

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21, 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

Steve Graham

Reign of Christ Sunday heralds the end of the Christian year with this same proclamation: God's love in Christ Jesus reigns above every other power. May Love reign in our own hearts above every other motivation—be it fear, sadness, or anything that would separate us from God and from one another. The fact remains that much of the world struggles, whereas in a few places a few people control most of the world's wealth. Jesus expects us to see the suffering of others and to have a gutty kind of compassion that compels us to develop miracles of our own in order to share. We too enter into a place that most people cannot imagine—the kingdom of God.

—*Frank Ramirez*

Voluntary

David Weigle

Now Thank We All Our God — Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Choral Introit

Choir

Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning — GUITING POWER

(The tune for the introit will be used for our 2021 Advent Hymn.)

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

We gather in the love of Christ
to be centered and stilled

We open our hearts to receive anew.

(continued)

We open our hearts to the mercy of Christ,
who is our healing and wholeness.

We open our minds to receive anew.

We open our ears to the wisdom of Christ,
who is our grounding and inspiration.

We open our minds to receive anew.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Eternal God, your word of grace continues to sustain us, even when we think we have stopped listening. Today, may we be moved by One who invites us to follow on the paths of love and justice; paths of tender care for earth and all its creatures. This is our heart's desire. Amen.

†Hymn 158 [see insert]

Congregation

Jesus Shall Reign — DUKE STREET

Words of Welcome

Scott Bryant

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

Scripture Lesson

Ryah H.

Matthew 14:13-23 [Pew Bible page 796 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!

Offertory Prayer

Sarah Fuller Phillips

In the faithful hands of Christ, our little is multiplied to feed many. Come now; let us offer our loaves and fishes to the All sufficient One who said, "Bring them here to me." We you, O God, that you have empowered us to participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your Son. Receive now these gifts you have provided us out of your abundance that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy the hungry of this world today; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offertory

Garey Wisdom & David Weigle

Come, Ye Thankful People Come — arranged by Joel Raney

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

See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Lisa Chastain & Congregation

Let us confess our sins in the presence of the One who blesses us and meets our needs.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

God of compassion, we have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

Alleluia! Amen.

†Hymn 657 [see insert]

Congregation

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life — GERMANY

Prayers of the People

Tim Seib & Congregation

Let us pray for the needs of the world, saying, O Lord, attend to our cry, give ear to our prayer. God who hears us, holds us, and helps us, you are our eternal source of blessing. You are our endless source of provision. In your compassion, you see our need; you heal our sickness and satisfy our hunger. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and all in need:

O Lord, attend to our cry,

give ear to our prayer.

For all who are called by your name throughout the world,

O Lord, attend to our cry,

give ear to our prayer.

(continued)

Bless your church and help us move forward in mission with you.

O Lord, attend to our cry,

give ear to our prayer.

For the healing and preservation of your creation in heaven and on earth,

O Lord, attend to our cry,

give ear to our prayer.

For the need of the nations—

wisdom for leaders, vindication and relief for the oppressed—

O Lord, attend to our cry,

give ear to our prayer.

For those who are hungry, ill, vulnerable,

or seeking refuge from adversaries and injustice,

especially those we name now, aloud and in our hearts . . .

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

Silence Is Kept

Let us pray:

**Wondrously show us your steadfast love, that we may behold your face
in righteousness and be satisfied when we awake, beholding your
likeness; through Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.**

Solo

Dan Thompson

Like Him We Rise — Tom Trenney

He came down that we might have love.

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“Come unto me,” our Savior said. “Ye weary, come, I’ll give you rest.”

From stable room and manger bed to paradise forever blessed.

*Made like him, like him we rise! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies;
light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.*

“Come, all who thirst, be satisfied with water I alone can give.”

Upon the cross, “I thirst,” he cried, conqu’ring death that we might live!

“When in the shadow, do not fear. I am your light, your lamp, your sun.”

The sting of death shall disappear. The fight is fought! The battle won!

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ A Theology of Enough ”

†Hymn of Commitment 658 [see insert]

Congregation

Let Your Heart be Broken — WYE VALLEY
*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

Christ himself, who holds us in his hands,
**has blessed us, broken us,
and given us as his gift to the world.**
May the grace of Christ be multiplied to you
and through you,
now and forever.
Amen.
Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Now Thank We All Our God — J. S. Bach

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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Hymn Notes
Jesus Shall Reign

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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

Godly Play During Worship

During the past few Sundays, you may have missed the energy of Laura Keller and the children in the sanctuary during worship time! Well, they have not gone missing, they are simply meeting for Godly Play in Vickrey Hall. The decision to provide this special time for our children came from discussions between parents, Laura, and the Re-Opening Task Force.

After several months of families sitting together for a full hour during worship, the children now have this new opportunity to be engaged in age-appropriate Bible lessons with Laura and teachers who are cycling in and out with the students. Another plus is that the parents can enjoy their own dedicated worship time without having to keep their children quiet, entertained, and still.

Though we will miss seeing the children and hearing Laura's children's sermon, we know the children are safely reaping the benefits they need and deserve. And this is the best reason for this temporary solution during this challenging time.

Jesus Shall Reign

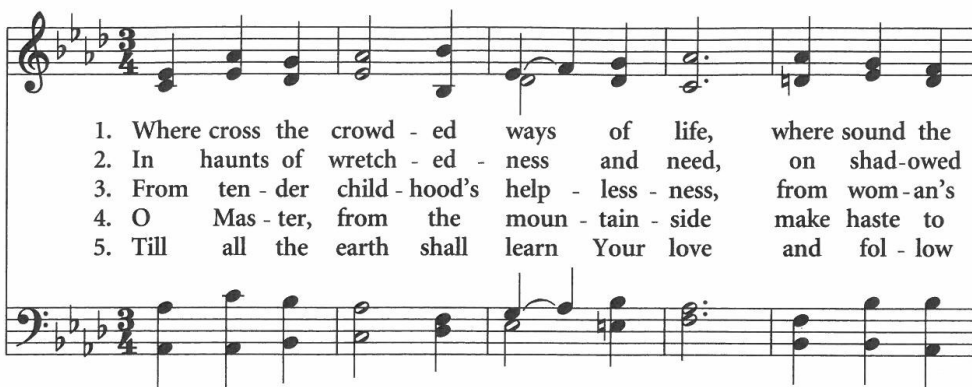
1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
and end - less prais - es crown His head;
dwell on His love with sweet - est song,
hon - or and glo - ry to our King;

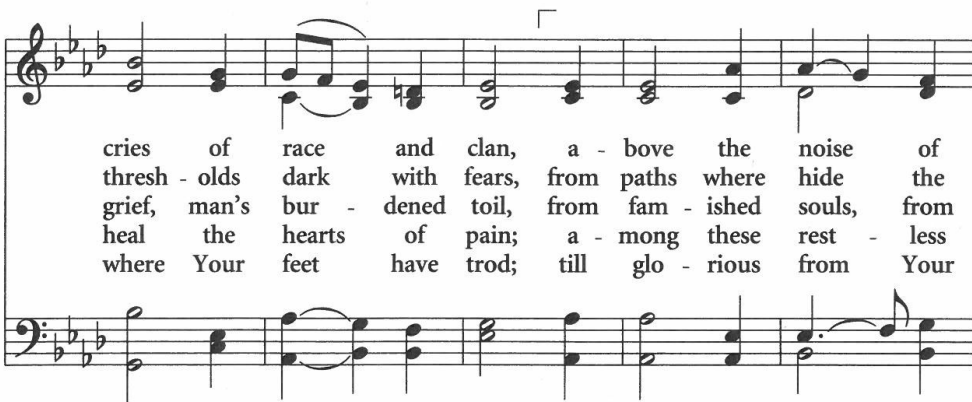
His king - dom spread from shore to shore,
His name like sweet per - fume shall rise
and in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
an - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.
and earth re - peat the loud "A - men"!

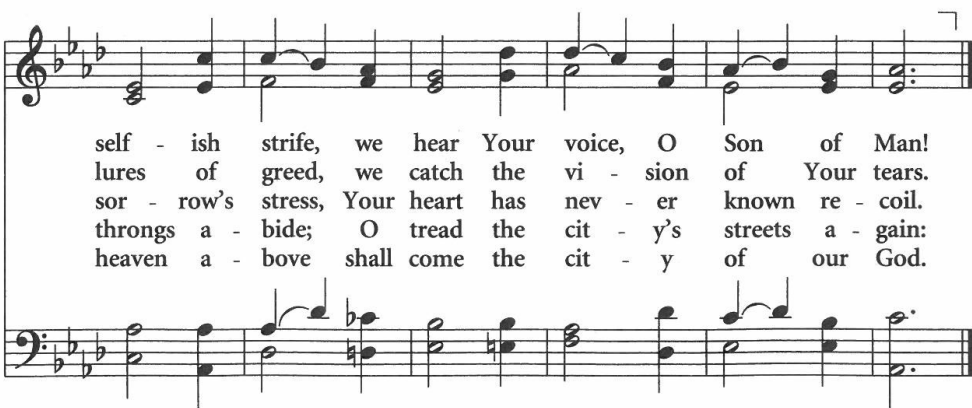
Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1. Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2. In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3. From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from wom - an's
4. O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain - side make haste to
5. Till all the earth shall learn Your love and fol - low

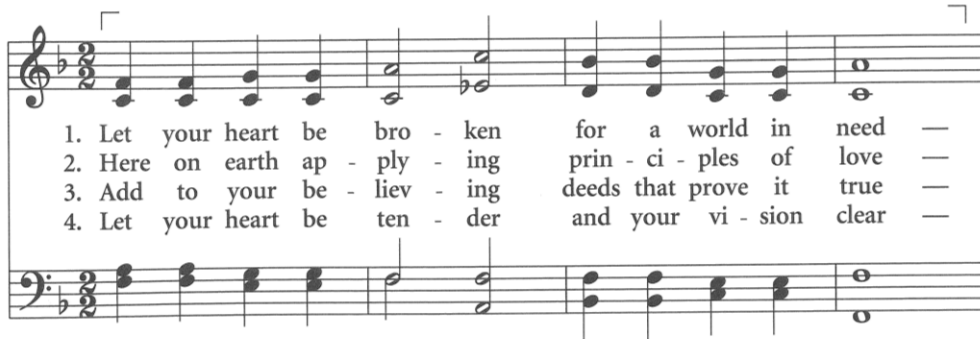


cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief, man's bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
heal the hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
where Your feet have trod; till glo - rious from Your

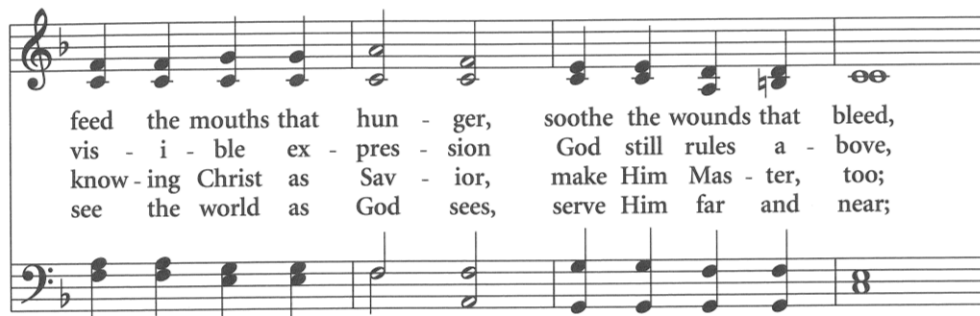


self - ish strife, we hear Your voice, O Son of Man!
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of Your tears.
sor - row's stress, Your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
throughs a - bid; O tread the cit - y's streets a - gain:
heaven a - bove shall come the cit - y of our God.

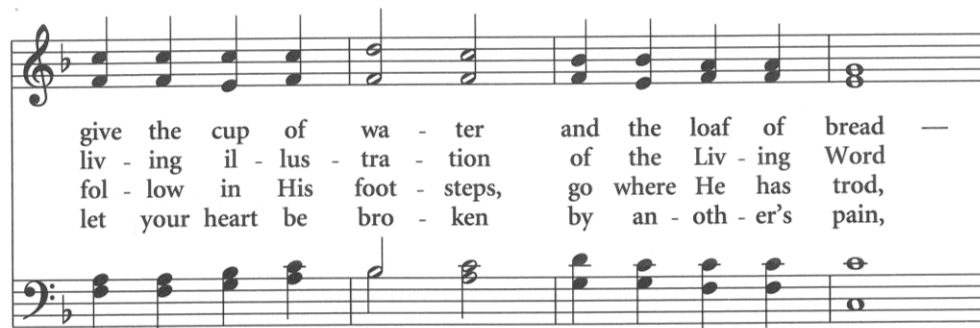
Let Your Heart Be Broken



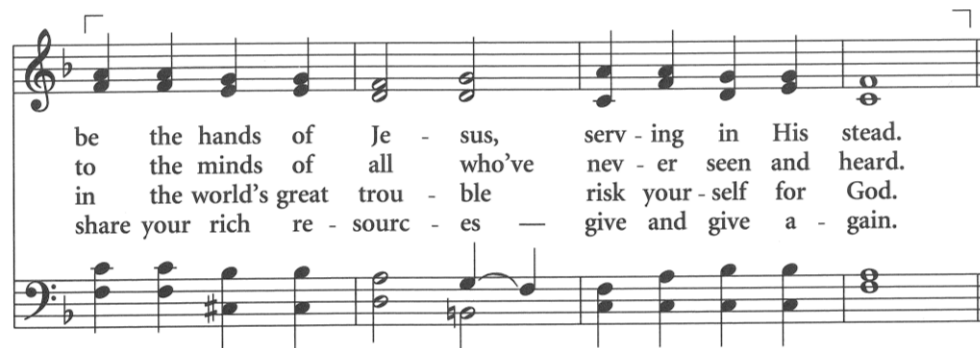
1. Let your heart be bro - ken for a world in need —
2. Here on earth ap - ply - ing prin - ci - ples of love —
3. Add to your be - liev - ing deeds that prove it true —
4. Let your heart be ten - der and your vi - sion clear —



feed the mouths that hun - ger, soothe the wounds that bleed,
vis - i - ble ex - pres - sion God still rules a - bove,
know - ing Christ as Sav - ior, make Him Mas - ter, too;
see the world as God sees, serve Him far and near;



give the cup of wa - ter and the loaf of bread —
liv - ing il - lus - tra - tion of the Liv - ing Word —
fol - low in His foot - steps, go where He has trod,
let your heart be bro - ken by an - oth - er's pain,



be the hands of Je - sus, serv - ing in His stead.
to the minds of all who've nev - er seen and heard.
in the world's great trou - ble risk your - self for God.
share your rich re - sourc - es — give and give a - gain.

The Scripture this morning is Matthew 14:13-23, which may be found on page 796 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹³Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

²²Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone.

(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!**

What THEN should we do?

Advent – 2021

November 28 – ADVENT I – We Do Hope

Scripture: Luke 21:25-36

December 5 – Advent II – We Do Peace

Hanging of the Green

Scripture: Luke 1:68-72

December 12 – Advent III – We Do Joy

Scripture: Luke 1:39-42

December 15 – Mourning Light

There will be opportunities to speak the names of those whom you mourn and remember. A Candle will be lit in their memory and an ornament placed on the Chrismon Tree.

December 19 – Advent IV – We Do Love

Scripture: Luke 3:7-18

December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - Family Christmas Eve — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

6:30 pm - Candlelight and Communion — Sanctuary (childcare provided)

December 26 – First Sunday after Christmas

10:55 am — Sanctuary

Advent Hymn

What, O What Then Shall We Do?

Text: Michael G. Dell, for Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, TX

For Advent/Christmas Eve, 2021



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 *Hanging of the Green* on December 5.

Request may be made:

- Online at royallane.org or use the QR code to be directed to online order form
- Email to info@royallane.org
- Mailed request to the church



Payment may be made by:

- Online – Select “Poinsettias Order” fund from giving menu at 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


Church Office Closed, November 24-26

No Evening Activities
Wednesday, November 24

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Jeremiah 35:14-16 Psalm
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	November 21 – Reign of Christ Sunday
12:30 pm	Program Council — Vickrey Hall
Wednesday	November 24
	Church Office closed
	No Wednesday Activities
Thursday	November 25 – Thanksgiving
	Church Office closed
Friday	November 26
	Church Office closed
Saturday	November 27
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	November 28 – First Sunday of Advent
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

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 & John Helms

When WE Give: new beginnings are in sight for struggling families.

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/



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