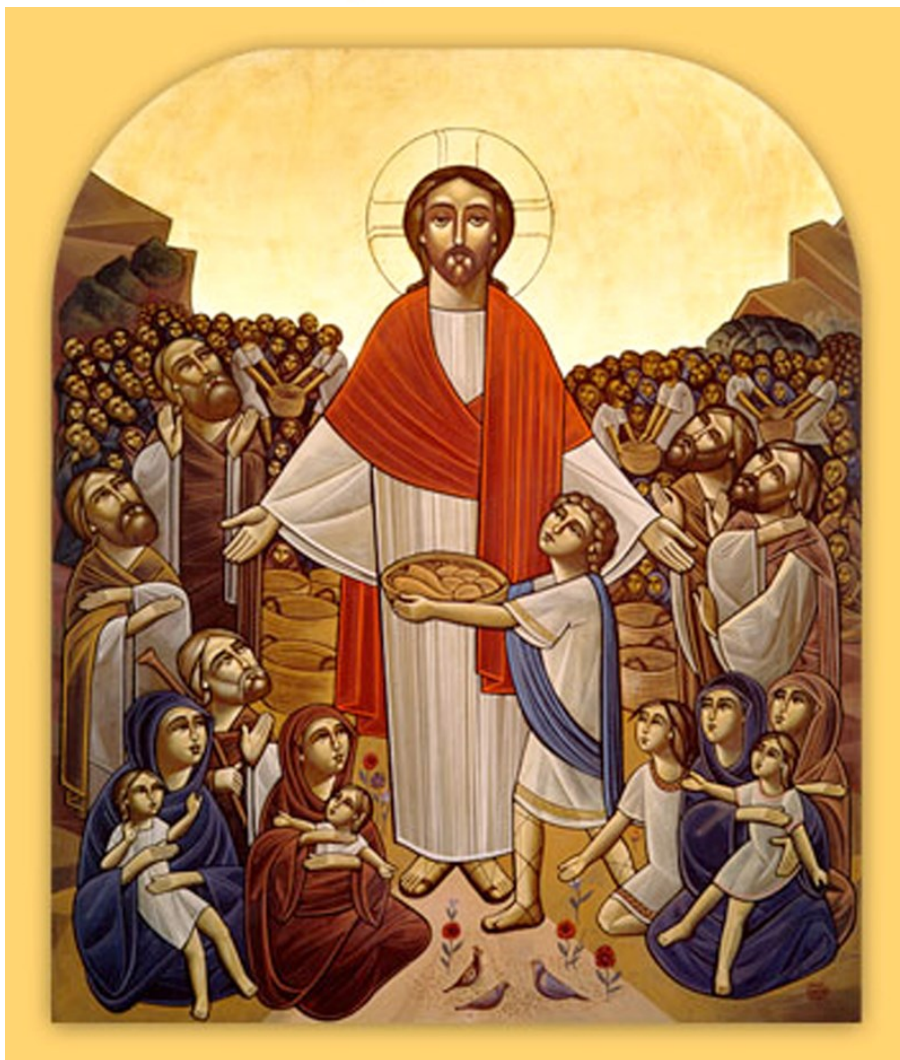


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 25, 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

*God's abundant presence sustains us in all circumstances. God provides more than we need—food, faith, grace, salvation. We are called to respond to God's activity among us, ordering our lives in ways that proclaim and extend God's abundant gifts to others. God, may we see you amidst the crowds in which we travel, and respond with gladness and thanks for the miracle of goodness that your presence brings.*

### Voluntary

Jordan Stubblefield

*Bourree 1 & 2 from Bach Cello Suite No. 3 — J.S. Bach*

### †Call to Worship

Congregation

Why have you come to this place?

**We are tired in body and spirit.**

Why have you come today?

**We have come to follow Jesus.**

Come and eat your fill.

**But there are only five barley loaves and two fish.**

There is plenty for all.

**Jesus gathers the fragments of our lives,  
that nothing may be lost.**

Come! Let us worship.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty and long to be filled; we are hungry and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found. Invite us once more to eat our fill and find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. Just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish after feeding the five thousand, gather up the pieces of our lives and shelter us in your love. Amen.**

†Hymn 55 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Give to the Wind Your Fears* — FESTAL SONG

Words of Welcome & Scripture Lesson

Sarah Macias

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

John 6:1-21 [ Pew Bible page 867 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.)*

Music for Reflection

Jordan Stubblefield

*Sarabande from Bach Cello Suite No. 3* — J. S. Bach

We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.

See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Terry Berrier & Congregation

Sometimes we feel that if we don't hold on to what we have, we will lose it, so we don't share what we can. Sometimes we make selfish decisions, that make things hard for other people. Sometimes we feel that we are not enough.

*(continued)*

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Great Provider, we recognize that widespread hunger is no longer necessary. You have given us humans the resources to feed all people, yet we are selfish. While we overfill our bellies with food and lay to waste the spaces needed for crops to flourish, others are crying out for crumbs from our tables. Living God, cultivate within our hearts reckless generosity, and plant within us spirits of simplicity and balance in body and soul.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

Though at times we fail to be generous, your generosity toward us is never-ending! By sending Christ and the Spirit to your people, you have extended generosity beyond measure. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 54 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Like a Mother with Her Children* — UNENDING PRAISE

Prayers of the People

Karen Miller & Congregation

Generous God who promises to provide for us  
and to hear our prayers,  
we pray for those in danger.

**Grant wisdom and courage,  
for those who flee, and those who cannot.**

We pray for those who make difficult choices.

**Grant wisdom and courage,  
for all whose lives are affected by the decisions of others.**

We pray for those we know and care for.

**Grant wisdom and courage,  
in their hope and despair, sorrow and joy.**

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 pray for ourselves. Grant wisdom and courage, as individuals and as a community with you and each other. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear* — Tom Trenney

Dan Thompson, soloist

In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you.  
I will make a way beside a flowing stream.  
Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you;  
My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.

In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you.  
In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun.  
I will be the star that shines above to guide you,  
a light unto your path to lead you on.

*Do not be afraid, I go before you,  
Do not be afraid, I am by your side.  
Be still and know that I am with you.  
Let your faith be stronger than your fear.*

When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you.  
I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings.  
I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow.  
Unending hope my resurrection brings.

When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you.  
I will strengthen you; I'll be the help you need.  
Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you.  
I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!

Sermon

Steve Lucas

## **“ Meaning in the Memory ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 590 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*The Solid Rock* — SOLID ROCK

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

†Charge

Steve Lucas

Life is movement and process...the flow of a river...  
the flight of a bird...the return of a wave...  
the steps of a journey responding  
to the echoing voice of the creating God –  
heard deep within that place we call soul.

What grace this echoing invitation to all people –  
Come out of bondage into freedom  
what struggle in the human spirit – this Exodus.

What haunting love that offers  
its strong companionship – sufficient for the Journey.

What joy – this celebration of person in reborning –  
discovering the good space within – where the Kingdom is growing.

How Can This Be?

Through the grace of God the love you don't have to earn.

—*Richard Erikson, S.T.D.*

†Sending Forth

Steve Lucas

Go to follow Jesus,

**who gives us the bread of life.**

Go to walk in the ways of Christ,

**who strengthens us in our inner being  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Go to serve our living Lord,

**who gathers the fragments of our lives,  
that nothing may be lost.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*O God Our Help in Ages Past* — arranged by Charles Callahan

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## Register Your Attendance

[Royallane.org/register](http://Royallane.org/register)



### Called Church Conference, Today, July 25, Following Worship

Immediately following the service, we will have a called church conference, during which we will call for a vote to accept Rev. Dr. Stephen W. Lucas as our Interim Pastor. You may vote in person at the meeting, or if you are watching church through our livestream, we will keep the voting open for an hour so you will have time to come drop off your vote in person. If he receives an affirmative vote from 3/4 of the congregation voting, he will be offered the position of Interim Pastor and will begin his work in early September.

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**REALLY INTO FOOD**

## Hymn Notes

Give to the Winds Your Fears

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## Like a Mother With her Children

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## The Solid Rock

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## Study for Wednesday Evening **Bible Study with Sharon Temple**

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-12**

**Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35**

## 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](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



## **Steve Lucas**

### **Today's Guest Preacher**

Dr. Stephen W. Lucas received his Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Wake Forest University, his Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and his Doctor of Ministry from Emory University. He has extensive experience as a Senior Minister/Pastor to eight congregations, and as Interim Pastor to two congregations. In addition to ministering, his work experience includes two terms as an adjunct professor, creating curriculum and facilitating training in conflict resolution, communication and change management, and from 1989-1992 he was the Chief of Staff for Senator Henson Barnes and the Chaplain for the North Carolina Senate.



One of his strengths is his considerable experience helping organizations who are going through a time of transition. In 2010 Dr. Lucas founded Transitions-in-Balance, through which he provided consulting, coaching, and strategic planning for corporate, academic, religious and non-profit organizations. Some of his clients include Habitat for Humanity, The City of Austin, the YMCA of Texas, the Texas Medical Association, Myers Park Baptist Church, and The Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest.

## **Doug Watts**

### **Guest Preacher, August 1**



Doug Watts is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a certified educator with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. He and his wife Charlotte share their life with their 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Doug has served as a pastor in Indiana, Ohio, and Texas and as a children's minister here at Royal Lane. He most recently served as the Director of Spiritual Care and Education at Children's Medical Center Dallas. He has been a professional pediatric chaplain for over 25 years having nurtured and cared for hospitalized children and their family members.

He served on the Godly Play Foundation Board for 9 years and President of the Board for 3 years. His passion is to nurture and guide the spirituality of children and his life's work is to advocate for the least of these, our children.



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# Summer FULL OF LIFE

## **Blood Drive** **Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Dining Hall  
6707 Royal Ln  
Dallas, TX 75230

**Tuesday, August 17, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

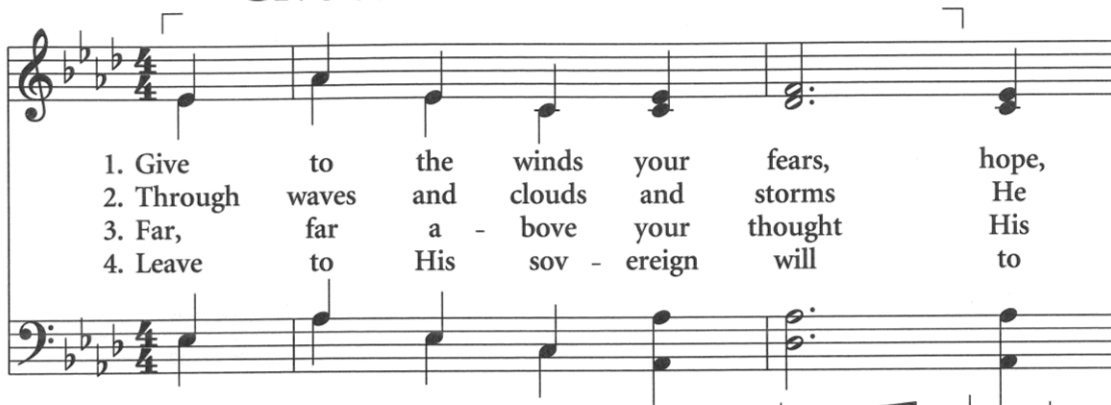
Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: royallanebaptist to schedule an appointment.

**Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](https://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.**

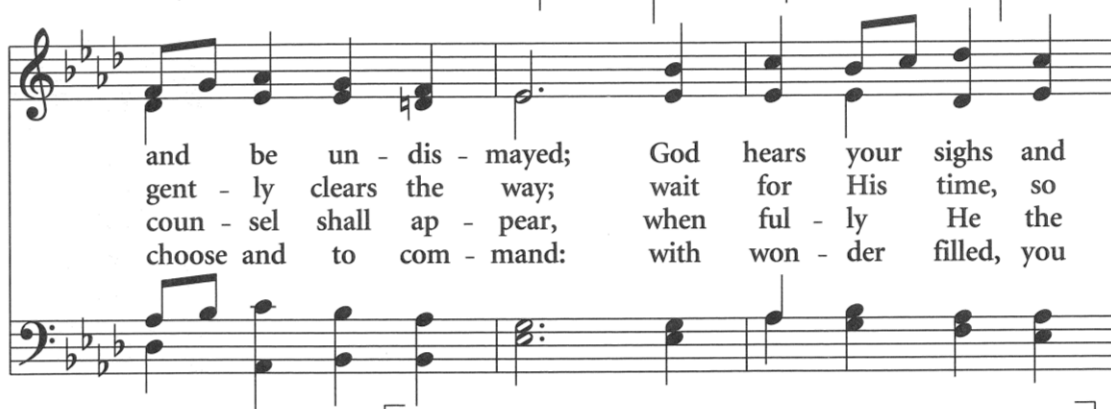
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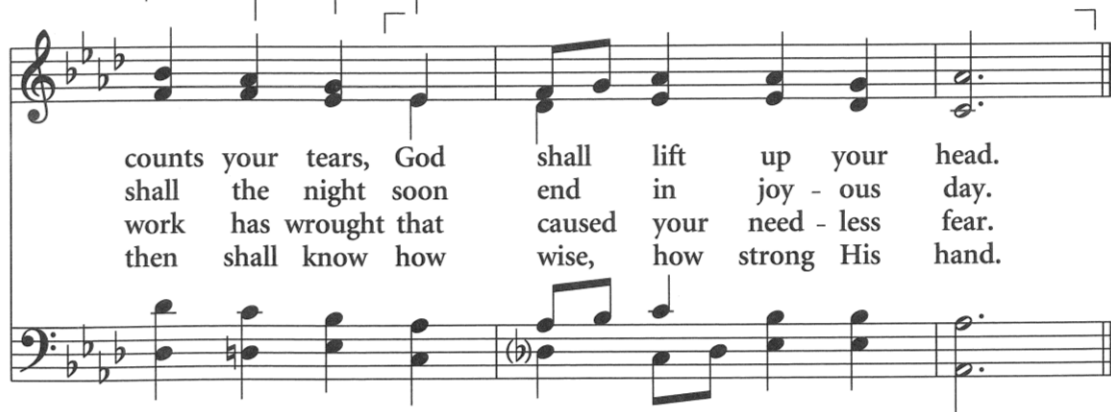
# Give to the Winds Your Fears



1. Give to the winds your fears, hope,  
2. Through waves and clouds and storms He  
3. Far, far a - bove your thought His  
4. Leave to His sov - ereign will to



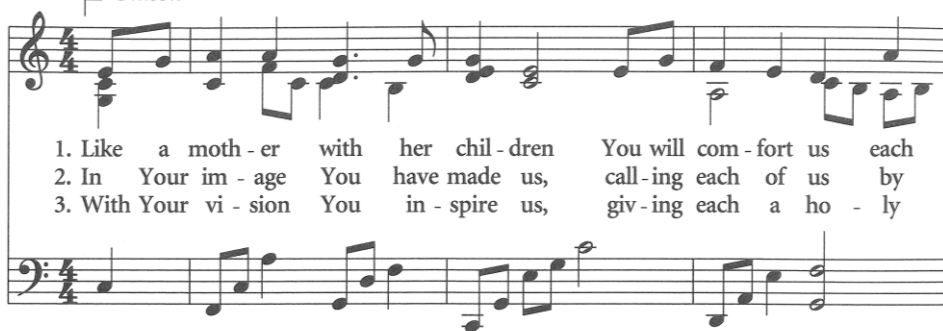
and be un - dis - mayed; God hears your sighs and  
gent - ly clears the way; wait for His time, so  
coun - sel shall ap - pear, when ful - ly He the  
choose and to com - mand: with won - der filled, you




counts your tears, God shall lift up your head.  
shall the night soon end in joy - ous day.  
work has wrought that caused your need - less fear.  
then shall know how wise, how strong His hand.

# Like a Mother with Her Children

*Unison*



1. Like a moth - er with her chil - dren You will com - fort us each  
2. In Your im - age You have made us, call - ing each of us by  
3. With Your vi - sion You in - spire us, giv - ing each a ho - ly



day, giv - ing guid - ance on our jour - ney, as we  
name, giv - ing strength for ev - ery chal - lenge as our  
call; we will o - pen doors of free - dom by Your



seek to find our way. When we walk through fi - ery  
gifts we ful - ly claim. We can hear You gent - ly  
pow - er in us all. Life a - bun - dant spreads be -



tri - als, You will help us take a stand; when we  
say - ing, "Do not wor - ry, do not fear; for I'll  
fore us as with ea - gle's wings we soar; join - ing



pass through trou - bled wa - ters,      You hold out Your ten - der hand.  
al - ways go be - side you;      ev - ery mo - ment I am near.”  
in Your new cre - a - tion,      we re - joice for - ev - er - more.



# The Solid Rock

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and  
2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face, I rest on His un -  
3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood sup - port me in the  
4. When He shall come with trum - pet sound, oh, may I then in

right - eous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but  
chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my  
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, He  
Him be found, dressed in His right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all  
then is all my hope and stay.  
less to stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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The Scripture this morning is John 6:1-21, which may be found on page 867 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup>Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup>Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup>When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup>He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup>One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup>"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup>So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup>When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup>When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup>got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup>The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup>When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup>But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup>Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

*(NRSV)*

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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 25 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Following Worship – Called Church Conference
- Wednesday July 28**  
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Sharon Temple — Zoom  
6:30 pm Wacky Wednesdays — White Rock Lake Picnic  
6:30 pm Youth Game Night — Vickrey Hall
- Saturday July 31**  
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom  
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday August 1 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:45 am Formations Class — Library  
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208  
10:55 am Morning Worship, Doug Watts, Guest Pastor — Sanctuary  
or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

*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](mailto: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](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer)  
Prayer cards may be left in the offering plate as you leave today’s service.



## Deacons on Call

Terry Berrier & Karen Miller

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## June 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
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Expenses	\$ 327,538
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