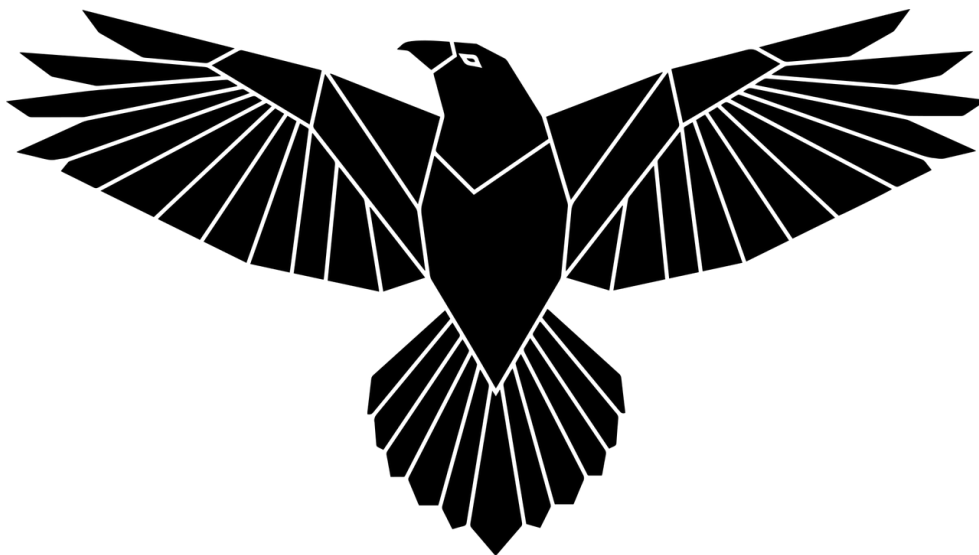


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Diverse People United in Christ



They shall mount up with wings like eagles – Isaiah 40:31b

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 7, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Michael Gregg

Proclaiming the gospel is *not* optional, says Paul! That seems like a no-brainer, but how many of us intentionally fill our days proclaiming the gospel? The gospel message is chock full of the good news of love—not just any love, but the love of the everlasting God. This is the one who created the earth and the heavens, who provides sustenance, strength, compassion, and healing for all creatures, and who takes delight in those who place their hope in the tenacious and tender power of divine love. How can we keep quiet in the face of this amazing truth?

Voluntary

Robyn Watson, bassoon

Sonata — Camille Saint-Saëns

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Good people of the church,
Lift up your eyes and see.

Have you not seen?

Have you not heard?

Our God meets us here.

Good servants of the Most High,
Open your ears to hear.

Have you not seen?

Have you not heard?

Our God meets us here.

Good children of the light.

Open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

For we have seen, heard and known

From the beginning to the end.

Our God...is.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Eternal God, Creator of the universe. We call on you, you greet us here. We give you thanks for making it possible to gather and to ponder your eternal mysteries. Make us, creatures of this time and space, ready collaborators with your endless grace. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise — ST. DENIO
(stanzas 1 & 3)

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Reann Tiemann

What do we hold and treasure most?

Is it the promises of God?

What captivates our attention?

Is it the grace of God?

God of mercy and grace:

We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness.

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

Let us pray:

Heal us, O God, to make us better healers. Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders. Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression. We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

There Is a Balm in Gilead — BALM IN GILEAD
(refrain only)

Scripture Lesson

Linda Cross

Isaiah 40:21-31 [see insert]

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

Introduction of Joslyn Henderson

Sarah Macias

Sermon

Joslyn Henderson

“ God Is Good ”

Offertory

Robyn Watson

Bourée angloise from Flute Partita in a minor, BWV 1013 — J. S. Bach

Blessing

Michael Gregg & Worshipers

The God who named the stars has named each of us.

Remember that God is calling your name.

**We will answer God’s call
to proclaim the gospel of love.**

Jesus Christ healed, cast out the demons, and made people whole.

Jesus offers you wholeness.

**Healed by Christ, even in our brokenness,
we go to proclaim the gospel of love.**

The Holy Spirit anointed Mary, birthed the church,
and is right now sending us out into the world.

**Empowered by the Spirit,
we go out to proclaim the gospel of love.!**

Amen.

Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshipers

One More Day — ONE MORE DAY

Postlude

David Weigle

O Had I Jubal’s Lyre — G. F. Handel

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Hymn Notes

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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IN FOCUS

February 10, 6:15 pm — Zoom

Beloved Community: An Anti-Racist Church

The Education Committee invites you to join us for our February IN FOCUS.

Engage with us as we discuss what it means to be an anti-racist community.

Questions for a meaningful conversation:

1. Is racism a problem we need to tackle and does this conversation have a place in our faith?
2. How did you see race when younger and how do you see it now? Has your view changed?
3. Is racism too difficult or divisive to discuss in church? What makes it divisive?
4. What might be the cost to the congregation if we engage in anti-racist work?

BWIM Month of Preaching Today's Guest Preacher – Joslyn Henderson M.Div/M.M. Candidate, Baylor University

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.

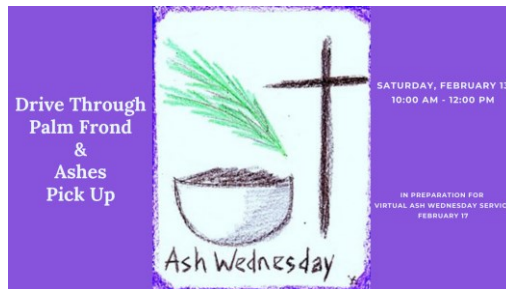
In 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This invitation became an annual event, one that has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches 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.

The RLBC Staff Celebrates Rosa Barrientos

The RLBC staff celebrates the work anniversary of our colleague, Rosa Barrientos. Rosa has served at Royal Lane Baptist Church for fourteen years. We are glad that Rosa is a part of our team.

Gratefully, Mike Gregg, Harry Wooten, Laura Keller, Janet Schultz, Barbara Merry, and David Weigle.

Drive Through – February 13, 10:00 am - Noon



In preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent, we invite you to pick up ashes and palm fronds and **MORE** as we move toward Lent and Holy Week.

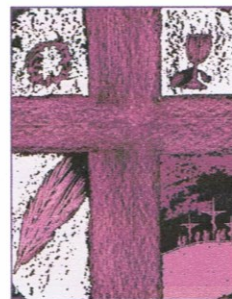
The **MORE**? A plastic zip bag of pre-made ashes, several palm fronds from last year's Palm Sunday, instructions on how to make your own ashes, family devotional and activity books for children (for families with children). We are happy to deliver some of those packets with plenty of notice if there are those who cannot get out. Contact the Harry Wooten at hwooten@royallane.org, or Barbara Merry at bmerry@royallane.org to request packets.

Drive Through open 10:00 am to noon on Saturday, February 13.

Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 17, 6:30 pm – Zoom.



2021 Lent & Holy Week



Theme: I Wait...based on Psalm 130

First Sunday in Lent: "Out of the Depths, I Cry"
Second Sunday in Lent: "My Cry for Mercy"
Third Sunday in Lent: "If You, Lord, Keep a Record"
Fourth Sunday in Lent: "With You, Forgiveness, So We can Serve"
Fifth Sunday in Lent: "In God's Word is My Hope"
Palm/Passion Sunday: "I Wait for the Lord"
Easter Sunday: "For with the Lord is Unfailing Hope"

- Saturday February 13**
10:00 am Palm Frond & Ash Drive Through (10:00 am – Noon)
Drive Through to pick up Ashes, Palm Fronds and Lenten Packet
in preparation for virtual Ash Wednesday Service on February 17, and Lent.
- Sunday February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia**
11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Wednesday February 17 – Ash Wednesday**
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service — Zoom
- Sunday March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday**
11:00 am Morning Worship – Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Friday April 2 – Good Friday**
7:30 pm Good Friday Service – Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Saturday April 3**
2:00 pm Drive Through Holy Week & Easter Egg "Hunt" (2:00 – 4:00 pm)
- Sunday April 4 – Easter Sunday**
8:00 am Flowering of the Cross — Front Lawn (*Open All Day with Social Distancing*)
11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel



2021 Lent Devotionals "Praying with Scripture During Lent" by Rev. Roger Gench

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Tuesday, February 16, 2021
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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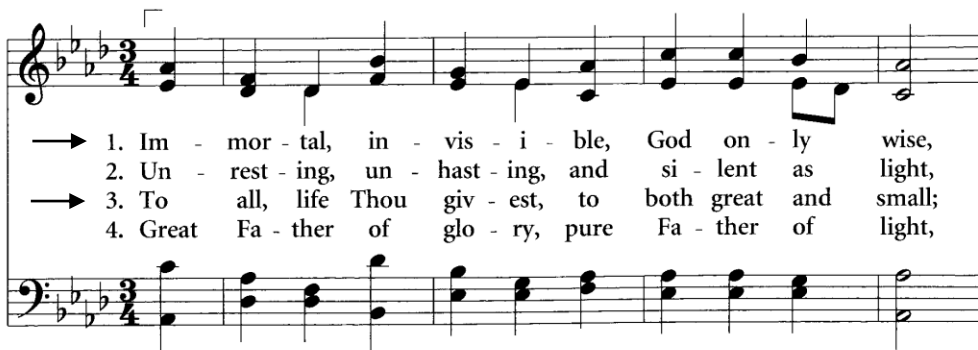
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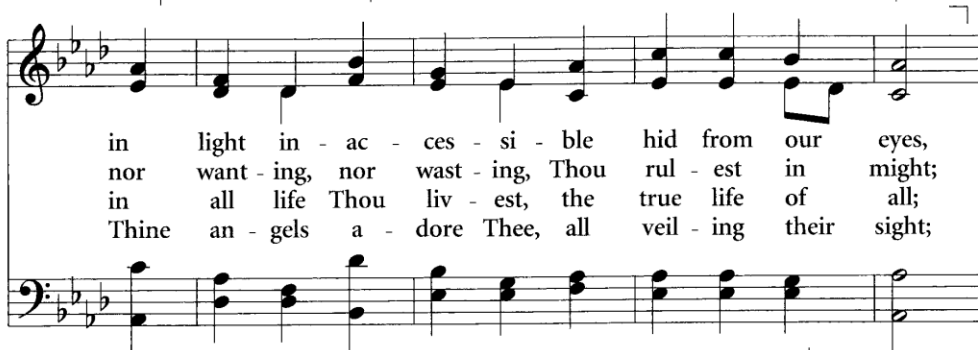
Please join us for a blood drive at Royal Lane Baptist Church on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor keyword **royallanebaptist** to schedule an appointment.

All donations are tested for COVID-19 antibodies and results will be available in the Red Cross Donor app in 1-2 weeks. Plasma from antibody-positive donations may help current coronavirus patients in need!

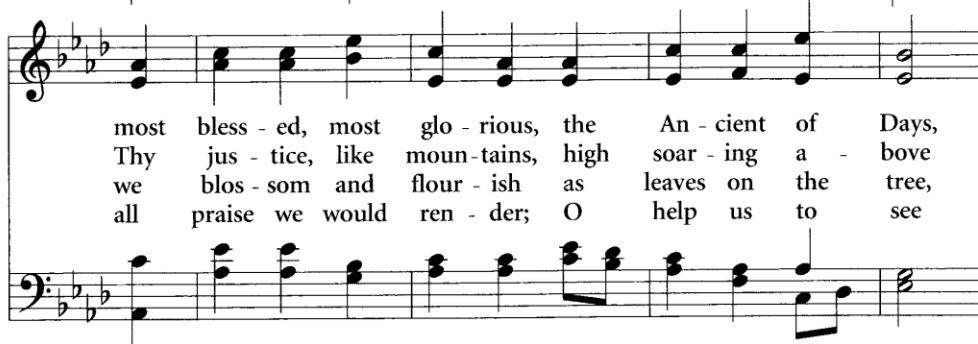
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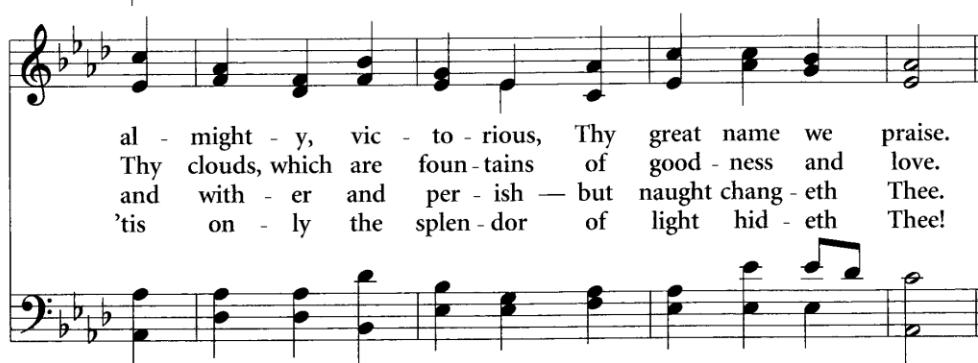
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→ 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
→ 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
in all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish — but naught chang - eth Thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin - sick soul.

Fine

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'There Is a Balm in Gilead'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;' and 'there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin - sick soul.' The second system ends with a 'Fine' marking.

2021 Lent Devotionals

Praying with Scripture During Lent by Rev. George Dench
Coming Soon to the Royal Lane website and your inbox.
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One More Day

1. One more day, one more day,
2. One more chance, one more chance,

The first system of music is in 4/4 time. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a whole note chord (G2, B1, D2), followed by a half note chord (G2, B1, D2), and then a quarter note melody starting on G2. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) consists of a steady bass line of whole notes: G1, B0, D1, G1, B0, D1, G1, B0, D1.

I thank God just for one more day.
I thank God just for one more chance.

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a half note chord (G2, B1, D2), followed by a half note chord (G2, B1, D2), and then a half note chord (G2, B1, D2). The piano accompaniment continues with whole notes: G1, B0, D1, G1, B0, D1, G1, B0, D1.

One more day, the Lord has made a way,
One more chance to do the best I can,

The third system features a more active piano accompaniment. The vocal line has a half note chord (G2, B1, D2), followed by a half note chord (G2, B1, D2), and then a half note chord (G2, B1, D2). The piano accompaniment includes eighth notes and quarter notes, with a final quarter note chord (G2, B1, D2).

I thank God just for one more day.
I thank God just for one more chance.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The vocal line has a half note chord (G2, B1, D2), followed by a half note chord (G2, B1, D2), and then a half note chord (G2, B1, D2). The piano accompaniment continues with whole notes: G1, B0, D1, G1, B0, D1, G1, B0, D1.

The Scripture this morning is Isaiah 40:21-31

²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; ²³who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. ²⁴Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. ³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; ³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday **February 7 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany / BWIM Month of Preaching**

- 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
- 7:00 pm Connections Care Group — Zoom

Tuesday **February 9**

- 12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Zoom

Wednesday **February 10**

- 6:15 pm IN FOCUS — Zoom
 Beloved Community: An Anti-Racist Church
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom

Friday **February 12**

- 12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

Saturday **February 13**

- 10:00 am Palm Frond and Ashes Drive Through (10:00 am – 12:00 noon)
- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday **February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia**

- 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 — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
 Following Worship – Chat with the Pastor — Zoom
- 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
- 7:15 pm Deacon Chat — Zoom
- 7:30 pm Deacon Meeting — 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
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.
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Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,
available on the website at royallane.org/prayer

Deacons on Call

John Helms & Cathy Walling

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