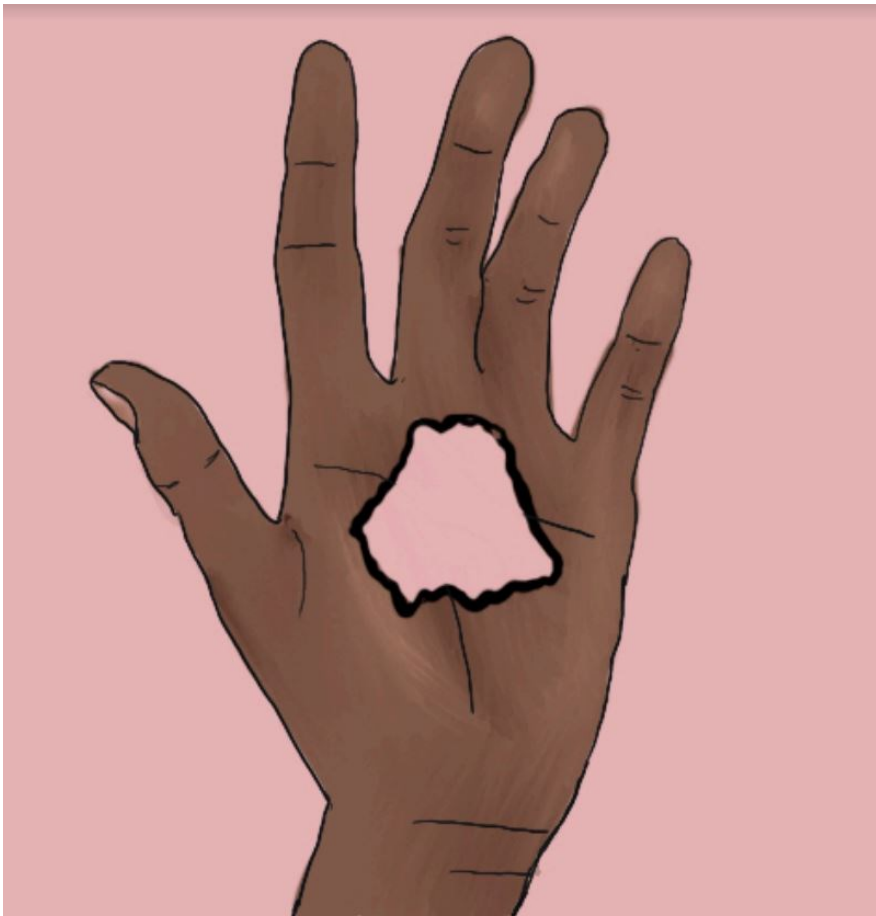


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday

April 11, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Sadie

Christ sends, but do we still linger within our walls? Christ unifies, yet do we stand divided? The Season of Easter is one of new life and new birth. Filled with the excitement of what God has done and is doing, we do not stay quiet. Instead, we are sent to proclaim and to continue the physical acts of Christ on earth. Christ is the unifying factor of the church, and Christ's work still needs to be carried out in the world. Will you go where Jesus sends?

Voluntary

Jasmine & Jayda, violin

Mazas Violin Duet, Opus 38, No. 1 — Jacques Féréole Mazas

Call to Worship

Mara

At the beginning of the day, at the beginning of the week, the faithful yet fearful people gathered together. It was then that the Spirit of God came among them and whispered:

Peace be with you.

Their hearts skipped a beat as they double checked that the lock on the front door was still latched. So the Presence of God spoke a little louder:

Peace be with you.

They looked at each other, puzzled, amazed, befuddled, and bewildered. Some smiled. Some doubted. Some wondered if it were just too magical sounding or too good to be true. So the Christ showed them that his own scars were not the end of the story and that is when the words of God began to feel joyous:

Peace be with you.

From that day on, the people of God repeated the words to one another when they gathered. From one generation to the next, they exchanged the words as a greeting to one another to remember that Holy interruption to fear:

Peace be with you!

Invocation

Jacob

Christ, who bears the marks of love, grant us peace and open our eyes to see you among us. Blessed One, whether we see or don't see, may we believe and through that belief grant us life in your holy and mighty name. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Show Me Your Hands, Your Feet, Your Side — DETROIT

Time for Young Disciples

Carson

Prayers of the People

Daniel & Worshippers

Holy One, we have doubts. We're not talking about doubts like Thomas—his were perfectly reasonable—after all we too long to see You, touch You, and truly know You. Our doubts feel different. We doubt that the peace you offer is really possible because our own minds are a mess of thoughts. We doubt that new life is possible because the wounds we bear are still overwhelming. We hear the age old stories, but we are filled with doubts about ourselves, and if we are honest, doubts about your Holy possibilities. Holy One, in these moments of stillness, hear our doubts and settle our hearts, souls and minds.

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

Let us pray:

O Holy, Light, Love and Hope of God. Awaken our souls to the injustices that are prevalent within our cultures. Grant us eyes to see those who are overlooked. Grant us ears to hear cries for help. Grant us hands to extend to those in need. May we advocate for the voiceless, the parentless, the homeless, and the disadvantaged. Infuse empathy in us so that we may offer dignity to those we help. Grant us the wisdom to empower them in the midst of their plights. May we act out of justice, may we have mercy, may we walk humbly with you, O God. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Breathe on Me, Breath of God — TRENTHAM
(stanza 1)

Scripture Lesson Brodie
John 20:19-31 [see insert]
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo Melissa
Be Thou My Vision — arranged by Craig Courtney

Homily Darrin

Youth Update Austen

Homily Samantha

Youth Update Ryah

Homily Jasmine

Offertory Jonah, horn, & David Weigle
Au bord de l'eau — Gabriel Fauré, transcribed by Sterling Proctor

Closing Hymn [see insert] Worshippers
Christ Has Risen — HOLY MANNA
(stanzas 1 & 4)

Blessing Grace
May the Christ who walks on wounded feet
walk with you on the road.
May the Christ who serves with wounded hands
stretch out your hands to serve.
May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart
open your hearts to love.
May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet,
and may everyone you meet see the face of Christ in you.
Amen.

Amen.

Postlude David Weigle
Erstaden ist der heil'ge Christ — J. S. Bach
Blessed Christ is Ris'n Today

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Hymn Notes

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Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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Christ Has Risen

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Quarterly Church Conference

The Quarterly Church Conference will be held on April 21, 6:00 pm — Zoom

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 about 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.

Financial Update

Heads Up! The church revenues during February and March barely covered our staff salaries. Please, if you can catch up on pledge offerings or your routine plate offerings, now is the time to help us catch up. If you can “pay it forward,” that would be helpful, also! We want to encourage all divisions to limit spending for now to absolutely necessary expenses. Hopefully, we can be on a firm financial foundation before we gather at the church in July.

Nancy K. Ferrell, Treasurer

Virtual Ramadan Dinners

Muslim holy month Ramadan is a period of fasting and spiritual growth for more than 1.8 billion Muslims worldwide. This year, Ramadan starts on the evening of Monday, April 12th.

The Dialogue Institute Dallas has a tradition of celebrating this spiritual and charitable month at fast-breaking dinners at the different places of worship with our interfaith partners and friends for more than two decades.

While we can't be together in person this year, we can still connect heart to heart, share friendship, and make meaningful conversations online.

Dinner will be provided by our friends at the Dialogue Institute Dallas. You may pick up your reserved Turkish dinner at the church before the event. You will be able to eat after the Zoom time and at sundown. We thank the members of the Dialogue Institute for their generosity and hospitality.

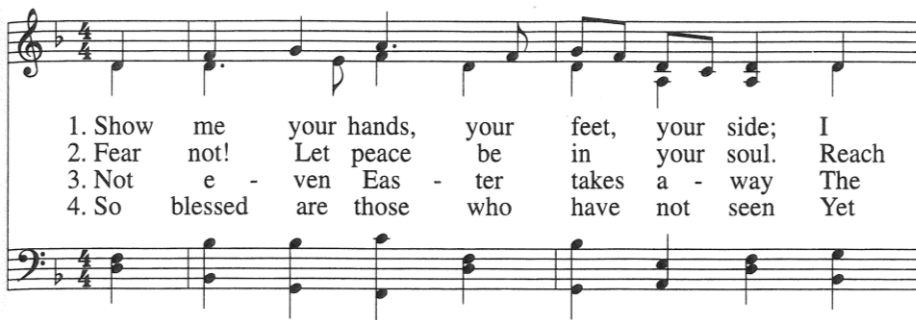
Registration may be made at <https://bit.ly/39VZspQ>



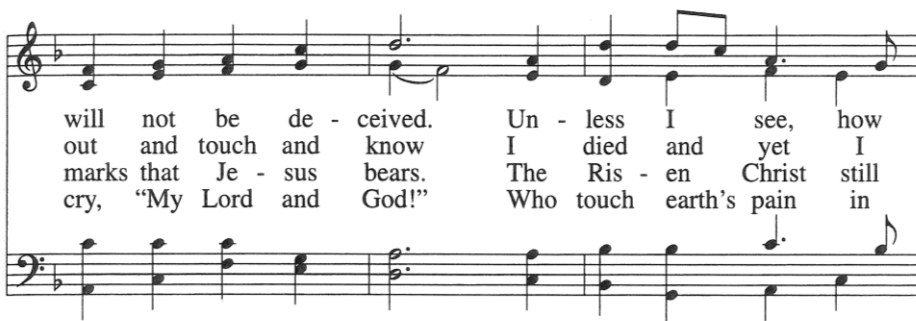
Link to registration may be found on the Royal Lane Website.
See Upcoming events for April.



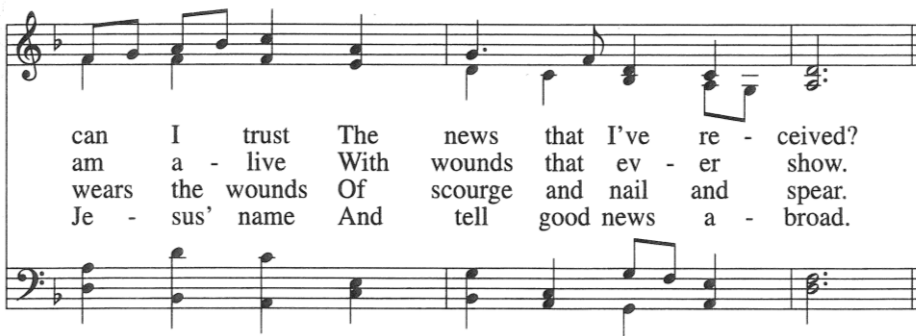
Show Me Your Hands, Your Feet, Your Side



1. Show me your hands, your feet, your side; I
2. Fear not! Let peace be in your soul. Reach
3. Not e - ven Eas - ter takes a - way The
4. So blessed are those who have not seen Yet

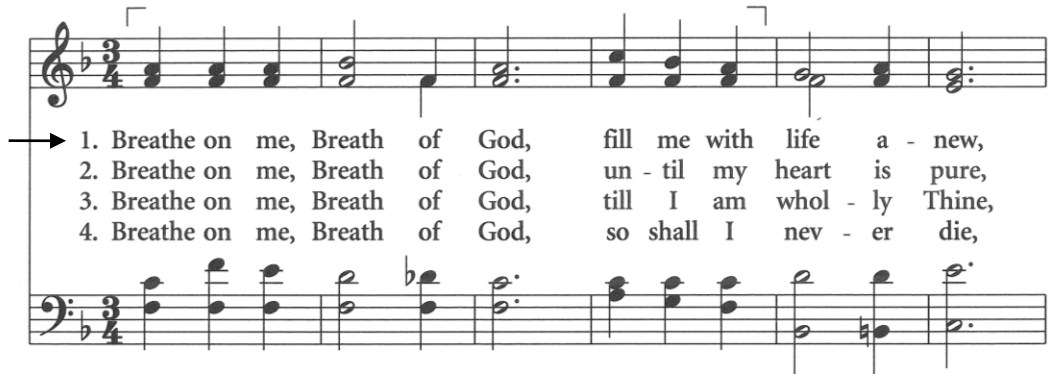


will not be de - ceived. Un - less I see, how
out and touch and know I died and yet I
marks that Je - sus bears. The Ris - en Christ still
cry, "My Lord and God!" Who touch earth's pain in

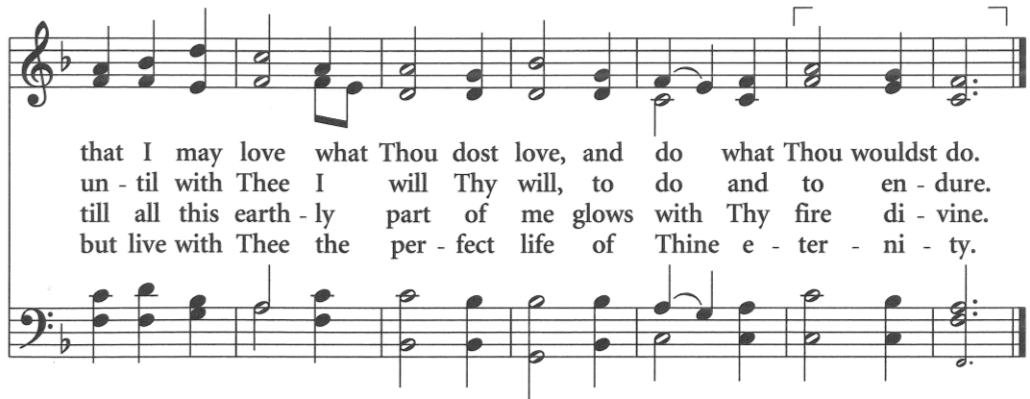


can I trust The news that I've re - ceived?
am a - live With wounds that ev - er show.
wears the wounds Of scourge and nail and spear.
Je - sus' name And tell good news a - broad.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly Thine,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.
un - til with Thee I will Thy will, to do and to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with Thy fire di - vine.
but live with Thee the per - fect life of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.

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Christ Has Risen

1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers,
2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple
3. Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion
4. Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er

Christ has ris - en where hope died, as he said and
whom he died to love and save; Christ has ris - en
for - mer friends who fear the night, sens - ing loss and
lives to chal - lenge and to change all whose lives are

as he prom - ised, as we doubt - ed
for the wom - en bring - ing flowers to
lim - i - ta - tion where their faith had
messed or man - gled, all who find re -

and de - nied. Let the moon em - brace the bless - ing;
grace his grave. Christ has ris - en for dis - ci - ples
once burned bright. They be - moan what is no long - er,
li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en, Christ is pres - ent

let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the world con -
 hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose word in -
 they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ ends their
 mak - ing us what he has been — ev - i - dence of

firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!
 spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.
 con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.
 trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

Women of the Church Picnic
“Together Again” – Brown Bag Picnic
Saturday, May 1, 11:00 am

We will gather to reminisce about the past year, make plans for the coming year and enjoy each other’s company.

Bring your own lunch, wear your mask and we will visit outside under our beautiful trees.

For more information, contact Karen Miller, kmiller238@sbcglobal.net



The Scripture this morning is John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday**
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)
- Tuesday** **April 13**
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Zoom
- Wednesday** **April 14**
6:15 pm IN FOCUS – Beloved Community — Zoom
Continuing the Discussion about Becoming an Anti-Racist Church
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday** **April 16**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday** **April 17**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **April 18 – Third Sunday of Easter**
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
12:00 pm Missions Division — 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

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

Charlotte Sewell & Amy Ward-Meier

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Expenses	\$ 104,857
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