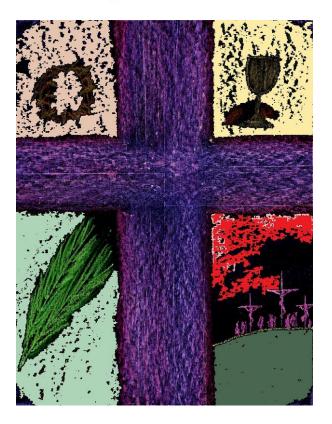
Royal Lane Baptist Church

Diverse People United in Christ



Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! ... Psalm 130:1-2a

The Worship of God First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 2021

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting Out of the depths, we cry to God. How do we seek hope in the wake of loss, in the midst of grief? How can our souls wait for the Lord like those who wait for the morning?

Voluntary

Come, Ye Disconsolate — arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

Call to Worship

We wait for the Lord, our souls wait for the Lord,

and find hope in God's word.

Our souls wait for the Lord

more than those who watch for the morning.

More than those who watch for the morning.

Let us seek hope in our God,

Whose power is enduring love,

whose redemption brings healing and grace.

We wait for the Lord,

And find our hope in God's presence.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Holy One, in peace or in pain, we call to you, and you answer. Hear our voices, O God, and the cries of our hearts. Come and bring us your presence. Come and bring us your peace. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days — ST. FLAVIAN

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Worshipers

Harry Wooten

David Weigle

11:00 A.M.

Prayers of the People

Trusting God does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, for we would be disciples of Jesus.

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

Let us pray:

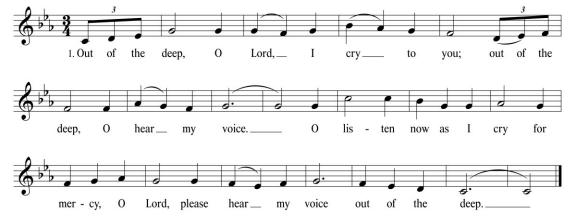
If the Lord kept count of all our sins, who could stand? But with God there is forgiveness; Christ gives us peace.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Response

Worshipers

Out of the Deep — Terre Johnson 2021 Lenten Hymn – stanza 1



Scripture Lesson

Mike Gill

Mark 1:9-15 [see insert] Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!** Lisa Gill

Bryan Taylor, Director of Music Liberty UMC, Liberty, MO

Out of the Depths I Cry to You — Karl Digerness

Sermon

Solo

" Out of the Depths, I Cry "

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me - Joe Utterback

Closing Hymn [see insert]

In Deep Despair I Cry to You — MORNING SONG (stanzas 1 & 2)

Blessing

We have waited for the Lord, and God has not failed us. We have reached for Christ, and he has met us where we are. Go in peace, to love and to serve, healed and free. Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Adagio from Sonata II — Felix Mendelssohn

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David Weigle

Michael Gregg

Worshipers

Michael Gregg

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Lenten Hymn, 2021 – Out of the Deep Terre Johnson, Composer, Text Writer

Terre Johnson holds degrees in Choral Music Education from Troy University, Auburn University and Florida State University. A Life Member of the American Choral Directors Association, he has served as National Chair for Music in Worship and is currently National Chair for Lifelong Singing. From 2001-2005 Dr. Johnson was a conductor in New York, and has given numerous well-received performances in Carnegie Hall. He has also conducted in the Sydney Opera House, the Vienna Konzerthaus, and in numerous sacred venues in Rome and Florence.



He has directed the music in Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian churches, and directed community choruses for children, youth and adults. In addition, he has taught in public middle and high schools, as well as in small colleges and large universities.

As a composer, Dr. Johnson has premiered two major works for choir and orchestra in Carnegie Hall, and two additional major works in Florence, Italy. His music has been recorded by the St. Olaf Choir and the Baylor University A Cappella Choir. Other recent commissions have included the Turtle Creek Chorale in Dallas as well as the Georgia Boy Choir and Luther College.

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 10:00 am	February 13 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 Lent Devotionals are posted online and distributed via email. Print copies available upon request. Reproduced by permission of Presbyterian OUTLOOK



Easter Flower Dedications

It is time to submit dedications for Easter Flowers. These may be submitted online at royallane.org/easter-flower-dedications/

You may also email the church office at info@royallane.org, or leave a message at 214-361-2809, ext. 11. Printed forms are available in the church office. \$15.00 per dedication. Please submit dedications by Thursday, March 25.

Payment Options:

Check – mail or bring to the church office. Credit card – contact Janet to provide information or email to instruct her to use information on file. Online bill – through personal bank account Pay online – click the link provided in the online order which opens in a new window - complete payment then return to form window to SUBMIT Easter Flower Dedication.





The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, March 10, at 6:15 pm for our March IN FOCUS. — The Beloved Community Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/88170730964

"Understanding the Consequences of the Death Penalty" with Kristin Houle Cuellar as the speaker. Kristin is the executive director of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

See link on Home page of the RLBC website or the March Web Calendar. Keep up with notices about IN FOCUS events on the Adult Education page.

Royal Lane Missions

Seasons of Service...Easter



Please help us make Easter special for children experiencing homelessness. We want to create 60 Easter baskets for the families served by Hope Supply. You can donate items for the Easter baskets, or money that we will use to purchase toys and other goodies to make these baskets special for these special children.

We are collecting chocolate Easter bunnies, small stuffed animals, plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy, small Easter toys, crayons / small coloring books, play doh, slime, stickers, small sports balls, hot wheels cars, card games, fun socks, bubbles, flavored chapstick, etc.

Donation drop off dates and times:

(Royal Lane Baptist Church parking lot)

March 6th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

March 13th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

We will also come pick up your donations if you can't get to the church one of these dates, just contact the church office to request a pick-up.

Thank you all for helping to make Easter special for our beloved community!

REGISTER TODAY! Confronting Christian Nationalism in Your Congregation WEBINAR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 10-11:30 A.M. CENTRAL TIME CHRISTIANS





Executive Director of BJC

Christian nationalism webinar to help congregations face "hard questions"

Friday, February 26, 10:00 am – Registration Required

How can congregations help their members deal with divisive questions that dominate the news and invade their worship spaces? They include:

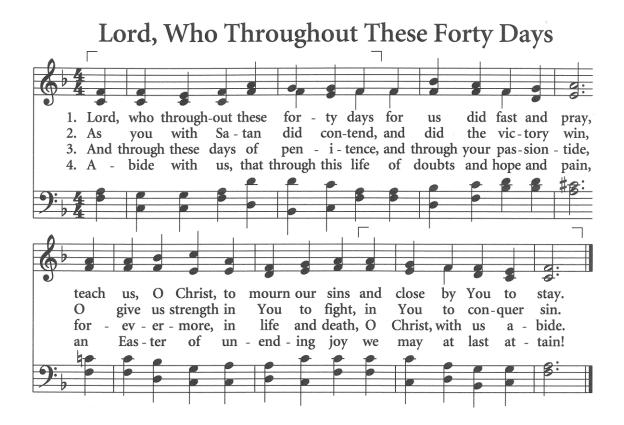
- "What is the difference between patriotism and nationalism?"
- "How are Christian nationalism and white supremacy linked?"
- "How can we identify and root out Christian nationalism in our congregations?"

These are hard questions that confront congregations across the country, noted Amanda Tyler, executive director of Washington-based BJC (Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty), the only national faith-based group solely focused on protecting religious freedom for all people.

Tyler will be the keynote speaker for "Confronting Christian Nationalism in Your Congregation," a webinar sponsored by BJC, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship of Texas, Christians Against Christian Nationalism, Faith Commons, and Fellowship Southwest. The webinar will feature a presentation by Tyler and an open question-andanswer session with participants.

"Confronting Christian Nationalism in Your Congregation" will be held Friday, Feb. 26, at 10 a.m. Central Time. Registration is required. To participate, register at fellowshipsouthwest.org/events/cacn





Psalm 130: In Deep Despair I Cry to You



The Scripture this morning Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday February 21 – First Sunday in Lent 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom Formations Class — Zoom 4:00 pm 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom Tuesday February 23 12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Zoom Wednesday February 24 6:30 pm Understanding the COVID Vaccination — Zoom A Conversation with Jamie Luckett & Melissa Walker-Luckett Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/88170730964 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom Friday February 26 12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom February 27 Saturday Questers Class — Zoom 2:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom 3:00 pm 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom February 28 - Second Sunday in Lent Sunday 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 Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel 11:00 am 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom 3:00 pm 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom Middle School Sunday School — Zoom 6:30 pm

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. 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 & Karen Simmons

When WE Give: we reach out to those in despair.

January 2021 Financials

	ΥT	D Actual
Revenues	\$	65,102
Expenses	\$	54,615
Surplus (Deficit)	\$	10,287

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