# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



# The Worship of God Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 23, 2022

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

With the Spirit upon him, Jesus teaches about God's good ways and good news to those whose lives have not experienced good. Such ways and news cry out to be heard and done today. The past may instruct; the future may beckon; today is when these ways and this news need to be lived and fulfilled. This is the day the Spirit empowers us with boldness and trust.

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Jubilate* — Gordon Young

\*Call to Worship

Congregation

This day is holy to our God; do not mourn or weep.

The Spirit of the Holy One is upon us to bring good news to the poor.

This day is holy to our God; for the joy of the Holy One is our strength.

God sends us to proclaim release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and justice to the oppressed.

On this day, may the scripture be fulfilled in our hearing.

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be pleasant to you, Holy One, our rock and our redeemer. \*Invocation Congregation

Let us pray:

We long for news that is good, O God—good for this earth, good for our hearts, good for communities. Teach us to listen for your good news about those ways you have set before us; exemplified for us, and called forth from us, in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

\*Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

A Year of God's Favor — ST. DENIO

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

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

A Call to Action

Patricia McNutt

Scripture Lesson

Quinn K.

Luke 4:14-21 [ Pew Bible page 835 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!

Call to Confession

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Congregation

Let us confess our sin as an offering of our trust in God's love and forgiveness for us. In contrast to God's clear word, our faults and failings may remain hidden from others and even from ourselves. Confession before God can clear our eyes and cleanse our hearts, for God's mercy is as wide as the firmament of heaven.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

God of our Restoration, whenever we come home to you, we realize how far we have strayed and how much we have forgotten of your law and your love. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, heal us, and restore us to your relationship with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we trust. Amen.

Silence Is Kept (continued)

#### Promise of Forgiveness

God's word does not come to condemn us, but to make us wise, reviving our souls and rejoicing our hearts. God's Word has been fulfilled among us in Jesus Christ, who sets us free to live in accord with God's own jubilee.

\*Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples — KINGSFOLD

Prayers of the People

Barrett Wooten & Congregation

We dream of a world where everyone has enough and pray that we might live simply and justly to create an equal distribution of your goodness.

God fill us with the power of your spirit.

We imagine creation in all its beauty, and pray we will walk lightly on this earth living as co-creators and caretakers of your gift.

God fill us with the power of your spirit.

We envision inclusive circles of dialogue, holy conversation of study and prayer that inspire inquiring minds and discerning hearts in all of us.

God fill us with the power of your spirit.

We picture a place of hospitality, and pray that we will respond compassionately as we welcome in the brokenness of our world.

God fill us with the power of your spirit.

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:

O Great Dreamer: inspire us in your ways, that in our imaginings, hopes, and prayers, we become the fulfillment of all that is possible in our world, our neighborhood, this place, and in each of us. Amen.

Solo Sharon Vickrey

## " An Anointing by The Spirit "

\*Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Congregation

Sing Out! Sound the Trumpets! Proclaim Jubilee! — TO GOD BE THE GLORY

If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,

please refer to pew rack card – "How to Become a Member"

Offertory Prayer

Bettie Meachum

Let us give generously from that which has been given to us, that through our offerings the good news of Jesus Christ may be fulfilled. God of life and new life, bless these gifts that we have given that they may further your reign in this world.

Offertory

David Weigle

Holy Spirit, Light Divine — arranged by Alice Jordan We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.

See back cover for ways to give.

**\***Sending Forth

Steve Graham

We have heard God's words

and trust that the Spirit is upon us.

May we be inspired to be a living fulfillment of all that is possible with God.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Toccata — Eugene Butler

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# In Support of Congregation Beth Israel

Some in our beloved community have experienced a great trauma this past week, and we want to reach out to let them know we are praying for them. Please join us in writing letters of love and support for the leaders and temple family of Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas. We will have blank notecards available in the Narthex, and you can put your completed cards in the offering plate, or in the basket at the back of the church after the worship service.

If you are worshipping with us from home, and would like to write a letter of support, you can send it to the address below.

We will deliver these messages of support to Congregation Beth Israel in the upcoming week.

Congregation Beth Israel 6100 Pleasant Run Rd Colleyville, TX 76034

# Christmas Eve Missions Offering

This past Christmas Eve, our special Missions offering was designated to go to The Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief. Named for Fellowship Southwest's founder Marv Knox, on the occasion of his retirement at the end of 2021, The Knox Fund for Immigrant Relief provides resources to pastors on both sides of the United States-Mexico border to serve immigrants and refugees. Fellowship Southwest regularly receives requests for financial assistance or ministry supplies from our partner pastors all along the border. Because of donations from churches like ours, they have been able to respond to these requests without interruption. Giving to this fund helps us be the presence of Christ for people Jesus called "the least of these."

Total for Christmas Eve Missions offering: \$2,025.00



# Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



#### Cover Art

Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue by James Tissot, 1836 – 1902
From a collection of 350 watercolors depicting the life of Jesus, first published in 1896.
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#### Hymn Notes A Year of God's Favor

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# Study for Wednesday Evening

with Steve Graham
The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality.
by Belden Lane

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6

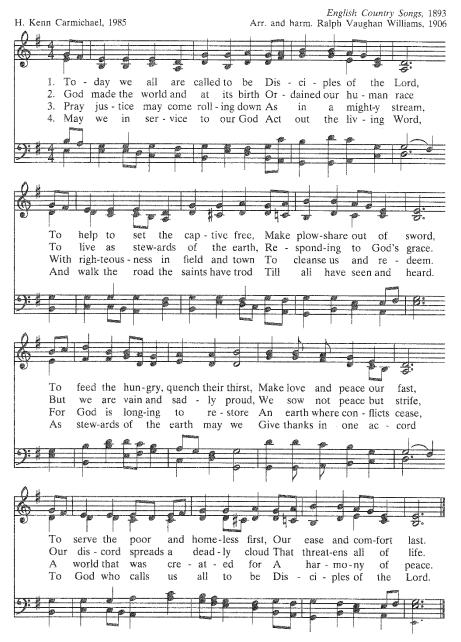
1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Luke 4:21-30

#### A Year of God's Favor



### Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

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## Sing Out! Sound the Trumpets! Proclaim Jubilee!





# **Book Study Invitation**

The Racial Justice Committee would like to share this invitation from First Baptist Church, Madison, Wisconsin, Rev. Tim Schaefer, Pastor, to participate in an online book study:

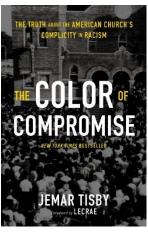
We at FBC Madison continue to work towards an internal audit of our church's systems, looking for ways we are perpetuating white supremacy. As a first step in that process, we are hosting a book/video study, using Jemar Tisby's Color of Compromise (The Truth About the American Church's Complicity in Racism). If you are interested, please see the Eventbrite link below to sign up to join us. Know that you don't need to be able to join for each week in order to attend. Thanks for considering!

https://bit.ly/3rxbQV9

#### Book discussion:

Every Sunday, January 23rd-February 27th, 2022, 7:00 – 8:00pm, CST – Zoom Schedule by week:

- 1: Introduction and Chapter 1 The Color of Compromise
- 2: Chapter 2 Making Race in the Colonial Era & Chapter 3 Understanding Liberty in the Age of Revolution and Revival
- 3: Chapter 4 Institutionalizing Race in the Antebellum Era & Chapter 5 – Defending Slavery at the Onset of the Civil War
- 4: Chapter 6 Reconstructing White Supremacy in the Jim Crow Era & Chapter 7 Remembering Complicity in the North
- 5: Chapter 8 Compromising with Racism During the Civil Rights Movement & Chapter 9 Organizing the Religious Right at the End of the Twentieth Century
- 6: Chapter 10 Reconsidering Reconciliation in the Age of Black Lives Matter & Chapter 11 – The Fierce Urgency of Now & Conclusion – Be Strong and Courageous



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The Scripture this morning is Luke 4:14-21, which may be found on page 835 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. 15He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. 16When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 18"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (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!** 

# Schedule for the Week

Monday	January 24
7:30 pm	Transition Support Team — Zoom
Tuesday	January 25
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom
Wednesday	January 26
10:00 am	Holy Rollers — Room 212
6:15 pm	Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
Saturday	January 29
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	January 30 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
9:15 am	Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am	Formations Class — Room 202
9:45 am	Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:30 am	Children ages 3 year 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 In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom 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 placed in the offering plate.





Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

#### **Deacons on Call**

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Barrett Wooten

When WE Give: we can provide opportunities to help all grow towards acceptance of others.

#### December 2021 Financials

 YTD Actual

 Revenues\*
 \$ 688,942

 Expenses
 \$ 680,285

 Surplus (Deficit)\*
 \$ 8,657

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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<sup>\*</sup>Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.