ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Israel, put your faith in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love and with him is full redemption . . . Psalm 130: 7

The Worship of God Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021 11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Voluntary Classic Brass & Scott Ayers

Grand Choeur Dialogue — Eugene Gigout, arranged by John Kuzma

Centering & Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Worship Leaders

We thank you God for this amazing day, when our hearts dance like the shining sun, when all the world leaps with life and the great, infinite wonders of the earth shout their "yes!" to you. We who have seen death, who have heard the story of the cross and sorrowed deep at the sharp agony of the world's pain, we have come to life again in the life of your Son. This is the birth day of life and love and goodness. This is the amazing day, when our Savior rose, when the earth released him, when the heavens echoed the praise of earth, on this great day. Alleluia! To our leaping, rising, lively, infinite, God.

—Based on an e. e. cummings sonnet "i thank you God for most this amazing day." Susan Durber, in For the Love of God, Prayer Handbook 1996

Choir Introit Choir

Alleluia — William Boyce, arranged by Theron Kirk

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen, indeed!

Hope is alive!

Hope is alive, indeed!

God's love is eternal!

Hallelujah!

Let us give thanks for what God has done.

Invocation Harry Wooten

God of grace and power, we come rejoicing in Christ's empty tomb. We come trusting in good news that tells us Christ is with us. For the Risen Christ is living proof that You care about our lives, O God. The Risen Christ offers to us glimpses of hope, even in our tears. As the tomb is not quiet. It speaks. It proclaims!

Thank you, gracious and almighty God. Amen.

Worshipers

Jesus Christ is Risen Today — EASTER HYMN

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Christin Lavery & Worshipers

God of resurrection grace, help us in our pain, despair and fear so that we are not prone to follow the path of hopelessness. Help us to instead be like the Risen Christ and rise up as a brave and holy people, living beyond our pain, despair and fear by remaining hopeful in your steadfast love.

Help us, we pray.

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

Let us pray:

God hears our prayers of grace and mercy, and raises our countenance from despair, into resurrection joy! God meets us in our human suffering, comforts us in our tears, and offers to us new hope.

Amen! Hallelujah!



Scripture Lesson

Garey Wisdom

"Back to the Garden" based on John 20:1-18 The Word of the Lord ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo

Suré Eloff

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth from MESSIAH — G. F. Händel

Sermon

Michael Gregg

" For With the Lord is Unfailing Love"

Psalm 130:7

Offertory

Classic Brass & Scott Ayers

Flourishes — Carlyle Sharpe

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshipers

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus — HYFRYDOL

Blessing

Michael Gregg

May God's abiding love and hope give us new life.

May God's unmerited grace and mercy keep us hope-filled.

And may God's restorative justice bring to us all, perfect peace.

For Christ is risen! Praise God!

Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!

Postlude

Classic Brass

Crown Him with Many Crowns — arranged by Ovid Young

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Classic Brass

Glen Hummel, Trumpet Simon Willats, Trombone Don Burks, Trumpet Vurl Bland, Tuba

Gerald Wood, Horn Jay Majernik, Percussion

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Hymn Notes Jesus Christ is Risen Today

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Out of the Deep

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> Alleluia! Sing to Jesus Public Domain

IN FOCUS

April 14 – 6:15 pm

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, April 14, at 6:15 pm for our April IN FOCUS. Beloved Community: Continuing the Conversation on Becoming an Anti-Racist Church. Engage with us as we discuss what it means to be an anti-racist community with breakout groups, discussion, and questions.

When we give...

Have you taken a moment to read the very last page of the Order of Worship? On this page you will find the names of our Deacons of the Week, the report from your Finance Committee, the staff of Royal Lane who continue to work in a new environment (often remotely while juggling family needs), and a new "When we give" statement each week. January end of month reflected a surplus of \$10,287. At the end of February we went full circle to a deficit of \$11,828.

We need your support and your tithes and offerings to continue the many ministries of Royal Lane as we move towards a time when we can gather again. When we give, we support our church and our community.

Scott Ayers, Guest Organist



A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Scott has been a church musician since the age of twelve and has accompanied musical theater productions since his late teens. He has served churches in South Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas, as well as presenting keyboard concerts in more than a dozen states.

Scott is the musical director for several local theaters as well as several schools in the Plano area. He holds a degree in Music Theory and Composition from Oklahoma Baptist University and has done graduate work in Jazz Theory and Composition at the University of South

Carolina. He has produced four albums and has a number of published arrangements for choir, keyboard and orchestra.

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.

Out of the Deep

Text and Music by Terre Johnson for Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

Out of the deep, O Lord, I cry to you; out of the deep, O hear my voice. O listen now as I cry for mercy, O Lord, please hear my voice out of the deep.
Out of the deep, O Lord, I cry to you; keep no record of my sins, With you I know there is sure forgiveness, O Lord, I rise to serve, out of the deep.
Out of the deep, O Lord, I cry to you, in your word is found my hope. As watchers wait for the morning sunrise, O Lord, my being waits out of the deep.
Out of the deep, O Lord, I cry to you; for you offer unfailing love. In you I hope now for full redemption, O Lord, from all my sins out of the deep.

Out of the deep, O Lord, I wait for you, enter now, my hope, my Lord.
For you alone come to save and help me, O Lord, I wait for you out of the deep.

Enter now, as palms prepare the way, and redeem from all my sins. With courage facing what waits before you, O lord, reveal your grace, enter now.

Out of the tomb, O Lord, I see you rise, out of the dark to morning's light!
O sing to God who has conquered darkness, O Lord, within my heart, now arise!



Easter Flower Dedications



This year's list includes Dedications from 2020 that we were unable to honor due to COVID-19 and suspension of on-site services.

Easter Flowers have been given In Memory of:

Rev. George T. Sturch I.J. & Marie Berrier by JJ & Terry Berrier

Chad Edward Julian
by Clay Bohannan & Faith Julian

Dan Bohannan, Terry Kahutek My parents and Dan's parents Chad Julian by Shirley Bohannan

Rose Griffin by Dottie Brashear

I.E. (Gene) Garrett Nell & Ed Thomas Emmy Lou & Otis Kerley by Betty Garrett

Calvin James
Our Parents
Maybelle Raiza
by Shirley James

Oscar & Ruth Owens, my parents Jacque Neatherlin Babs Arnswald by Susie Leinneweber

David Matthews

by Susan Matthews

Ruth & Ray Moore and sons Lorraine & Zackey Meachum Pauline Salazar Gene Sprout Richard Seib by Bettie Meachum

Betty Blanck
by Betty Morchower

Laurence Ambler, father Jewel Ambler, mother Grant Ambler, brother by Marilyn Munro

Richard George, Fumiko & Edward Jones Clifford & Emelda Schultz by Laurence & Janet Schultz

Jim Sewell Laura McFadyen by Anne Sewell

Jim Sewell by the Sewell Watson Family

Jimmy & Mary Strobel, special friends Johnny & Coral Reiser, my parents by Cookie Stokes

Dr. Raymond L. Vickrey

by The Family of Raymond Vickrey

Roy King Luckett Mary Walker Mark Walker Karrie Oertli Rev. Ray Vickrey by Jamie & Melissa Walker-Luckett Orville & Elnora Wisdom Chuck & Linda Spear Marilyn Ratliff by Garey Wisdom

Donna & Billy Wood
Douglas Martin
by Scott & Donna Wood-Martin



Easter Flowers have been given In Honor of:



Louise Finke, mom Shirley Bohannan, mom by Clay Bohannan & Faith Julian

Shirley Bohannan Clay Bohannan, Faith, Hope, Shelby & Blake by Holly Bohannan

Holly, Clay & Faith Shelby, Hope & Blake Mel & Louise Judy, Bonnie & T.D. by Shirley Bohannan

The Hammett Family: Jeff, Jennifer, Jonah, and Jacob The Keith Family: Phil, Kelley, Claire and Owen by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Shirley Bohannan Patricia McNutt Karen Simmons by Shirley James

The Hatcher Family (Martha & Kathy) by Susie Leinneweber

Kurt & Amy Meachum, Allie, Kendall and Ben Aubrey & Adam Connatser Mary Katherine and Mac Royal Lane Staff and Volunteers who deliver Sunday Services by Bettie Meachum

Pastor Laura Keller RLBC Music Program by Don & Patsy Meier

Entire Sewell/Watson Family by Anne Sewell

Bob & Sue Watson Anne Sewell The Staff at RLBC by The Sewell Watson Family

Jean Stokes Bilson, my aunt Lou Ray & Carol Williams, special friends by Cookie Stokes James C. Walker
Zadie Luckett
Amy, Aaron, Aidan, AJ, Avery Stewart
Amber, Kevin, Luke, Rutledge Seymour
Mike, Amanda, Analise, Beatrice, Ford Gregg
Joey & Rosa Belgard
by Jamie & Melissa Walker-Luckett

Brad Carter Linda Hueston *by Garey Wisdom*

Jacquelyn Martin
by Scott & Donna Wood-Martin

Youth Sunday - April 11

Next Sunday, April 11, is Youth Sunday. Join us at 11:00 am on the Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel for worship planned and led by the Youth of RLBC.



Our good friends and faith partners from the Dialogue Institute Dallas would like to celebrate Ramadan with Royal Lane again this year

TO HONOR COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS
Ramadan Event and Meal will be on ZOOM

Turkish Meal provided by our friends at the Dialogue Institute Dallas

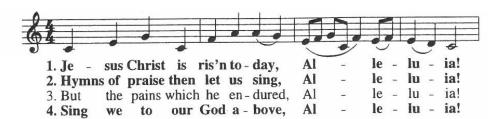
Friday, April 23 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

RESERVE MEAL(S)

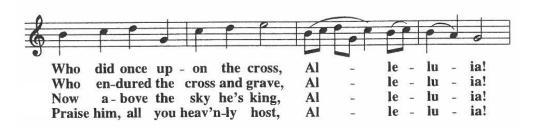
http://royallane.org/event/2021-04-23-ramadan-iftar-event-reservation/
PICK MEAL(S) UP AT THE CHURCH
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

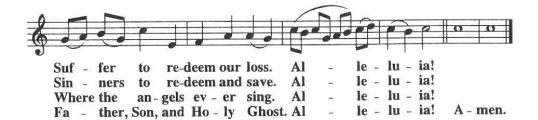
Reserve your meal(s) at https://bit.ly/3cF08Qt
No reservation needed for Zoom event.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

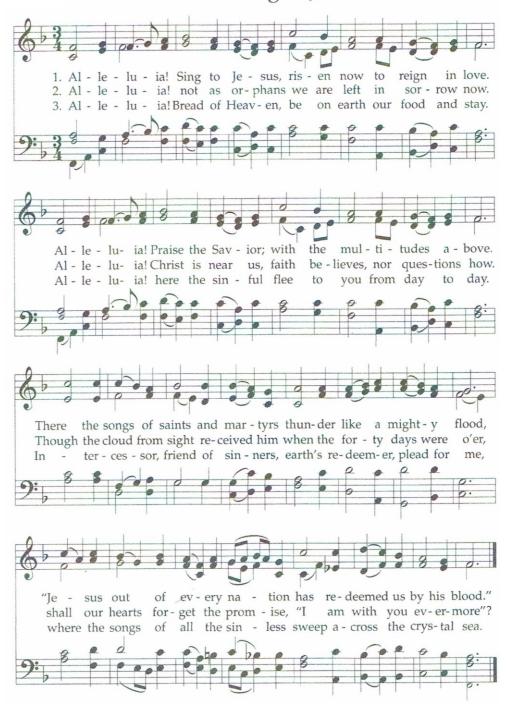








Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Schedule for the Week

April 4 – Easter Sunday Sunday All are invited to drive by to place flowers on the cross — Front Lawn Tuesday April 6 12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Zoom Wednesday April 7 – Mosaic Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom 6:30 pm Acts 4:32-5:13, Living in a Radical Community Sanctuary Choir — Zoom 7:30 pm Friday April 9 12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom April 10 Saturday 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom 3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom Sunday April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday 9:30 am Education Division — Zoom 9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom 10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom 10:00 am 11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel Planned and Led by the Youth of RLBC Following Worship – Chat with the Pastor — Zoom Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom 12:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom 3:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom 4:00 pm

How to Connect

Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm – Deacon Chat)

Middle School Class — Zoom

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

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

Alan Greider & Christin Lavery

When WE Give: we can open our doors virtually to a beautiful place of worship.

February 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 93,029
Expenses	\$ 104,857
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 11,828)

Text "GIVE" to 214-609-1200

Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

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