

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 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

When Jesus says that he is the bread coming down from heaven, his whole being is the saying of this; he means it with all he is, and he puts all that he is into the saying of it: he commits himself to the giving of himself on the cross, for our everlasting nourishment. We receive the word, and say with faith: "You, O God, are the Bread that came down from heaven," and our saying it is a divine gift; faith is the extension of the will, act and mind of Jesus in us.

—Austin Farrer, *Words for Life*, (London: SPCK, 1993)

Voluntary

In the Sweet By and By — arranged by Marianne Kim

David Weigle

†Call to Worship

In this house you will find bread for your life's journey.

Congregation

Response:



In Je - sus we find life a - new.

Come. Stay awhile and eat this bread so you will never hunger.

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Come. Be strengthened to withstand the present night and the spiritual forces of evil.

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†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

O God, we have no life apart from you. We do not come here to eat bread that fills us for a day. Rather we come to be nourished by you and that love you have for us fills us for a lifetime. May this food strengthen our discipleship. Grant that it will renew in us our commitment to proclaiming the gospel of peace through our ministries of peace and justice in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen.

†Hymn 463 [see insert]

Congregation

From Every Race, from Every Clime — ST. PETER

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

Scripture Lesson

Cathy Walling

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

John 6:56-69 [Pew Bible page 868 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 Meditation

David Weigle

Coming Home — arranged by Joseph Martin

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

Prayer for a Hurting World

Teri McDowell Ott, Editor, Presbyterian Outlook

God of mercy, as wildfires and wars rage, earthquakes shake the planet, tropical storms threaten, we are at a loss as to what to say or do. In these moments of anguish and fear and grief, we turn to you in prayer, Holy God, confident that you hear the cries of your people.

As we send our daughters back to school, free to raise their hands in class, free to study and to speak, we pray for the daughters of Afghanistan. We pray for women shrouding themselves in fear, for liberties recently gained to hold despite the new oppressive regime. We pray for the Afghani men—fathers, brothers, sons, uncles—desperately seeking refuge for their families. We pray for all the Afghani people whose lives are trapped in a war zone. We pray for American troops, morally torn over leaving this country and their service behind. Lord, have mercy. Turn us from violence as a justified means for achieving our ends. Guide humanity toward your path of peace.

In your mercy, God, hear also our prayers for Haiti. Why, O God, have the people of Haiti suffered so? How long, O Lord, must your people on this island endure tragedy after tragedy? We pray for this nation rocked by economic crisis, political assassination, a spiraling pandemic, and now an earthquake causing death and destruction. O God, we see the faces of those who have lost their homes and their loved ones. We grieve for your beloved ones and cry out on their behalf. Rescue the people of Haiti, God, desperate for help. Protect them from the next deluge heading their way, from the flooding and the mudslides. Guide us in global mission so our efforts might provide relief and support.

Great God of all, you know us so well. You know our pain. You know our loss. You grieve with us as wildfires consume homes and COVID-19 fills hospital beds. You cry with us as tragedies plague your people. You work beside us in ministry and mission.

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.)

(continued)

God of grace, open our eyes, hearts and hands to the movement of your Spirit in this broken world. Restore hope to the suffering, mend the hearts of the hurting, grant us all the strength to support those in need. As we forage for hope along the path of tragedy, may we bear the good fruit of faith, turning to each other and to you in love. Restore us, Holy God, with your hope.

We pray this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn 467 [see insert]

Congregation

We Are One in Christ — THAXTED

Sermon

Jason Smith

“ Forever Home ”

Communion

All Believers

The Confession of Sin

Laura Keller & Congregation

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we often forget that you dwell in our hearts. We fail to notice that your Holy Spirit is present in our lives at all times. In our forgetfulness, we stumble and fall, we turn away from you, we believe in worldly goods instead of your truth. Remind us again that you are Spirit and life; you are all we need. Help us turn toward your love, your healing, and your truth. In the name of the one who brings life, we pray. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Choir

Meditation for Communion — Jay Althouse

Bread of the world in mercy broken,

Wine of the soul in mercy shed.

By whom the words of life are spoken

And in whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,

Look on the tears by sinners shed;

And be the feast to us the token.

That by thy grace our souls are fed.

—text: Reginald Heber

Words in Institution

We proclaim that we do not live on bread alone,
but by the Word Made Flesh:

Jesus, the Bread of Life.

The daily presence of Jesus in our lives is our sustenance.

Jesus, the Living Water.

Communion Prayer

We take this bread and cup in communion with our fellow believers

In remembrance of Christ.

Christ, the Word of God, spoken to us;

Christ, alive and present with us...

Christ, our daily bread. Amen.

†Hymn of Commitment 457 [see insert]

Congregation

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed — REGENT SQUARE

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

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Harry Wooten

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Blessing and Sending Forth

Jason Smith

The blessing of God, source of life,
the grace of Christ, bread of life,
and the communion of the Spirit, power of life,
be with you.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Fanfare on “Ein Feste Burg” — James Pethel

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

I Am the Bread of Life

From an 16th century collection of Martin Luther's writings.
Note the celebration of Holy Communion in the background.

Hymn Notes

From Every Race, from Every Clime

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Study for Wednesday Evening Matthew 1 with Jan Quesada

Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-18, 21-23**

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

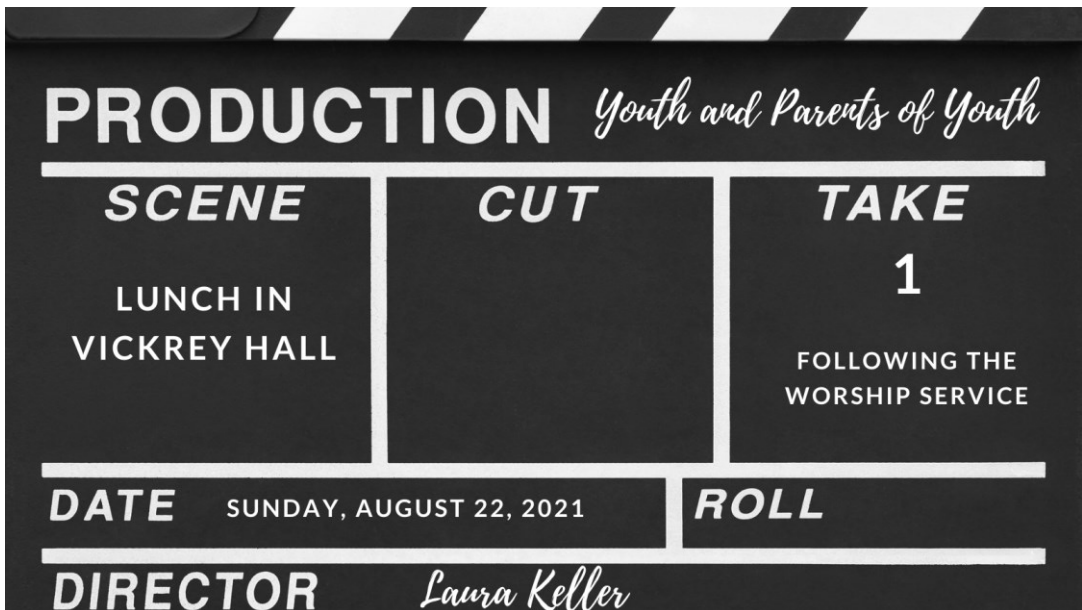


Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Royal Rides

Royal Rides is rolling out a new program whereby volunteers will drive individuals for routine medical procedures requiring a person on site prior to beginning the procedures. We are seeking volunteers who have schedule flexibility and can offer to be included on the list to drive. If this is something of which you can consider becoming involved, please contact Karen Simmons at 214-675-1200 or kasim0303@gmail.com to volunteer.

Youth & Parents Planning Lunch Following Worship Today – Vickrey Hall



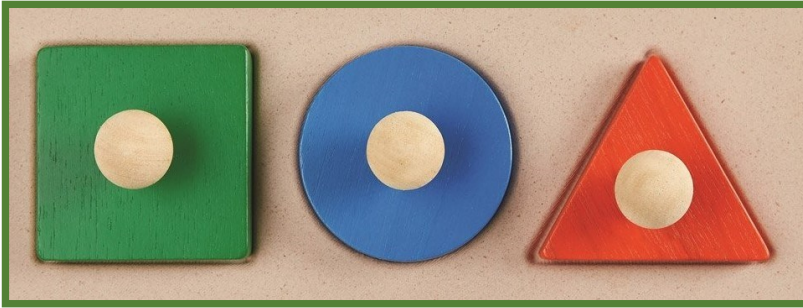
Jason Smith, Guest Preacher

Jason serves as a Congregational Engagement Specialist with the Alliance of Baptists, focusing on development and fundraising strategy. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Sutton School of Social Sciences with Ouachita Baptist University. Previously, he served as Director of Youth at Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. In D.C., he studied at Wesley Theological Seminary ('14, M. Div.), and focused on urban ministry. He was ordained at Calvary in June 2014. He serves on the board of directors of Interfaith Arkansas and the Executive Committee of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.



Jason grew up in Costa Rica, where his parents served as Baptist missionaries, and continues to be involved in special projects collaborating with communities of faith in Latin America. He co-led intercultural immersion projects to El Salvador in 2011 and 2012 with mentor and hero, Rev. Edgar Palacios. In 2014, he served as a New Testament instructor with Baptist churches in the Guna Yala indigenous province of Panama through the Latino Network of Virginia Baptists. He has represented the Alliance on official visits with the Fraternity of Baptist Churches in Cuba in 2015 and 2016 and returned for the Fraternity's 30th Anniversary in 2019. He serves as an interpreter/translator with the Church at Ponce and Highland in Atlanta visiting the Mayan Intercultural Seminary and partnering with Tzotzil churches in central Chiapas to develop an agricultural/livestock cooperative.

Jason and his wife Myra live in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where Myra is Assistant Professor of History at Ouachita Baptist University with an emphasis on contemporary southern African legal and constitutional history. They have three kids, Maryi (14), Santi (11), and Elton (1). The Smith-Housers share their home with three dogs, Coco, Bogey and Teddy and their cat, Jackie.



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!

Survey Deadline – August 31

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



From Every Race, from Every Clime 463

1. From ev - ery race, from ev - ery clime Your
 2. Par - tak - ing of the bread, we know our
 3. Through - out the world Your ta - ble's set, dear
 4. From north to south, from east to west we

peo - ple gath - ered 'round the em - blems of Your
 strength from You de - rives, and as we take the
 Lord, our Sav - ior, Guide, in hope we know that
 gath - er to re - call in rev - erent mem - o -

grace sub - lime with grat - i - tude a - bound.
 cup, we go to wit - ness with our lives.
 we shall yet in fel - low - ship a - bide.
 ry Your blest re - demp - tive love for all.

We Are One in Christ

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Unison

As the bread of life is bro - ken, the cup of love out - poured,

we are one in Christ, our Sav - ior, and sent to serve the Lord.

Fine

1. We, the man - y who are gath - ered, are u - nit - ed here as one.
2. In the word of God pro - claimed here, the good news of truth is heard.
3. In the bread of life here giv - en, we be - come what we re - ceive.
4. Sent as bless - ing for God's peo - ple, to go forth in love and peace,

D.C.

In this joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion, re - call what God has done.
 In the tell - ing of the sto - ries, be o - pen to God's word.
 In the cup of love here of - fered, af - firm what we be - lieve.
 in our wit - ness to God's king - dom, may char - i - ty in - crease.

Come and Feast, for All Are Welcomed 457

1. Come and feast, for all are wel- comed at God's ta - ble
2. Here we nur - ture and en - cour - age as we share this
3. See the chal - ice lift - ed up - ward; smell the fra - grant,
4. With the Spir - it - blessed com - mis - sion, "Go and serve this

spread with love. Come pro - claim God's grace and good - ness
com - mon meal, while we fos - ter deep com - mun - ion
bro - ken bread; taste the gifts from field and vine - yard;
meal to all," take its love and peace - ful vi - sion

in, a - round us, and a - bove. Come and feast, for
and our in - ner - selves re - veal. Here we nur - ture
hear the words that Je - sus said: "Eat and drink, and
in - to ev - ery ban - quet hall. Go and serve as

all are wel - comed at God's ta - ble spread with love.
and en - cour - age as we share this com - mon meal.
in re - mem - brance touch your souls with wine and bread."
nour - ished peo - ple, glad - ly feed - ing one and all!

The Scripture this morning is John 6:56-69, which may be found on page 868 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." ⁵⁹He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

⁶⁰When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" ⁶¹But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. ⁶⁵And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." ⁶⁶Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

(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 August 22 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
12:00 pm Youth & Parent Planning Lunch — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday August 25**
6:15 pm Youth – Homemade Ice Cream
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study — Zoom
Matthew 1 with Jan Quesada
6:30 pm Wacky Wednesdays
- Saturday August 28**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday August 29 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:55 am Morning Worship — 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.

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

John Helms & Cathy Walling

When WE Give: we can offer our campus for COVID-19 testing!

July 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 432,543
Expenses	\$ 379,995
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 52,547

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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