

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost*

November 14, 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

*A global pandemic, the climate crisis, protests against unjust political systems—the times in which we live bring challenge and doubt; our faith can become battered by fear, rather than buoyed by trust. Scripture tells us our ancestors lived in similar times, and by reading their stories, we are reminded of the need for perseverance in the face of our experiences, our times. By God's grace, faithful waiting can bear fruit, despair can be transformed into hope, emptiness can overflow with new life.*

### Voluntary

David Weigle

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* — arranged by Mark Hayes

### ✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Christ is waiting here for us.

**To welcome us.**

To show you the path of life.

**To love us.**

To hear our prayers.

**To be present with us always.**

Come and worship.

**We are here to praise the Lord!**

### ✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Merciful God, you hear our cries and honor our tears. Stir in us such a passion during worship that we might vow to give you our best, for the glory of your name. Amen.**

†Hymn 566 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past* — ST. ANNE  
(stanza 5 – choir only)

Words of Welcome

Garey Wisdom

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

Scripture Lesson

Lillie T.

1 Samuel 1: 9-11, 16-19, 26-28 [ Pew Bible page 213 of the Old 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!**

Offertory Prayer

Anne Sewell

Hannah went to the temple and offered her prayers to God. Jesus offered his love and his life. May this be the time when we offer our gifts to God in thanksgiving for God's abiding presence in our lives. Lord of life and love, we offer these gifts to you. Bless them and use them, that others might be encouraged in the faith. Gracious God, use our lives as well. Help us share your story and pour out your love on everyone we meet. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

*Come, Ye Disconsolate* — Terre Johnson  
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.  
See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Patricia McNutt & Congregation

Trusting in the grace of God, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*(continued)*

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, the road of the faithful is hard and filled with challenges. Sometimes we complain. Sometimes we take a different road. Sometimes we allow others to lead us astray. Sometimes we forget to follow your Son, Jesus. Forgive us. Help us meet whatever challenges we face. Help us rise when we fall. Help us turn toward you, our Savior and Redeemer. In the name of the one who loves us conditionally, we pray. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

“I will remember your sins no more,” says the Lord.  
Our sins are forgiven and we are given a new chance.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

†Hymn 391 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire* — CAMP MEETING

Prayers of the People

Alan Greider & Congregation

God in your mercy you hear our cries  
and know the hidden desires of our hearts.

You answer prayer.

We come to you, gracious Lord,  
praying for ourselves and our community.

**We pray for the witness of the church,  
that we might live the gospel.**

We pray for the global community,  
that we might learn from each other and live in peace.

**We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit;  
make us agents of your healing power.**

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)*

*Silence Is Kept*

Let us pray:

**We ask all these things for the glory and honor of your name, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Solo

Dakota Andersen

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* — arranged by Mark Hayes

Sermon

Steve Graham

**“ Something More Than Tentative Wading at the Edge! ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 48 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — FAITHFULNESS  
*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

Go to where God calls you to bring the gospel of hope,  
trusting that the love of God will last forever,  
the grace of Jesus Christ will never fail,  
and the presence of the Holy Spirit will never leave you.  
Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Joy Song* — Mark Hayes

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Register Your Attendance

[Royallane.org/register](http://Royallane.org/register)

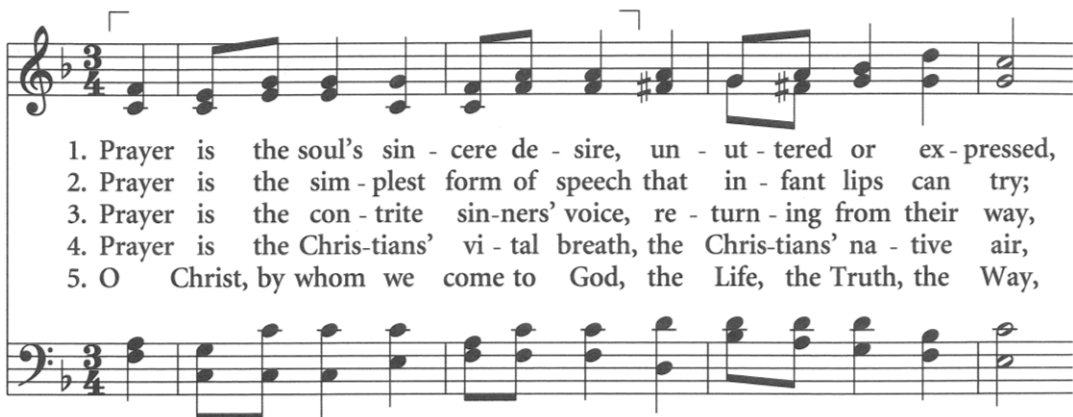


# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

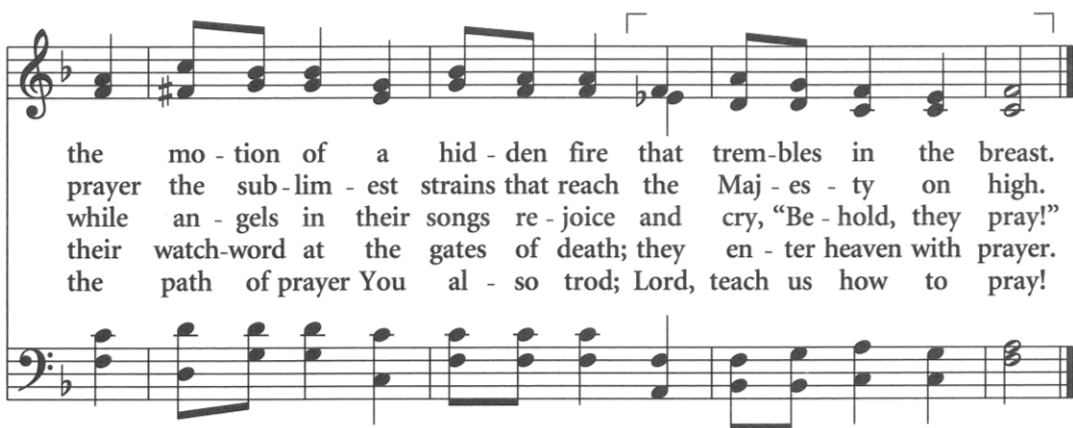
1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2. Un - der the shad-ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4. A thou-sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears mor - tals all a - way;  
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!  
suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.  
be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

# Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire



1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, un - ut - tered or ex - pressed,  
2. Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech that in - fant lips can try;  
3. Prayer is the con - trite sin - ners' voice, re - turn - ing from their way,  
4. Prayer is the Chris - tians' vi - tal breath, the Chris - tians' na - tive air,  
5. O Christ, by whom we come to God, the Life, the Truth, the Way,



the mo - tion of a hid - den fire that trem - bles in the breast.  
prayer the sub - lim - est strains that reach the Maj - es - ty on high.  
while an - gels in their songs re - joice and cry, "Be - hold, they pray!"  
their watch - word at the gates of death; they en - ter heaven with prayer.  
the path of prayer You al - so trod; Lord, teach us how to pray!

# 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

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed between the two staves, with three verses provided.

## Staff Love Gift



During this time of Thanksgiving, and as we look toward a Season of Giving, let us remember those who give so much to us all year. Our skilled and dedicated church staff lovingly provides many services for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you would like to express your gratitude, please mail your check to the Church Office or make your donation online by December 5. Be sure your contribution is clearly marked "Staff Love Gift" or select the fund "Staff Love Gift" from the Giving option on the Royal Lane website.

*Terry Berrier, Deacon Chair*



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!

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The Scripture this morning is 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 16-19, 26-28, which may be found on page 213 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.  
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<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

<sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." <sup>18</sup>And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

<sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. <sup>20</sup>In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

<sup>26</sup>And she said, "Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the LORD. <sup>27</sup>For this child I prayed; and the LORD has granted me the petition that I made to him. <sup>28</sup>Therefore I have lent him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he is given to the LORD." She left him there for the LORD.

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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!**



## Cover Art

*Hannah, Prophetess and Mother of Samuel, Thanking God*  
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## Hymn Notes

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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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# Stocking Stuffers

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Donations of small toys and candy are needed to fill 15 inch stockings for the children and teenagers who visit the medical clinic at Healing Hand Ministries

**SUGGESTED ITEMS**

<i>Small plush animals</i>	<i>Fuzzy socks</i>
<i>Small Christmas toys</i>	<i>Flavored lip gloss</i>
<i>Card games</i>	<i>Hand sanitizer</i>
<i>Small holiday puzzles</i>	<i>Hand lotion</i>
<i>Coloring books</i>	<i>Earbuds (for teens)</i>
<i>Play-Doh</i>	<i>Christmas candy</i>
<i>Hot Wheels</i>	<i>Hot chocolate</i>
<i>Stretchy gloves and hat</i>	

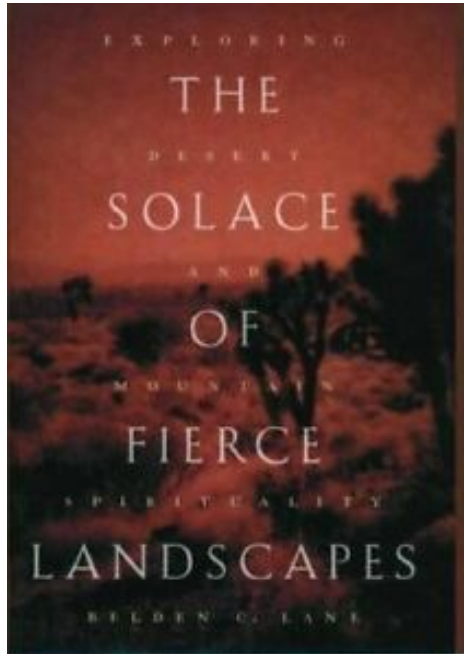
**Please leave donated items in the Missions Holiday Wagon located in the Narthex any Sunday during November**

# Study for Wednesday Evening

with Steve Graham

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

by Belden Lane



Scriptures for Next Sunday

**2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12**

**Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37**



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



## Poinsettia Dedications

It is time to request poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary of Royal Lane Baptist Church during the Advent/Christmas season in honor or memory of a loved one.

Make your requests by Sunday, November 28 so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the *Hangin' of the Green* on December 5.

Request may be made:

- Online at [royallane.org](http://royallane.org) or use the QR code to be directed to online order form
- Email to [info@royallane.org](mailto:info@royallane.org)
- Mailed request to the church



Payment may be made by:

- Online – Select “Poinsettias Order” fund from giving menu at [Royallane.org](http://Royallane.org)
- Check – enter “Poinsettia” in memo line
- Credit Card (contact Janet Schultz in the church office Monday through Thursday in November)
- Request payment from your banking account – “Poinsettia” in memo line

**\$12.00 per dedication**

## *Schedule for the Week*

### **Sunday November 14 – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal & Lunch — Sanctuary & Vickrey Hall

12:15 pm Youth Sponsored Picnic Lunch & Family Field Day

7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm, Deacon Chat)

### **Monday November 15**

7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom

### **Wednesday November 16 – Mosaic**

10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 212

6:30 pm Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom

7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)

### **Saturday November 17**

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

### **Sunday November 21 – Reign of Christ Sunday**

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 — Sanctuary  
or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

12:30 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall

*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)

## **Church Calendar Note**

The Church office will be closed Wednesday, November 24, through Friday, November 26, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## 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

Alan Greider & Sandy Washington

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When WE Give: our children and youth have a safe place to grow in faith.

### 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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