

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 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

Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death. In Ephesians, Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

Voluntary

Scott Green

Celebration Fanfare — Carson Cooman

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

We gather to worship God who loves, forgives, and meets with us individually and in community. Let us put aside those things that will get in the way of worship today.

We put aside the things that will get in the way of worship today.

Let us build up and develop those things that will add to our worship today.

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We gather to worship God in community.

✠ Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Loving God, you taught us to put away bitterness and anger, and with tenderhearted kindness to share the fruit of our labor with the needy. Strengthen us by your grace, that in communion with you, we may forgive one another and live in love as Christ loved us. Amen.

†Hymn 295 [see insert]

Congregation

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing — NETTLETON

Words of Welcome & Scripture Lesson

Garey Wisdom

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

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 [see insert, from Eugene Peterson's *The Message*]

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

Jan Quesada

(Children remain in the pews with their families.)

Music for Reflection

Scott Green

Arioso Cantabile — Carson Cooman

We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Elwanda Edwards & Congregation

God invites us to a real relationship, which means being honest with ourselves, others and God. Let's start here confessing the uncomfortable truth of our sin together.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

For the times we are angry when we should not be.

Forgive us.

For the times when we take offence when none is intended.

Forgive us.

For the times we are unkind.

Forgive us.

For the times when we are not angry, but we should be.

Forgive us.

When we accept things as they are even when we know it hurts others.

Forgive us.

Amen.

(continued)

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

We belong to God. We belong to each other. God does not look at us and see only sin; God sees belovedness. Believe that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, in ways we may never fully understand.

This is good news.

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Help Us Accept Each Other — NYLAND

Prayers of the People

Christin Lavery & Congregation

We pray, O God, with our neighbors,
asking that our relationships will be honest and fair.

We pray with our neighbors,
angry about the injustices we see and the inequity we experience.
Help us to use our anger to speak powerfully and make a change.

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, O God, with our neighbors for kindness and care. Help us to give honesty, justice, practical support, and kindness where they are needed. May we also receive honesty, justice, practical support, and kindness when we are in need. Amen.

Anthem

Brittany Wooten Jones, Soloist & Choir

Canticle of Love — Hal Hopson

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

When true love and charity are shown God is always found.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

We are brought together by love, by Christ Jesus.

Love is kind and suffers long; love is meek and thinks no wrong;

Love than death itself is strong; therefore, give us love.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Let us all be joyful in the Lord, now and always.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

May all people love the Lord God Eternal.

Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day;

Love will with us ever stay; therefore, give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree,

But the greatest of all is love, therefore, give us love.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

When true love and charity are shown God is always found.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

May we now with sincere hearts be bound by love.

Sermon

Doug Watts

“ Can We Be Honest? ”

†Hymn of Commitment 680 [see insert]

Congregation

I Then Shall Live — FINLANDIA

*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

Doug Watts

Go forth from this place
and imitate the Holy One in all you do.

**We will live with love, speak with kindness,
touch with gentleness, walk with humbleness,
and build up the kingdom of God.**

Go forth into the world and live in love,
as Christ has lived in and through you.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

Scott Green

Flourish in D — Carson Cooman

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Please welcome Scott Green, Guest Organist

Scott is a member of Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, and holds degrees from Baylor University, Southern Seminary, and Texas Christian University. He is a former member of the Dallas Symphony Chorus and has served as Organist/Choir Director and substitute organist in Texas, Kentucky, Washington, DC and throughout the metroplex. Scott is active in LGBTQ organizations and Board VP for AIDS Outreach Center in Fort Worth and a member of the Board of Visitors for Brite Divinity School (TCU) in Fort Worth.

Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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Hymn Notes

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Help Us Accept Each Other

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I Then Shall Live

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Scriptures for Next Sunday

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14 Psalm 111

Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

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



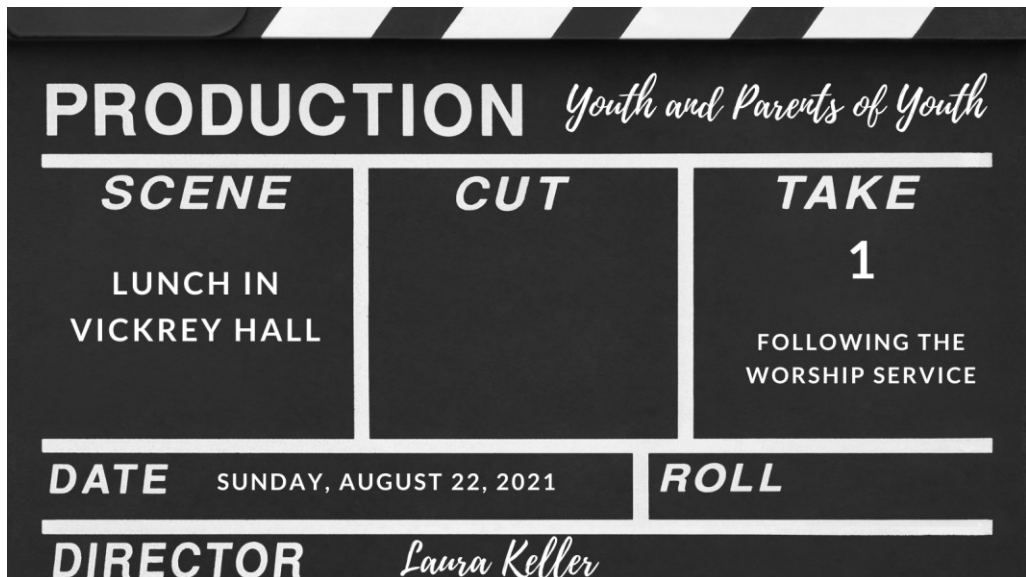
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Doug Watts Guest Preacher

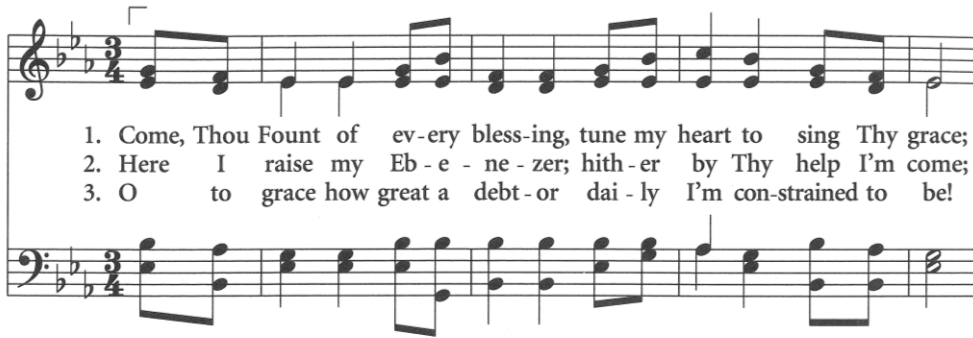


Doug Watts is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a certified educator with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. He and his wife Charlotte share their life with their 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Doug has served as a pastor in Indiana, Ohio, and Texas and as a children's 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.

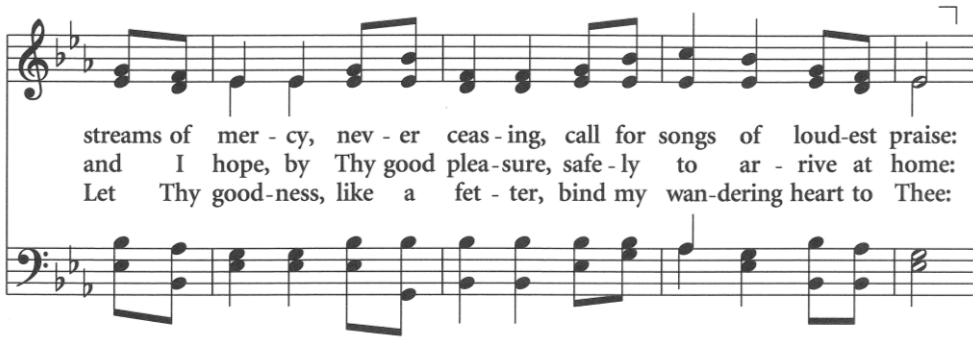
He served on the Godly Play Foundation Board for 9 years and President of the Board for 3 years. His passion is to nurture and guide the spirituality of children and his life's work is to advocate for the least of these, our children.



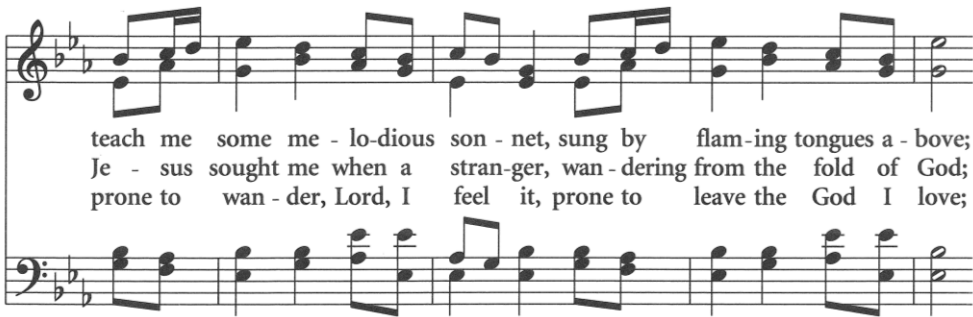
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



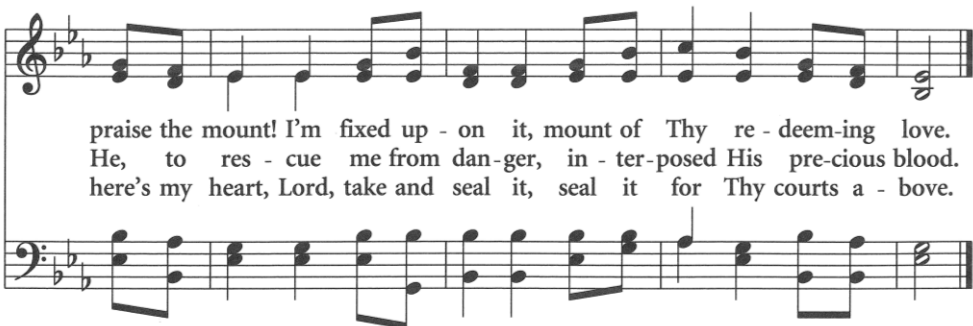
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise:
and I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home:
Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:



teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

Help Us Accept Each Other

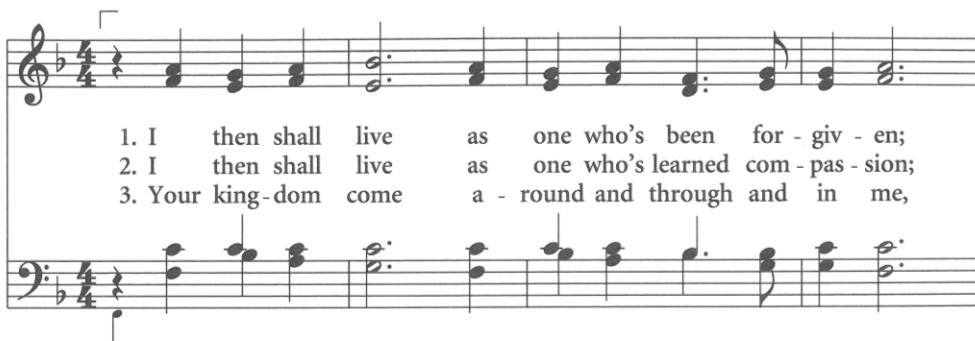
1. Help us ac - cept each o - ther as Christ ac - cept - ed us; Teach
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life We
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved In
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, Who

us as sis - ter, — bro - ther, each per - son — to — em - brace. Be
strug - gle to be — hu - man and search for — hope and faith. Teach
liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the — truth in love; To
hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for jus - tice, and — for bread, We

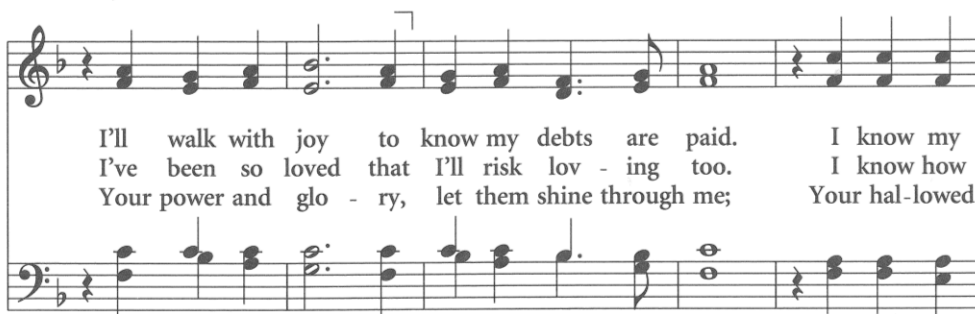
pre - sent, Lord, a - mong — us and bring us to be - lieve We
us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some, To
prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart The
need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on; Re -

are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to — love and live.
love them as we — find them, or as they may be - come.
ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
new us with your — Spi - rit; Lord, free us, — make us one!

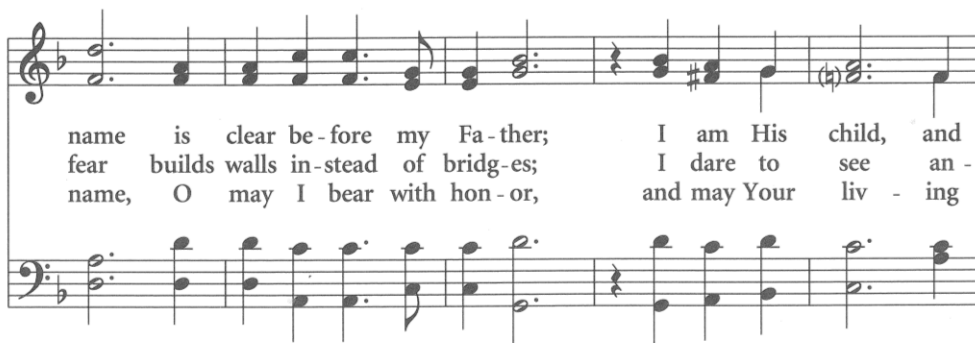
I Then Shall Live



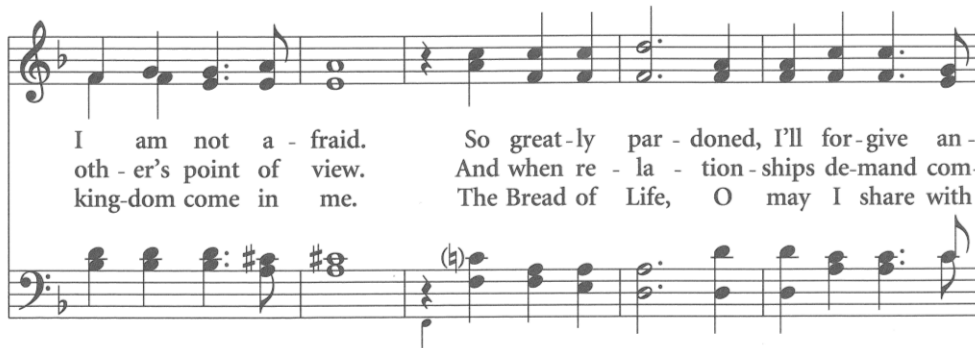
1. I then shall live as one who's been for - giv - en;
2. I then shall live as one who's learned com - pas - sion;
3. Your king - dom come a - round and through and in me,



I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid. I know my
I've been so loved that I'll risk lov - ing too. I know how
Your power and glo - ry, let them shine through me; Your hal - lowed



name is clear be - fore my Fa - ther; I am His child, and
fear builds walls in - stead of bridg - es; I dare to see an -
name, O may I bear with hon - or, and may Your liv - ing



I am not a - fraid. So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an -
oth - er's point of view. And when re - la - tion - ships de - mand com -
king - dom come in me. The Bread of Life, O may I share with



oth - er; the law of love I glad - ly will o - bey.
mit - ment, then I'll be there to care and fol - low through.
hon - or, and may You feed a hun - gry world through me.



How Will We Fit In?

What are our gifts, interests, and talents? How will we best use them within our church family and in our community?

The Member Resource Committee can answer these questions if you will please complete Royal Lane's online "Member Interest Survey". You may access the survey with the following URL address, by using the QR Code below, or by submitting a "pen & paper" survey which you can pick up during Sunday worship. Those who we know prefer a paper copy will be sent a survey by USPS mail. Thank you for participating!



<https://bit.ly/3f63yhu>

The Scripture this morning is Ephesians 4:25-5:2, from Eugene Peterson's *The Message*.

What this adds up to, then, is this: no more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ's body we're all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.

Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry—but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life.

Did you use to make ends meet by stealing? Well, no more! Get an honest job so that you can help others who can't work.

Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.

Don't grieve God. Don't break his heart. His Holy Spirit, moving and breathing in you, is the most intimate part of your life, making you fit for himself. Don't take such a gift for granted.

Make a clean break with all cutting, backbiting, profane talk. Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive one another as quickly and thoroughly as God in Christ forgave you.

Watch what God does, and then you do it, like children who learn proper behavior from their parents. Mostly what God does is love you. Keep company with him and learn a life of love. Observe how Christ loved us. His love was not cautious but extravagant. He didn't love in order to get something from us but to give everything of himself to us. Love like that.

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 August 8 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting (7:15, Deacon Chat)
- Wednesday August 11**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 210
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study — Zoom
6:30 pm Wacky Wednesdays — Swimming
- Saturday August 14**
Youth Second Saturday — Altitude H20
Meadowmere Park at Grapevine Lake
10:00 am Women’s Share & Prayer — Zoom
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday August 15 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:55 am Morning Worship, Guest Preacher, Doug Watts — Sanctuary
or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm Third Sunday Youth Lunch

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday, August 17

Sign Up Today!



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

Alan Greider & Christin Lavery

When WE Give: we can offer our talents in service to RLBC and its ministries.

June 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 395,351
Expenses	\$ 327,538
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 67,813

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.

Standard text message rates may apply.

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