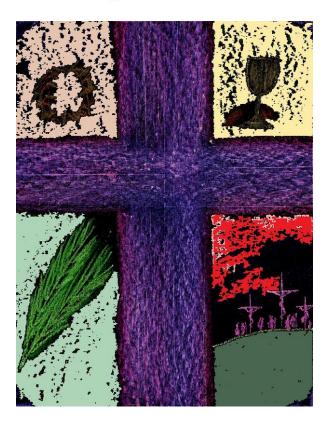
# Royal Lane Baptist Church

## Diverse People United in Christ



If you, Lord, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand? ... Psalm 130:3

## The Worship of God Third Sunday in Lent

### March 7, 2021

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting In Psalm 130 the psalmist experiences "...the depths of despair...", surely one of the most challenging of emotions for anyone. The many manifestations of "despair" make clear the sense of hopelessness and pain associated with the deepest of human emotions. In his despair the psalmist turned to God with this cry: "...I call for your help. Hear my cry, O Lord. Pay attention to my prayer, Lord, if you keep a record of our sins, who, O Lord could ever survive...?" Whatever it was that caused "...the depths of despair...", it was not anything to be taken lightly or even easily explained to anyone else! Only God could be trusted!

Voluntary

Remembrances — John Williams

Call to Worship We come to God in worship, even when we are weighed down with our guilt. **Generous God, while confessing our sin,** 

## we come to you for help and healing.

We come to God in thankfulness, even when we are lost in our deep despair.

#### Forgiving God, in gratitude

we come to you for your unfailing love and mercy. We come to God in celebration, even when we are discouraged and cannot find our way out of our painful struggles, because we trust God's faithfulness.

Renewing and Restoring God, in joyous relief, we come to you with our praises as we honor and revere you for your merciful generosity and love towards us.

David Weigle

Harry Wooten

11:00 A.M.

Invocation

Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency ad routines, set us free from our selfimposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High — SANDON

Time for Young Disciples

Prayers of the People

Generous God, today we come before you in worship, even though we feel as if we are weighed down with our guilt over our sinfulness and our sense of failure. We come to confess our sin to you, and to ask for your merciful forgiveness, even as we also seek your help and healing from the woes that plague us. We feel as if we have lost the focus of our life and living; and so we come to you asking for your loving forgiveness. We come before you, God of comfort and compassion, asking that you will restore us once again to your holy presence, so that we may more faithfully live, love and serve you.

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

Let us pray:

Renewing and Restoring God, in joyous relief we come to you with our praises for your merciful generosity and love towards us. We also come together as a community of faith to celebrate God's gifts to us, and to receive our shared sense of forgiveness as God's people in this time. We give thanks that even when we lose our way, we have our Faithful God to gather us up again and welcome us back into God's Holy Presence, forgiven, renewed, restored and rejoicing. Amen.

Laura Keller

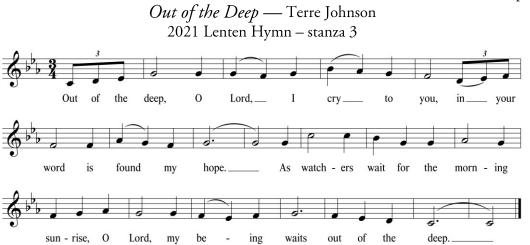
Worshipers

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Kate Thompson

Harry Wooten

Response [ see insert ]



Scripture Lesson

Harry Wooten & Michael Gregg

Psalm 130 (vs. 1-5)



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Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

#### Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

#### If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? R

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

## I wait for you, my soul waits,

and in your word I hope.

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

Worshipers

Solo

### Hymn of Lament Out of the Depths of Fear DI MANA ALLAH Ellen Clark-King & Swee Hong Lim

Sermon

#### Dan Thompson

Michael Gregg

David Weigle

### " If You, Lord, Kept a Record "

#### Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour — arranged by Mark Hayes

Worshipers

Communion At this table all are fed, and no one turned away. Thanks be to God. At this table all share the cup of pain and celebration, and no one is denied. Thanks be to God. What do you bring to Christ's table? We bring bread made by many people's work, from an unjust world where some have plenty and many go hungry. What do you bring to Christ's table? We bring wine, made by many people's work, from an unjust world where some have leisure and many struggle to survive.

Communion Prayer

These gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ. Our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice and our hope for a world where God is known and every child is fed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

—Brian Wren, *Let All the World,* ed. Wendy Robins, (London, USPG, 1990)

Worshipers

Michael Gregg

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Beneath the Cross of Jesus — ST. CHRISTOPHER (stanzas 1)

#### Blessing

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In the Lenten week ahead, find time and space to listen to God's glory as it is spoken in the world around you. May God shine upon you, Christ fill you with true wisdom and strength and the Holy Spirit guide you into all faithfulness, now and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Theme from Schindler's List — John Williams

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Daylight Savings Time Begins next Sunday March 14 Spring Forward!

#### **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 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!

## 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	<b>February 13</b> 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)	
<b>Sunday</b>	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

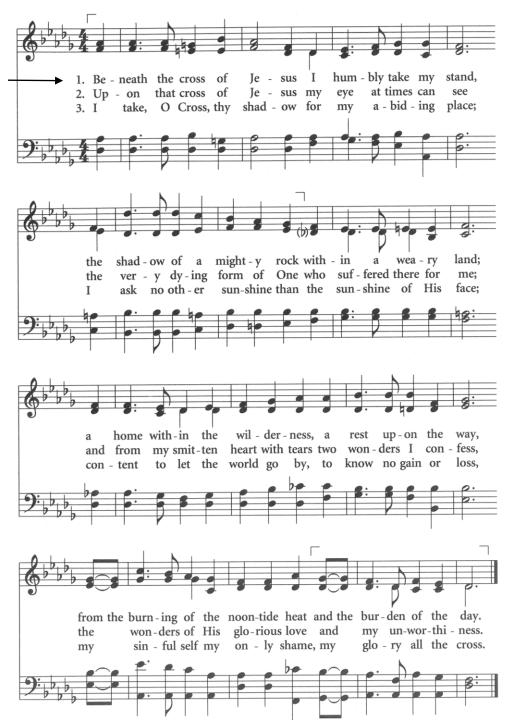
"Praying with Scripture During Lent" by Rev. Roger Gench Lent Devotionals are posted online and distributed via email. Print copies available upon request. Reproduced by permission of Presbyterian OUTLOOK



## Out of the Depths I Cry to You on High



## Beneath the Cross of Jesus



#### Schedule for the Week

Sunday	March 7 – Third Sunday in Lent		
12:00 pm	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom		
12:00 pm	Missions Division — 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	March 9		
12:00 pm	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom		
Wednesday			
6:15 pm	IN FOCUS — Zoom		
ľ	Understanding the Consequences of the Death Penalty		
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir — Zoom		
Friday	March 12		
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom		
Saturday	March 13		
10:00 am	Donation Drop Off for Easter Baskets (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)		
	benefiting Hope Supply Company		
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom		
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom		
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom		
Sunday	March 14 – Fourth Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings Time Begins		
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		
7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm – Deacon Chat)		
How to Connect			

#### 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**

Nate Green & Donna Wood-Martin

When WE Give: we can support our educators during a pandemic.

#### January 2021 Financials

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

## Text "GIVE" to 214-609-1200

Follow the prompts to complete the process. *Standard text message rates may apply.* Donate online at royallane.org/give/



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