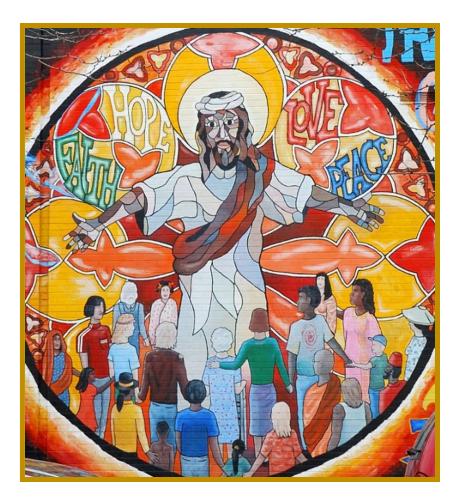
# Royal Lane Baptist Church

# Diverse People United in Christ



### The Worship of God Fifth Sunday of Easter

#### May 2, 2021

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting Michael Gregg Since God has loved us so completely, we also ought to love one another. Rejoice in the good news: "God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them." This is good news indeed. Come, let us worship.

Voluntary

Sheep May Safely Graze — J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Come to love one another for love is of God.

#### We have come to the household of love,

#### for God is love.

Come to set aside your fears, for perfect love drives out fear.

#### We have come to love one another, as God has loved us.

Come! All are welcome here.

Invocation

Harry Wooten God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Christ Is Alive — TRURO (stanzas 1 & 5)

Time for Young Disciples

Harry Wooten

Worshipers

Laura Keller

David Weigle

11:00 A.M.

(continued)

Karen Simmons

Worshipers

Sarah Fuller Phillips

Cindy Odom Fuller

Michael Gregg

David Weigle

And This Is Love — Ken Medema, arranged by John Purifoy Soloist – Mother of Becky Fuller & Sarah Fuller Phillips, Grandmother to Alexander, Franklin, Josiah, and Rona

Sermon

Solo

Offertory

Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine — Christopher Tambling

What the World Needs Now "

Let us pray:

Response [ see insert ]

1 John 4:7-21 [ see insert ]

Scripture Lesson

comments section.

Show us once more how to love, for only love can cast out our fear. Show us how to love one another well, for only then can we truly know you. Amen.

> Lord. I Want to Be a Christian — I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN (stanza 2)

but we are often afraid. We long to love all children of God, but we often feel alienated from them. We desire to abide in you as you abide in us, but we can't seem to figure out how. Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the

Prayers of the People Source of love and life, your glory knows no bounds. We yearn to set aside our fears,

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

Michael Gregg & Worshipers

Communion

Come to the table of grace, for Christ is the vine, and we are the branches.

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.** Come to the table of love, for whoever does not love, does not know God.

#### Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come to the table of blessing, for Christ is here to abide in us, as we abide in him.

#### Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life: those who come to me will never grow hungry, and those who believe in me will never be thirsty."

#### Lord, give us this bread, for ever. Amen.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine... remain in me and I will remain in you."

#### Amen.

Communion Prayer

Bountiful God, you fill the poor with good things and cause the hungry to be satisfied. May these symbols of your love be instruments of your grace and may our very lives be the means for spreading your blessings. May they be for the world a sign of your boundless love and your overflowing abundance. Amen.

Closing Hymn [ see insert ] Wor Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — HYFRYDOL (stanzas 1 & 3)

Worshipers

Blessing

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.

#### We will be born of love each day of our lives.

Beloved, let us abide in Christ's love,

for he is the vine and we are the branches.

We will grow as Christ's disciples and bear fruit for the world in need. Beloved, let us care for one another,

for the Spirit helps us abide in God's peace.

#### We will glorify God in the lives we lead.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Celebration — James Mansfield

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#### Gregg Family Farewell Saturday, May 8, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Mike and send the Gregg family off to Nashville with love. Come and say goodbye on the lawn under the trees next to the east parking lot. We will have a basket to collect cards for the family, and a photo book to sign. If you want to give a monetary gift to the Gregg family, we will be collecting a Love Gift for them. You can send your Love Gift to the church or use the dropdown menu on the website under "Give". We hope to see all of you then!

#### **Recommendations for Pastor Search Committee**

We are in the beginning stages of our search for a new Pastor. The Member Resource Committee is asking that you prayerfully consider people in our church who you believe are well-suited to help find and recommend a new Pastor for Royal Lane. This is your opportunity as a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church to submit written recommendations of persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. Use this QR Code, or go to <a href="https://forms.gle/ufzkJyEHXv5kNZay8">https://forms.gle/ufzkJyEHXv5kNZay8</a>, either of which will take you to the Google Form to make your recommendations. Please submit by May 10th and *thank you* for your participation in this process.

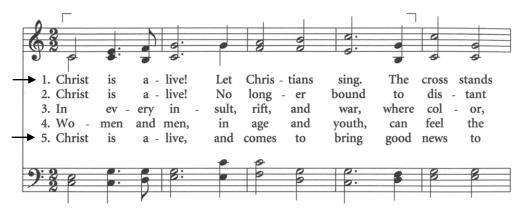


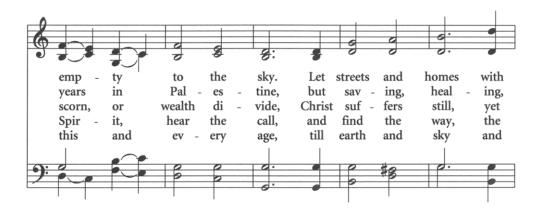
# **IN FOCUS**

### Creating a Culture of Radical Candor

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, May 12, at 6:15 om for our May IN FOCUS> Beloved Community: Creating a Culture of Radical Candor. Engage with us as we discuss how to create a compassionate candor, build cohesive teams, and achieve results collaboratively. Radical candor is needed for any relationship, team, or organization. Rev. Kristin Warthen, Minister of Family Ministries at White's Chapel, will guide us in conversation about Kim Scott's book, *Radical Candor*.

#### **Christ Is Alive**







#### Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



#### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747

HYFRYDOL, 8.7.8.7 D R. H. Prichard, 1831 ▶ 1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy earth come down; of heav'n to 2. Come al - might - y to de - liv - er; let us all thy life re - ceive; ▶ 3. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less us be; let thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all ' 1. fix in us thy faith - ful mer - cies crown. 2. sud - den - ly re-turn and nev-er, nev - er - more tem - ples leave. thy thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly 3. let us see re stored in thee, 1. Je - sus, thou'art all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; 2. Thee we would be al-ways bless-ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, 3. changed fromglo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place, us with thy sal-va - tion; en - ter 1. vis - it ev - 'ry trem-bling heart. 2. pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love. 3. till we cast our crowns be-fore thee, lost in won-der, love, and praise!

The Scripture this morning is 1 John 4:7-21

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. <sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

<sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. *(NRSV)* 

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

#### Schedule for the Week

Sunday	May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
12:00 pm	Missions Division — Zoom
<b>.</b>	Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
<b>_</b>	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm	Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
Wednesday	May 5 – Mosaic
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom
7:30 pm	Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
Saturday	May 8
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
2:00 pm	Gregg Family Farewell (2:00 – 4:00 pm) — East Lawn
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	May 9 – Sixth 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	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, Deacons Chat)
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#### 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

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#### March 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 189,340
Expenses	\$ 157,802
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 31,538

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