

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 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

Opening Sentences

Laura Keller

Our vocation to persist

*Of this I am certain: of our calling to holiness, our vocation to persist, in season and out
in the work of healing others, even as we seek healing for ourselves. . . .*

*So we take heart. We commend the woman who quite simply, with all her heart, on
behalf of someone she loved, refused to give up. [The Syrophoenician woman of Mark
7:24-30]. We might think of her act as a 'forgiving persistence' toward Christ.*

We might also wish to ponder a kind of 'persistent forgiveness' toward the church.

The woman refuses and persists. And so prevails.

And so must we. And so shall we.

*We must forgive, deepen our love, persist in our conviction
that even the church can be redeemed from sin.*

In so fulfilling our vocation, we ourselves are healed.

—Daniel Berrigan, *Sorrow Built a Bridge: Friendship and AIDS*
(Baltimore:Fortkamp, 1989)

Voluntary

David Weigle

Festival Prelude on OLD 113TH — Gilbert Martin

†Call to Worship

Steve Graham & Congregation

God of compassion, you alone show us true healing.

We pray today for wholeness of body and soul.

Our challenges and obstacles differ from person to person,
but each of us is in need of your healing.

We offer our burdens and our brokenness to you,

knowing that you offer us abundant grace, free and unconditional.

**Let your love enter our hearts so that we might be renewed,
restored, regenerated for joyful service in your name.**

†Invocation

Steve Graham & Congregation

Let us pray:

**God of healing, we bring our prayers to you. What can we believe, O
God? That the touch of your mercy will ease our pain and your spirit
will help us care, that the strength of your healing comes in the midst of
our deepest heartaches, in our shimmering joys, and in our crushing
sorrows. God, whose steadfastness outshines the sun, we lean on your
steady love. Amen.**

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing — AZMON

Words of Welcome

Wayne Meachum

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

Scripture Lesson

Austen Maddox

Mark 7:24-37 [Pew Bible page 819 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.)

Offertory

David Weigle

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior — arranged by Marianne Kim
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Karen Simmons & Congregation

Many people brought their greatest needs to Jesus, certain that he would help them.
With that same confidence, let us confess our failings and seek forgiveness.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Almighty and compassionate God, every day, in our desire to attain our wants, avoid discomfort, and shun those we do not know or love, we show ourselves to be unworthy of your gifts of life. Of this we are sorely aware, and we ask your power to renew us in body and spirit, that we will be able, through your help, to walk in the way you intend for us. Forgive us and lead us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Just as Jesus made the deaf to hear and the mute to speak, our merciful God lifts our burdens from us, removes the failures of our past, and turns us to new life.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn 74 [see insert]

Congregation

There Is a Balm in Gilead — BALM IN GILEAD

Prayers of the People

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Congregation

Across the barriers that divide races:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide classes:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide faiths:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

(continued)

Across the barriers that divide theologies:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide genders and ages.

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

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:

Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears which deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife. Remove from us all false sense of superiority. Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children. Amen.

Words of Introduction

Laura Keller

Solo

Suré Eloff

Bist du bei mir — J. S. Bach
If Thou art by, I go with gladness

Sermon

Ashley Robinson

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

O God, Whose Healing Power — AURELIA
*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

As you leave this place, remember to walk in God's ways.

Remember to dwell in the goodness of God.

Remember to be faithful.

May peace be upon you this day and always.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Rondeau from “Abdelazer” — Henry Purcell

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Royallane.org/register



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Hymn Notes

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O God, Whose Healing Power

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Ashley Robinson, Guest Preacher

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.

Study for Wednesday Evening IN-FOCUS

with Rev. Yvette R. Blair-Lavallais,
Food Justice Activist

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19
James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

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



New CD by Suré Eloff – Official Release Date September 3, 2021

Alban Berg: *Jugendlieder*

Suré Eloff, soprano
Nathaniel Schmidt, piano

YouTube Clip at
<https://bit.ly/3zDYvgB>

Alban Berg wrote his *Jugendlieder* (*Songs of Youth*) between 1901 and 1908. Though it was his wish they never be published, his wife gave permission for the publication of 48 songs after his death. Twenty-three songs were selected for this recording. If you would like to obtain a copy, you may do so either online (digital and CD format), or by reaching out to Suré at s.elloff@outlook.com



IN FOCUS

September 8 – Zoom
6:15 pm

“Getting Fed in a Food Desert”

Food insecurity is real and it affects more people than you think. While temporary solutions like food pantries are short-term responses, what are the long-term responses that faith communities should consider? How do we craft the language to talk about advocacy, policies and calling the injustice what it really is—food apartheid? In this presentation led by Rev. Yvette R. Blair-Lavallais, a food justice activist, we will explore the systemic injustices that cause food deserts and how to dismantle the barriers that block access to healthy food for our Black, Latinx and Indigenous neighbors.



Cornerstone Community Garden Project

Saturday, September 11

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)

COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic

Saturday, September 11

The Oak Cliff Lions Club, in partnership with Wal-Mart, will provide a COVID – 19 Vaccination Clinic on **Saturday, September 11, 2021, at Town View TAG High School from 10 AM to 2 PM.** We highly encourage everyone who is **not vaccinated** to come and take advantage of this opportunity to protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated. The first 50 people to get vaccinated will receive a **FREE PASS** to the State Fair of Texas and a **COUPON** for a free side dish from Dallas Grilled Cheese Company. Other incentives are also available. Don't miss this opportunity. For more information, please check our website at <http://oakcliffions.club>

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

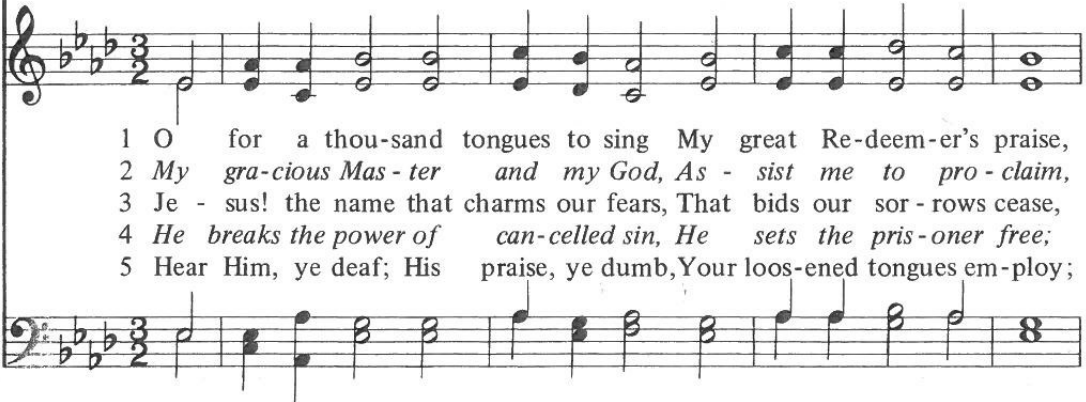
My tongue shall speak . . . praise all the day long. — Psalm 35:28

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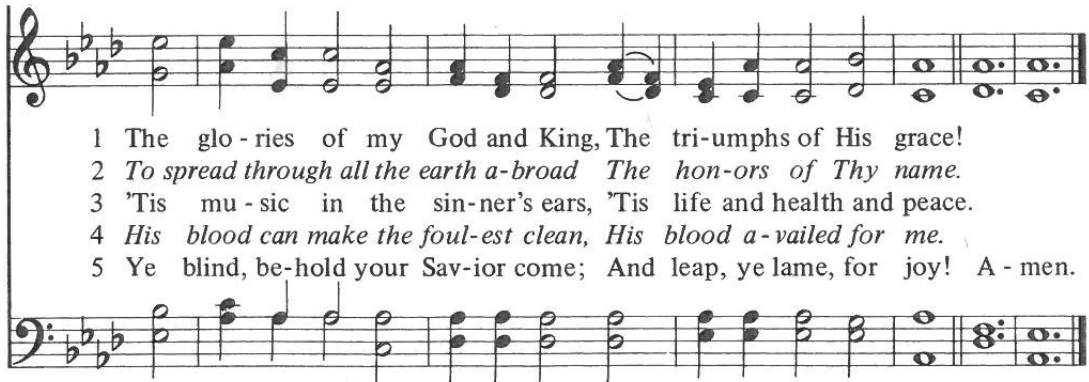
Carl G. Gläser

Descant by Eugene Butler

Charles Wesley



1 O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Je-sus! the name that charms our fears, That bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He breaks the power of can-celled sin, He sets the pris-oner free;
5 Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loos-ened tongues em-ploy;



1 The glo-ries of my God and King, The tri-umphs of His grace!
2 To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of Thy name.
3 'Tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
4 His blood can make the foul-est clean, His blood a-vailed for me.
5 Ye blind, be-hold your Sav-ior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy! A-men.

Special Church Conference

Following worship, Sunday, September 19th, we will have a special church conference to select our Pastor Search Committee. Earlier this summer, the Member Resource Committee solicited and received recommendations of persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee from the church membership per the Royal Lane bylaws. The Board of Deacons are nominating seven (7) committee members and two (2) alternates who have agreed to serve if elected. These nominees will be placed before the church membership for election September 19th. A Zoom Meeting will be created for virtual attendees, and an electronic ballot will be available.

There Is a Balm in Gilead

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;

The first system of musical notation for the first system of the hymn. It consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

Fine

The second system of musical notation, continuing the melody and bass line from the first system. It ends with a double bar line and a 'Fine' marking above the treble staff.

Unison

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged and think my work's in vain, but
2. If you can't preach like Pe-ter, if you can't pray like Paul, just

The unison section of the hymn, featuring a single melodic line in the treble clef and a simple bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

D.C.

then the Ho-ly Spir-it re-vives my soul a-gain.
tell the love of Je-sus, and say He died for all.

The D.C. (Da Capo) section of the hymn, featuring a single melodic line in the treble clef and a simple bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

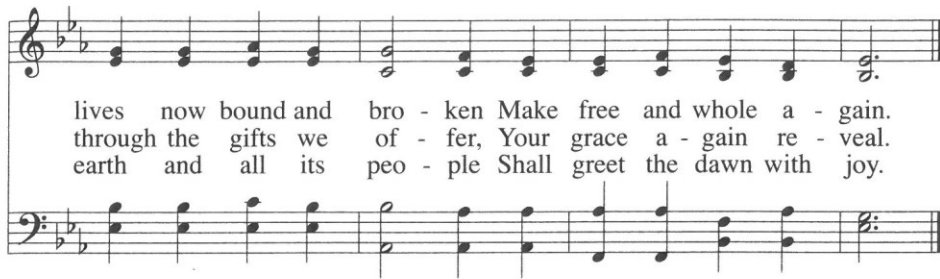
O God, Whose Healing Power

1. O God, whose heal - ing pow - er Is pres - ent
2. O Christ, who came a - mong us To heal the
3. O Spir - it, ho - ly, heal - ing, De - scend to

ev - 'ry - where, Per - vad - ing all cre - a - tion With
sick, the blind, To bless the poor and bur - dened, The
us to - day. Re - store to all cre - a - tion The

Your e - ter - nal care: Look now in Your com -
bro - ken heart to bind: Send us where they are
peace for which we pray. Re - deem us from the

pas - sion Up - on this world of pain And
wait - ing For hands to help and heal And,
pow - ers That rav - age and de - stroy Till



lives now bound and bro - ken Make free and whole a - gain.
 through the gifts we of - fer, Your grace a - gain re - veal.
 earth and all its peo - ple Shall greet the dawn with joy.

Women of the Church “Bunco and Buntinis”

Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 pm
 Vickrey Hall



We will join our special guests, the Men of the Church, for an evening of fun and laughter.

It's a Bunco Party!

- ❖ No experience needed
- ❖ No skill required
- ❖ It's fast moving and fun
- ❖ Prizes for winners and losers.

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 We will mask and practice social distance. Please. eat dinner before you arrive. Dessert and coffee provided!

We will be collecting items for “care” packages which will be sent to our Royal Lane college students. Please bring an item or two for the packages.

Suggested items: chapstick, hand warmers, breath mints, cookies, pretzels, crackers, etc.

Warning! We will be playing Bunco using dice, but no gambling is allowed!

The Scripture this morning is Mark 7:24-37, which may be found on page 819 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak." (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** **September 5 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
12:15 pm First Sunday Youth Lunch
 Snooze, 8041 Walnut Hill Ln, Dallas, TX 75231
- Monday** **September 6**
 Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day
- Wednesday** **September 8**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 210
6:15 pm IN FOCUS — Zoom
 Food Justice Activist, Rev. Blair-Lavallais
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Vickrey Hall
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday** **September 11**
9:00 am Cornerstone Gardening Project (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
 218 S. Ervay St., Dallas, TX 75215
10:00 am Women’s Share and Prayer — Zoom
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **September 12 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:00 am Youth Sunday School Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm, Deacon Chat)
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

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Karen Simmons

When WE Give: we can come together to worship!

July 2021 Financials

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

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

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