

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.

Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,

and to record your attendance at royallane.org/register (see QR located following postlude)

To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Masks are highly encouraged for everyone, particularly during congregational singing.

Unvaccinated children should wear masks.

✠ – *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, the gospel of Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples suffered at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation. John the Baptist speaks truth to power and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

Voluntary

Jordan Stubblefield

Gigue from The Third Bach Cello Suite — J. S. Bach

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

God, you invite us to dance in delight,
shaping and forming in figures of grace.
We move to the pulse of creation's music
and rejoice to be part of the making of earth.

**Praise in the making, the sharing, the moving;
praise to the God who dances with us.**

In the steps of Jesus we reach to our partners,
touching and holding and finding our strengths.
Together we move into patterns of freedom,
and rejoice to be part of the sharing of hope.

**Praise in the making, the sharing, the moving;
praise to the God who dances with us.**

(continued)

We whirl and spin in the Spirit's rhythm,
embracing the world with our circles of joy.
Together we dance for salvation and justice,
and rejoice to be part of the moving of love.

**Praise in the making, the sharing, the moving;
praise to the God who dances with us.**

—*Jan Berry, in Bread of Tomorrow, ed. Janet Morley
London: SPCK/Christian Aid, 1992*

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Steadfast God, your prophets set the plumb line of your righteousness
and truth in the midst of your people. Grant us the courage to judge
ourselves against it. Straighten all that is crooked or warped within us
until our hearts and souls stretch upright, blameless and holy, to meet
the glory of Christ. Amen.**

†Hymn 477 [see insert]

Congregation

We Are Called to Be God's People — AUSTRIAN HYMN

Words of Welcome & Scripture Lesson

Margaret Darden

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

Mark 6:14-29 [Pew Bible page 817 of the New Testament or see insert]

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,
Thanks be to God!

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

(Children remain in the pews with their families.)

Call to Confession

Mike Keith & Congregation

This is a moment given by God to confess our sins against each other, all that God has created, and God. Let us take this moment to account for the ways in which we have not embodied what it means to be created in the image of God.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Holy God, we confess that too often we have not been open to the rhythms of life you offer to us. We let ourselves be put off your pace and allow ourselves to wander off into our own songs. Too often the melodies of the world confuse us. We have led ourselves and others to paths that are not according to your loving pace and direction.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

The God of Hosts assures us that if we trust God's Word, we will be led back to the songs that God would have us sing. God is eager to show us the path home. Accept the offer of the new song we have been given through Jesus the Christ.

Hymn 392 [see insert]

Congregation

Open Our Eyes — Robert Cull

Prayers of the People

Doug Washington & Congregation

God, we know that living an authentic life,

Realizing our calling,

Awakening to our True Selves,

Is risky business.

We have heard the stories of people who've been rejected by society,

People who knew their work and purpose:

Like John the Baptist, who was killed;

Like the prophet Amos, who was turned away;

Like Jesus, who preached peace and yet was put to death.

And we've also witnessed this pattern in our time.

While most of us, nowadays, won't come to such dramatic ends,

We understand that authenticity often meets resistance,

(continued)

That people who choose to tend to their true purpose,
Are often scorned when they refuse to assimilate.

So, we ask for strength, courage and clarity:
In hearing the still, small voice inside,

In examining our societal programing,
In realizing our gifts,

In aligning with our gifts,
In creating authentic lives,

In any experiences of ridicule, resistance, or shaming,
In following Love's calling.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

Silence Is Kept

Let us pray:

We know that we have received our spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. We are co-inheritors with Christ, in whom all things in heaven and on earth are gathered up. We are sealed and filled with the Holy Spirit. We are lavished with wisdom, insight, and the riches of your grace. Everything we need, we've already been given. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

The Storm is Passing Over — Charles Albert Lindley, arranged by Barbara W. Baker

Have courage my soul and let us journey on.
Though the night is dark and I am far from home.
Thanks be to God the morning light appears.
The storm is passing over Hallelu.

Sermon

Sarah Macias

“Where is the Good News?”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice — ABERYSTWYTH

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

†Sending Forth

Sarah Macias

Go out into the world in peace;
have courage;
hold on to what is good;
return no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak, and help the suffering;
honor all people;
love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

Jordan Stubblefield & David Weigle

Shall We Gather at the River — arranged by Gary Lanier

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Wednesday – July 21, 6:00 pm
Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom

Register Your Attendance

[Royallane.org/register](https://royallane.org/register)



How to Give to RLBC

Ushers will be at each door to receive your offering.

or you may

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

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Hymn Notes

We Are Called to Be God's People

Text: Thomas A. Jackson

Open Our Eyes

Text & Music: Robert Cull

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

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Scriptures for Next Sunday

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+.
Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe
environment, that supplement today's scripture at
games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Sarah Macias Guest Preacher

Rev. Sarah Macias is a pastoralist (*raises livestock on pasture*) and theologian (*thinks about God*). This has led her to the ministry and practice of regenerative agriculture as a way to increase biodiversity, improve the water cycle, and sequester carbon in an act of resilience towards mitigating climate change.

She and her husband Rodney live at Sister Grove Farm which is located on the east prong of Sister Grove Creek in the Lavon watershed of the Trinity River basin - an area once called home by the settled and agricultural Kitikiti'sh—or Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. They are members of Royal Lane Baptist Church where she currently serves on the Interim Pastor Search Committee.



Marv Knox, Guest Preacher, June 18

Marv Knox, who recently retired as Coordinator for Fellowship Southwest, joined Fellowship Southwest in 2017 after a four-decade tour in Baptist Journalism, including almost 20 years as editor of the *Baptist Standard* in Texas.

Marv and Joanna live in Coppell, Texas, and they are the parents of two daughters who have two children each. They are active members of Valley Ranch Baptist Church. Marv, a longtime friend of RLBC, likes to read and enjoys running.



IN FOCUS

July 14

Working Together as Beloved Community

Gather in Vickrey Hall any time, beginning about 5:00 pm,
to help with the organization of the Rummage Sale.



Rummage Sale – July 16-17!

Bring Items for Sale, Volunteer for Set-up and Sell!

Set-up in Vickrey Hall

Sunday, July 11, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday – Thursday, July 12-15, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sale – Vickrey Hall

Friday, July 16, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 17, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

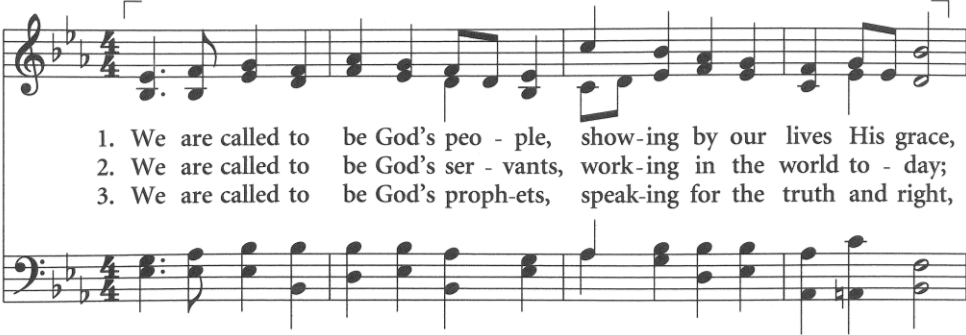
Clean-up – Vickrey Hall

Saturday, July 17, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

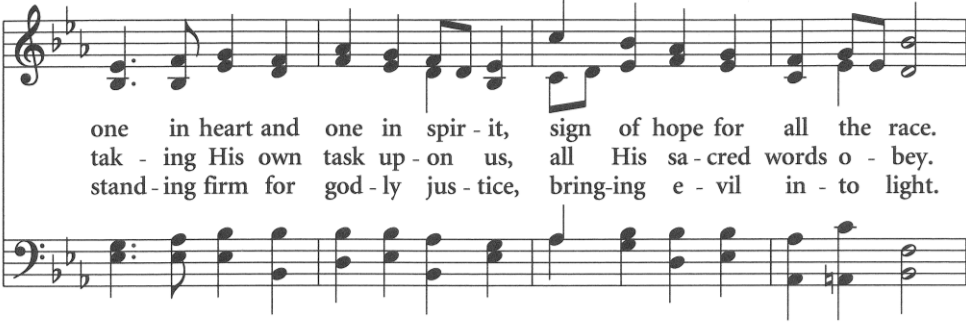


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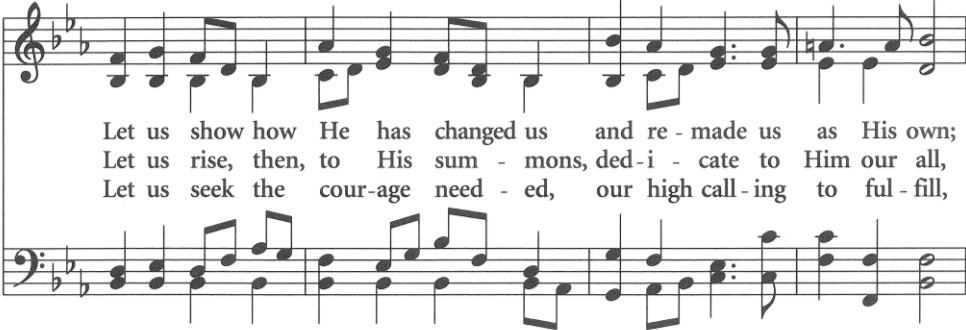
We Are Called to Be God's People



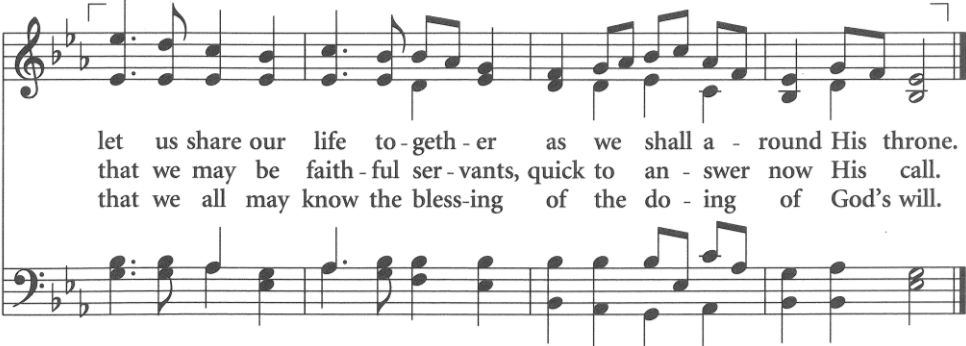
1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show-ing by our lives His grace,
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work-ing in the world to - day;
3. We are called to be God's proph-ets, speak-ing for the truth and right,



one in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the race.
tak - ing His own task up - on us, all His sa - cred words o - bey.
stand-ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring-ing e - vil in - to light.



Let us show how He has changed us and re - made us as His own;
Let us rise, then, to His sum - mons, ded-i - cate to Him our all,
Let us seek the cour-age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,



let us share our life to - geth - er as we shall a - round His throne.
that we may be faith - ful ser - vants, quick to an - swer now His call.
that we all may know the bless-ing of the do - ing of God's will.

Open Our Eyes

1. O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus,
2. O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

1
to reach out and touch Him, and say that we love
o - pen our eyes,

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. It features a first ending bracket labeled '1' above the treble staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

2
Him. Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

The third system of music continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a second ending bracket labeled '2' above the treble staff. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

Joseph Parry, 1879

1. Wild and lone the proph-et's voice Ech - oes through the des - ert still,
2. "Bear the fruit re - pent - ance sows: Lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
3. With such preach - ing stark and bold John pro - claimed sal - va - tion near,

Call - ing us to make a choice, Bid - ding us to do God's will:
Trust no oth - er claim than those; Set your heart on things a - bove.
And his time - less warn - ings hold Words of hope to all who hear.

"Turn from sin and be bap - tized; Cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Soon the Lord will come in power, Burn - ing clean the thresh - ing floor:
So we dare to jour - ney on, Led by faith through ways un - trod,

Quit - ting all the sins you prized, Yield your life to God's con - trol.
Then will flames the chaff de - vour; Wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
Till we come at last like John To be - hold the Lamb of God.

The Scripture this morning is Mark 6:14-29, which may be found on page 817 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the

baptizer.”²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.”²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her.²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison,²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

(NRSV)

For the Word of God in Scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,
Thanks be to God!

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday July 11 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
12:00 pm Table Set-up for Rummage Sale — Vickrey Hall
6:00 pm Missions Division — Zoom
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm – Deacon Chat)
Monday – Thursday, July 12 - 15
9:00 am – 6:00 pm, Rummage Sale Set-up — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday July 14**
5:00 pm IN FOCUS: Working Together as Beloved Community — Vickrey Hall
6:30 pm Wacky Wednesdays – Water Blaster Tag — Church Grounds
6:30 pm Youth Movie Night — Vickrey Hall
- Friday July 16**
8:00 am Rummage Sale — Vickrey Hall (8:00 am – 6:00 pm)
- Saturday July 17**
8:00 am Rummage Sale — Vickrey Hall (8:00 am – 12:00 pm)
12:00 pm Rummage Sale Clean-up — Vickrey Hall (12:00 pm – 3:00 pm)
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday July 18 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:55 am Morning Worship, Marv Knox, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary
or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm Program Council — Zoom
12:15 pm Third Sunday Youth Lunch — Taco Deli, 8031 Walnut Hill Lane (@ 75)
The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

Church Calendar

As we return to in-person worship and regular business hours for the office staff, it is important that the church office be contacted so that we can be sure all events, in-person or zoom, be included on the calendar to avoid schedule conflicts.

Please contact the church office by phone or email. 214-361-2809, info@royallane.org.

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream, Virtual or In-Person events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org/prayer
Prayer cards may be left in the offering plate as you leave today’s service.



Deacons on Call

Mike Keith & Margaret Darden

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