

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 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.

*For the safety and protection of our children and those with compromised immune systems,
masks are required in the building.*

† — *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

*When anger rages in us unabated and unresolved, we obliterate the other in our hearts.
When months go by and we never speak to our neighbors, never seek them out, never stir
ourselves out of our hermitages to admit their existence, we deny creation. When advice is
something we resist and questions are something we avoid in life, God has no voice by
which to call us. We see in others the kind of commitment it takes to go on believing when
our own belief falters. We look to others for the kind of wisdom that exceeds mere answers.
We hold on to others to find the kind of love that makes life rich with meaning, certain
proof of the everlasting love of a God for whom there is no word.*

—Joan Chittister, *Illustrated Life Monastic Wisdom for Seekers of Lights*
(Maryknoll, N.Y.: Orbis Boos, 2000)

Voluntary

Improvisation — Nicholas Choveaux

David Weigle

†Call to Worship

Let us not deceive ourselves.

Let us look at ourselves in the mirror.

Let us look at ourselves in light of God's law.

Let us be quick to listen and slow to speak.

Let us worship God.

Congregation

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Unchanging God, you have blessed us forever through the Beloved One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Born again by your word of truth, let us live out your love, doing your word, caring for the weak and vulnerable in their distress, and ever pursuing your reign of justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Hymn 58 [see insert]

Congregation

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise — ST. DENIO

Words of Welcome & Scripture Lesson

Sandy Washington

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

James 1:17-27 [Pew Bible page 980 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

David Weigle

Just As I Am, Without One Plea — arranged by Dale Wood

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

See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Betty Garrett & Congregation

Let us confess our sins to our loving God who calls us close through our beloved savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(continued)

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Holy God, your truth is oftentimes hard to hear. We confess our avoidance, our purposeful distractions, our prideful arrogance that keeps us from hearing and responding to your Word. Although you send us messages and messengers, we dismiss and disregard those who tell us we are wrong. Have mercy upon us, Holy God. Open us to hearing the truth no matter how it is conveyed. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Our generous God has given us the perfect gift of forgiveness, Jesus Christ our Lord, who has liberated us from dead tradition and made us new by the living Word, filling our hearts with God's love.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 48 [see insert]

Congregation

Great Is Thy Faithfulness — FAITHFULNESS

Prayers of the People

Ray Cox & Congregation

Life-giving God, you know us better than we know ourselves. While we long to meet the demands of your justice, we often settle for a touch of righteous indignation. And though we long to resist evil with every fiber of our being, it is easy to confuse our anger with petty wrongs with your anger over real misuse of power. Teach us the difference between human precepts, that bloom and fade like the grass, and your life-giving ways, that are eternal . . .

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:

Help us be doers of your word, and not bearers only, that our lives may bear the fruit of eternal life. Amen.

Words of Introduction

Cookie Stokes

Anthem

Choir

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls — Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,
With the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.
The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, Come and dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength.
For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, Come and dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where wisdom and righteousness, Justice and holiness, Join at the feet of God.

When people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,
O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,
And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

—based on 1 Kings 8

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ The Details of Life ”

†Hymn of Commitment 490 [see insert]

Congregation

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated — HENDON
(stanzas 1-4)

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

Steve Graham & Congregation

**May we leave this house of worship today,
quick to listen,
slow to speak,
open to hearing and responding to God's truth.**

May God bless you and keep you,
be kind and gracious to you,
may God took upon you with favor
and bring you peace.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Prelude XI from The Well-Tempered Clavier (Bk 1) — J. S. Bach

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Call for Vote on Recommendation of Interim Search Committee

Immediately following today's service, we will call for a vote to accept the recommendation of the Interim Search Committee to approve Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Graham 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.

Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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Daily Life needlework by women's group, Cairo, depicting scene of village life
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Hymn Notes

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867

Music: Welsh hymn tune, from John Roberts Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, Music: William M. Runyan

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Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1874,

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Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Graham

In the shadow of the Gloss Mountains, surrounded by wheat and oil fields is the county seat town of Fairview, Oklahoma where Dr. Steve Graham began his pastoral ministry at the First Baptist Church. Five years later he and his young family moved to Spring Creek Baptist Church, a new church start, in northwest Oklahoma City. This nascent congregation experienced vibrant growth as a generous, missional congregation that affirmed and ordained women as ministers and deacons and valued creative worship. After sixteen years with Spring Creek the historic Second Baptist Church in Liberty, Missouri, called Steve to be her next pastor. He readily embraced the well-established rhythm of the warm-hearted church and its commitment to historic Baptist principles. Together they crafted and refined a compelling vision for their life and witness. In 2007 Steve became a minister to ministers as the Director of Ministerial Excellence for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Decatur, Georgia. His leadership in nurturing peer learning groups and leading retreats that emphasized personal and congregational narratives has had a profound impact across the Fellowship. As a founding member of CBF Oklahoma, Steve was intrigued when they turned to him to become their next Coordinator in 2012. As he worked closely with the Coordinating Council, the state fellowship was energized by partnerships with Native American congregations, student work on the OU campus, and international exploration with CBF field personnel. Innovatively, CBF Oklahoma established an annual dinner, Celebrating Excellence, bringing hundreds from across Oklahoma to promote the Fellowship and honor individuals contributing to the common good.

These themes emerged:

- Beginning in his first pastorate, Steve demonstrated a gift for thought-provoking preaching and worship crafting. By inviting the congregation into the process of worship planning, worship became an expression of the congregation's life and faith. A long-time member said, "Steve gave the congregation back to the people."
- His passion for missional engagement led to partnerships with Native American congregations in western Oklahoma. Networking throughout the Fellowship, multiple congregations from across the country joined in these endeavors.
- Steve has a deep appreciation for personal and congregational narrative. From his doctoral studies with Spring Creek to his ministry with CBF, Steve has been fascinated with the power of story. Through Narrative Leaderships retreats individuals and congregations learn to understand and celebrate their stories and write the next chapters of life and witness with wonder and joy.

Dr. Stephen D. Graham was born in Oklahoma City. He grew up in Alva and Enid, OK, before graduating from Oklahoma Baptist University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology and English and earning a Master of Divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Married to Jennifer Lackey, they live in Norman, OK, and have two children, Jeff and Whitney, and four grandchildren.

Study for Wednesday Evening
Jan Quesada, Bible Study
First Chapter of Matthew

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125
James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17 Mark 7:24-37

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.



Ashley Robinson, Guest Preacher,
September 5

Ashley Robinson is a pastoral resident at Wilshire Baptist Church. She joined the pastoral residency in 2020 shortly after completing her master of divinity degree from Central Baptist Theological Seminary and being ordained by her home church Oakhurst Baptist in Decatur, Georgia. She was previously volunteer and development director for Lost-n-Found Youth, an Atlanta nonprofit that serves homeless LGBTQ youth. Ashley worked as executive assistant for

Baptist Women in Ministry and as minister of music and administration at Decatur United Church of Christ in Decatur, Georgia. She earned a bachelor of music degree in 2004 and a master of music degree in 2009 from the University of Alabama.

58 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
 in all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Thy jus - tice, like moun - tains, high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
 Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish — but naught chang - eth Thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther, there is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear

Cornerstone Community Garden Project

2815 S. Ervay St., Dallas, TX 75215

(at the corner of South Ervay St. and Al Lipscomb Way)

We have a wonderful opportunity to serve the congregation and surrounding community of Cornerstone Baptist Church. Their Community Garden is ready to plant, and they need our help. The food Cornerstone grows feeds our beloved community in South Dallas, including our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Come join us as we volunteer on Saturday September 11th, 9am-12pm.

Sign up below, and come with a friend, or with your whole Sunday School Class! **IMPORTANT: Cornerstone will not have tools for us to use**, so please bring your gardening gloves, your favorite gardening tools, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Let's help Cornerstone continue with their mission to feed our beloved community in need.

Sign Up Genius link:
<https://bit.ly/3ghZKue>



Parking is available at the "Old Church" at 2713 South Ervay St., or at Jesse's Place at 2904 South Ervay St. (across the street from South Point Community Market)

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed, Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

490 Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti -
3. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
4. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no
5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its

Lord, to Thee; take my hands, and let them move
ful for Thee; take my voice, and let me sing
I with - hold; take my mo - ments and my days,
long - er mine; take my heart, it is Thine own,
treasure store. Take my - self and I will be

at the im - pulse of Thy love, at the im - pulse of Thy love.
al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
let them flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
it shall be Thy roy - al throne, it shall be Thy roy - al throne.
ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

The Scripture this morning is James 1:17-27, which may be found on page 980 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

(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

- Monday August 30**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Wednesday September 1 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study — Zoom
Matthew 1 with Jan Quesada
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Vickrey Hall
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday September 4**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday September 5 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:55 am Morning Worship, Ashley Robinson, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary
or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Monday September 6**
Church Office Closed in observance of Labor Day
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

Melissa Orwig & Blake Miller

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.

When WE Give: we can support Cornerstone Baptist Community Garden!

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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