

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Caritas – Love, Hope, Charity*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Reformation Sunday*

October 31, 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](http://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 a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is the first of all, Jesus is clear and concise. Love... Love God with every fiber of your being and love your neighbor as yourself. There is no rule, theory, ambition, or new year's resolution that is greater than this. This week, let us look for ways to celebrate the saints past and present in our community who embodied and embody Love.*

### Voluntary

*Prelude and Fugue in G Minor — J. S. Bach*

David Weigle

### ✠Call to Worship

Come into the land of God.

**We come seeking the land of love.**

Live as people of Christ.

**We gather to grow as a community of love.**

Follow in the ways of the Lord.

**We move forward on the path of love.**

Come, those of every age, come those of any land,  
for all are welcome here.

**We come to live and grow in the love of Christ.**

**Praise God for this wonderful gift.**

Congregation

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Beloved Companion, you deal with us kindly in steadfast love, lifting up those bent low with care and sustaining the weak and oppressed. Release us from our anxious fears, that we, holding fast to your commandments, may honor you with all that we are and all that we have. Amen.**

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*The Call Is Clear and Simple* — PASSION CHORALE

Words of Welcome

Terry Berrier

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

Scripture Lesson

Carson G.

Mark 12:18-34 [ Pew Bible page 825 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!**

Invitation to the Offering

Cathy Walling & Congregation

As the people of God, we are called to be justice for the oppressed, food for the hungry, freedom for the imprisoned, and sight for the blind. Let us lift up those in need, as we share gifts for the church's mission.

Let us pray:

**God of justice and love, transform these offerings, that we may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help. Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world. Amen.**

Offertory

David Weigle

*Graceful Ghost Rag* — William Bolcoln

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

See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Bill Ferguson & Congregation

Let us confess our sins to God, from whom our help comes.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**O God, you have been faithful, yet we have not loved you with our whole hearts. You showed us how to love our fellow human beings, yet we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Turn us back to you, O God, that we may follow your commandments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

Beloved, the Lord is loving, merciful, and just. Therefore, we are reconciled to God and to one another, that we may walk in peace and love.

†Hymn 365 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*More Love to Thee, O Christ* — MORE LOVE TO THEE  
(stanza one only)

Prayers of the People

Kate Thompson & Congregation

*On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther issued a list of concerns about the church. While we remember this act as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation, Luther was neither the first nor the last to seek to re-form or renew the church.*

*You are invited to suggest names of persons who have been influential in the shaping and developing of our church. Consider theologians, artists, musicians, poets, teachers, and those who have spoken with prophetic voices.*

God of new beginnings, this day we remember and celebrate those who challenge us to see things in new ways, to expand and explore our sense of what it means to be the Body of Jesus Christ. We give you thanks for the many people whose words, images, music, sermons, writings, questions, ideas, and laughter have helped to shape us as a church.

*Speak the names silently or aloud*

*(continued)*

Let us pray:

**God of our past, our present, and our future, thank you for those who have gone before us and who share the wisdom of the ages with us all. We thank you for those who are young or new to our community, who bring a freshness and new way of understanding, whose new questions invite us to reflect on the past and plan for the future. We put our trust in you, O God, trusting that, through all the changes, the seasons, and the re-formations of our lives, you are ever with us. Amen.**

Hymn-Anthem [ see insert ]

Choir & Congregation

*How Firm a Foundation* — arr. Tom Trenney  
(sing on direction)

Sermon

Steve Graham

**“ Love That is Vertical and Horizontal ”**

†Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* — CHANNEL OF PEACE  
*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

Love God with all your heart and mind and soul and strength.

**We go forth to love as God loves us.**

Love your neighbors as yourself, with kindness and care.

**We go forth in the love of God.**

Love yourself with gentleness, with mercy and grace.

**We go forth with love for the world.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

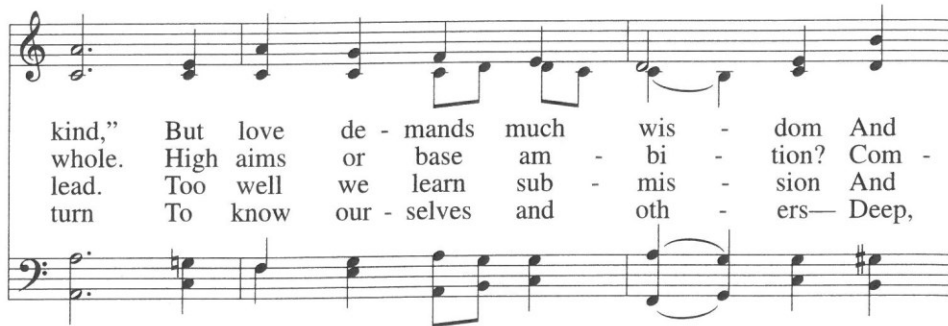
*Hedwig's Theme* — John Williams

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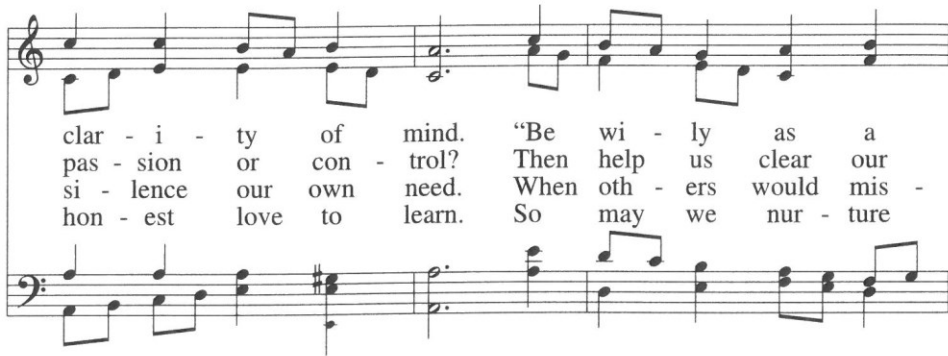
# The Call Is Clear and Simple



1. The call is clear and simple: "Love God and hu - man -  
2. God, help us sort our mo - tives, That lov - ing may be  
3. God, teach us strength and wis - dom When false love takes the  
4. O wise and ho - ly Lov - er, Teach us as sea - sons



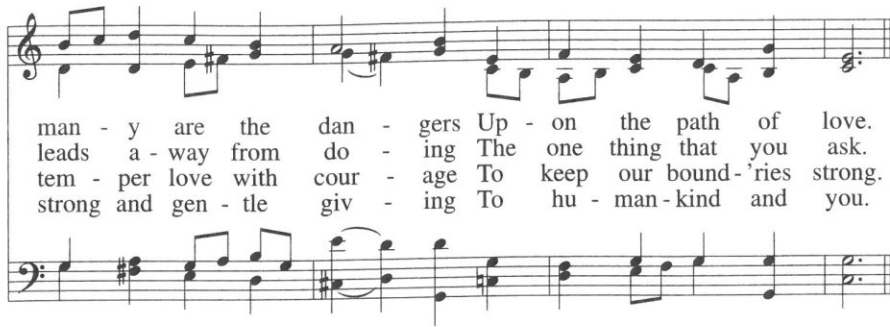
kind," But love de - mands much wis - dom And  
whole. High aims or base am - bi - tion? Com -  
lead. Too well we learn sub - mis - sion And  
turn To know our - selves and oth - ers— Deep,



clar - i - ty of mind. "Be wi - ly as a  
pas - sion or con - trol? Then help us clear our  
si - lence our own need. When oth - ers would mis -  
hon - est love to learn. So may we nur - ture



ser - pent, Though gen - tle as a dove," For  
sched - ules Of ev - 'ry fran - tic task That  
use us Or lure us t'ward the wrong, God,  
liv - ing In all we say and do, In



man - y are the dan - gers Up - on the path of love.  
leads a - way from do - ing The one thing that you ask.  
tem - per love with cour - age To keep our bound - 'ries strong.  
strong and gen - tle giv - ing To hu - man - kind and you.

## Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Sunday, November 7

Be sure to set your clocks back one hour.



# More Love to Thee, O Christ

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
 3. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per Thy praise;

Hear Thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee;  
 now Thee a - lone I seek, give what is best;  
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;

this is my ear - nest plea:  
 this all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to Thee,  
 this still its prayer shall be:

more love to Thee, more love to Thee!



## How Firm a Foundation



*All:* 1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye  
 2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I  
*All:* 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy  
*All:* 5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath



saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith  
 be not dis - mayed, for I am thy God,  
 call thee to go, the riv - ers of sor -  
 path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf - fi -  
 leaned for re - pose, I will not, I will



in God's ex - cel - lent Word! What more can be  
 and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee,  
 row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be  
 cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not  
 not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all



said than to you God hath said, to  
 help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -  
 near thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and  
 hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy  
 hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll



you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

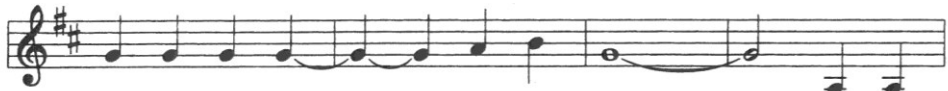
# Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. \_\_\_\_\_ Where  
 is in par-don - ing that we are par - doned, \_\_\_\_\_ in



there is in - ju - ry, your par-don, Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 there is dark - ness, \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly light, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, \_\_\_\_\_ and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you. \_\_\_\_\_  
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy. \_\_\_\_\_  
 dy - ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life. \_\_\_\_\_



3. Oh, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek \_\_\_\_\_ so



much to be con-soled as to con - sole, \_\_\_\_\_ to be



un - der-stood as to un - der - stand, \_\_\_\_\_ to be



loved as to love with all my soul. \_\_\_\_\_

*D.C.*

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The Scripture this morning is Mark 12:28-34, which may be found on page 825 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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<sup>28</sup>One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; <sup>30</sup>you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' <sup>31</sup>The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." <sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; <sup>33</sup>and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." <sup>34</sup>When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

*(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!**

# Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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## Hymn Notes

### The Call Is Clear and Simple

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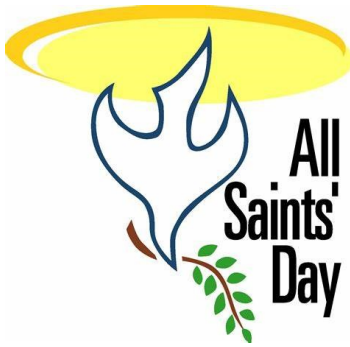
### How Firm a Foundation

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## November 7 - All Saints' Sunday and Dedication of the Royal Lane Columbarium Garden



November 7 will be a High and Holy Day for Royal Lane Baptist Church as we honor the saints of the church community who have passed away since October 25, 2020. Also, we will Dedicate the Royal Lane Columbarium Garden.

Immediately following the service, the Don Shannon Pipers will “Pipe” us out of the sanctuary and we will gather along the Cunningham Arcade and the sidewalks around the Garden. We will participate in a brief service of dedication and celebration of the Columbarium Garden.

Royal Lane Baptist Church is blessed to have a Columbarium available to its members and loved ones. The RLBC Columbarium has 80 niches in the 1st phase and will add an additional 80 in the 2nd phase. Each niche holds two urns.

The RLBC Columbarium Garden is nestled in a lovely garden between the Cunningham Arcade, the Sanctuary, and the Library.

You can purchase a niche in the Columbarium for \$3,500.00, designate a brick in honor or memory of someone for \$250.00, or designate a contribute to landscaping options in the Garden.

For more information contact Janet Schultz at [jschultz@royallane.org](mailto:jschultz@royallane.org) or visit the church website [www.royallane.org](http://www.royallane.org) click on Connect and Columbarium

## Study for Wednesday Evening

with Steve Graham

*The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality.*

by Belden Lane

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127**

**Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44**

## Women of the Church

November 9, 6:30 pm – Vickrey Hall

Jaime Clark-Soles

will be discussing her latest book, *Women in the Bible*

## 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.



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **October 31 – Reformation Sunday**  
12:15 pm      Scholarship Committee — Library  
   **1:00 – 5:00 pm – Last Day! – Pumpkin Patch**
- Monday**      **November 1**  
7:30 pm      Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Tuesday**      **November 2**  
7:00 pm      Children’s Teachers Meeting — Library & Zoom
- Wednesday**      **November 3**  
10:00 am      Holy Rollers — Room 210  
6:30 pm      Midweek Study — Zoom  
7:00 pm      Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- Saturday**      **November 6**  
9:30 am      Deacons Retreat — Vickrey Hall  
2:00 pm      Questers Class — Zoom  
8:00 pm      Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday**      **November 7 – All Saints Sunday / Daylight Savings Ends**  
9:15 am      Children’s SS Classes — Zoom  
9:45 am      Formations Class — Library  
9:45 am      Foundation Stones Class — Room 208  
10:00 am      Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)  
10:30 am      Children ages 3yr through 5th grade – Vickrey Hall  
10:55 am      Morning Worship Holy Communion Offered — Sanctuary  
   or Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
12:00 pm      Dedication of Columbarium  
12:15 pm      First Sunday Youth Lunch  
12:30 pm      Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall (12:30 – 3:30 pm)

*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).

## 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

John Helms & Cathy Walling

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When WE Give: our worship resounds with overflowing hearts!

### September 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 528,354
Expenses	\$ 487,974
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 40,380

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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.*

Donate online at [royallane.org/give/](http://royallane.org/give/)



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