
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in Your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion  
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness  
 dog - mas that ob - scure Your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice  
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice

help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.  
 fear will die and hope in - crease, fear will die and hope in - crease.  
 may we hal - low life's brief span, may we hal - low life's brief span.  
 earth its des - ti - ny may find, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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The Scripture this morning is Jonah 3:1-5, 10

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**3**The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

(NRSV)

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

### Drive Through Ashes or Palm Frond Pick Up

Come by the church to receive ashes or palm frond  
*(to prepare your own ashes)*

Saturday, February 13, 10 am – noon  
in preparation for

Virtual Ash Wednesday Service, February 17, 6:30 pm

## *Schedule for the Week*

### **Sunday      January 24 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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

### **Tuesday      January 26**

- 12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Zoom

### **Wednesday      January 27**

- 6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom  
Overview and History of the Acts of the Apostles
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom

### **Friday      January 29**

- 12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

### **Saturday      January 30**

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
- 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

### **Sunday      January 31 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

- 9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
- 10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom
- 10:00 am Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
- 11:00 am Morning Worship — Livestream  
Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
- 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
- 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

## **How to Connect**

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — [royallane.org/resources/events](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

## *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](http://royallane.org/prayer)

## **Deacons on Call**

Alan Greider & Christin Lavery

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