

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

January 30, 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

*Prophetic voices borne of love call us to trust and practice God's ways, even when those ways conflict with our own. Such voices may be difficult to hear or raise when the setting is what and who we have known as home. What God wants for our lives and all creation does not always coincide with our wants. Faith is not always an easy way to live, and always must be a way engaged with love. God calls us to speak out, proclaiming God's love and justice for those on the margins.*

### Voluntary

*God of Grace* — arranged by Paul Manz

David Weigle

### †Call to Worship

From the very beginning, God calls us.

**God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**

We come up with excuses to avoid our calls, for we are afraid.

**But God reassures us in many and various ways  
through the course of our days.**

Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff,

**God is with us and sustains us.**

Congregation

### †Invocation

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, we come before you knowing that what you call us to be  
and want for us is sometimes at odds with what the world expects from us.  
Sometimes we feel on the edge between the world you call us to be a part  
of. Show us your way, O Holy One, that we may learn how to be about  
your ministry even as we live on the edge. Open our hearts to receive your  
word and your guidance for our lives. Amen.**

Congregation

✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*They Raged at Jesus' Sermon* — LANCASHIRE

Words of Welcome

Steve Graham

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

Scripture Lesson

Carson G.

Luke 4:21-30 [ 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

Cheryl Robinson & Congregation

Trust in the One who made us and redeemed us. Let us confess our sin.

The Confession of Sin

Sometimes we are scared, O God.

**Other times we just don't know what to do.**

Most of the time we give into our own wants,

**even when we know it is not what you want for us.**

We don't trust you in the way we know that we should.

**Show us your way, O God,**

**that we may follow you faithfully,**

**even when you lead us to the edge;**

**to a place where the world tells us we should not go.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

God never asks us to go anywhere that God is not willing to go with us. We know that when we find the strength and the courage to trust, we will never be alone. God is greater than anything else in the world that tries to pull us away from God. The good news is that when we trust in God, we will discover courage and love and strength and abundance greater than anything we have ever known.

**Thanks be to God!**

✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Here In This Place* — GATHER US IN

Stanza 1 – one voice, Stanzas 2-4 - all

Prayers of the People

Jennifer Maddox & Congregation

O Holy One, being a Christian is risky business. You ask of us to follow you, and sometimes we find ourselves standing on the edge afraid that we are going to fall over. But you've been there before us. You have stood on the edge for what you believed and what you proclaimed. There is nothing that we are asked to bear or endure that you do not understand. You cannot promise us that everything will turn out the way we want it to, but you do promise us that you will stand with us at all the precipices of our lives as well as those times when we think we are on stable ground and have all the answers. Thank you for being on this journey with us and for leading and guiding us along the way.

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:

**Holy and Living God, doing your will, living out the ministry you put before us, can be scary. In knowing that everything we are and everything we have comes from you, we realize that what you ask of us is really not about us but about you. Show us how to live out the ministry you have called us to do at all the edges of our lives, speaking out against injustice and speaking up for the marginalized, so that we can be truly faithful to you. Amen.**

Solo

Brittany Jones

*There Is a Balm in Gilead* — arranged by Mark Hayes

Sermon

Steve Graham

**“ Aren't You Little Stevie Graham? ”**

*...and we are here as we have never been before, sighted as not before, our place Holy, although we knew it not. — Wendell Berry*

†Hymn of Commitment 503 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak* — CANONBURY

*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

Patsy Meier

God has called the church to be an agent of change. The resources we dedicate here are a symbol of our whole life response. With awe and wonder before you, O God, we dare to enlist all our efforts toward the realization of your realm. Where there is injustice, we would champion those oppressed and misunderstood. When some feel rejected, we reach out to accept them in Christ’s name. May these offerings preach and teach and heal. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

*Amazing Grace* — arranged by Charles Callahan  
*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 & Congregation

God’s call to us drives us to the edge;  
to places of hurting; to places of need.  
In those places we find hope and help  
because we are not alone.  
God goes with us.

**Together we go out to serve  
at all those edgy places where we are called,  
ever mindful that we are not alone.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Postlude on Two American Folk Hymns* — arranged by Charles Callahan

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



## Cover Art

*Brow of the Hill Near Nazareth* watercolor by James Tissot, 1836-1902  
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## Hymn Notes

### They Raged at Jesus' Sermon

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### Lord Speak to Me that I May Speak

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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

**Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13) Psalm 138**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11**

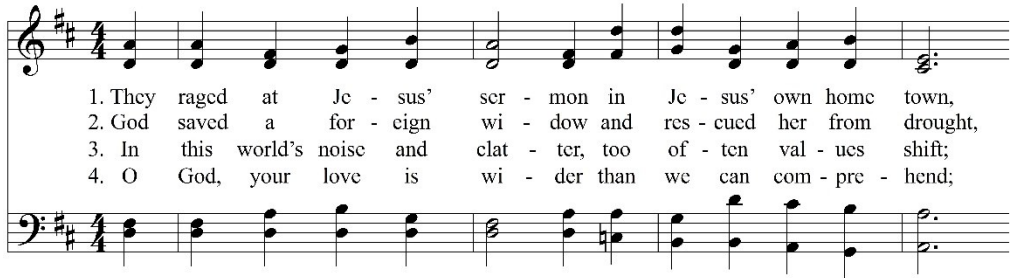
## Women of the Church Retreat

Right about now, don't we all need some restoration and renewal?! If you are a woman reading this, please SAVE THIS DATE, Saturday, April 30th, for the pandemic-inspired and reinvented Women of the Church retreat!

This year our retreat will be at Sarah and Rodney Macias' inspiring Sister Grove Farm from 10am-8pm. The day will be filled with nurturing food for the body and soul. Be on the lookout for the registration opportunity that will begin in late February.

*Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez*

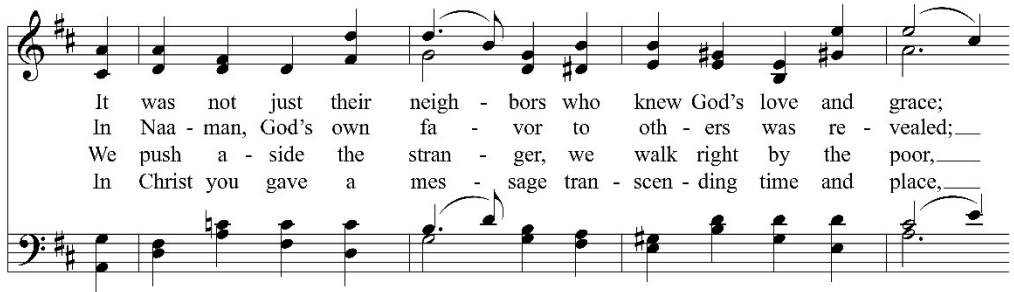
# They Raged at Jesus' Sermon



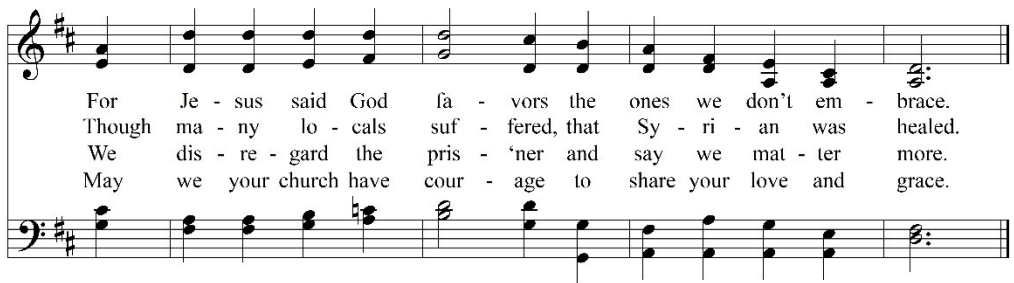
1. They raged at Je - sus' ser - mon in Je - sus' own home town,  
2. God saved a for - cign wi - dow and res - cued her from drought,  
3. In this world's noise and clat - ter, too of - ten val - ues shift;  
4. O God, your love is wi - der than we can com - pre - hend;



For in the things he taught them, he turned life up - side down;  
For when she helped E - li - jah, God al - so helped her out.  
We say Christ's words don't mat - ter and throw them off a cliff.  
You reach to the out - si - der and call the stran - ger "friend."



It was not just their neigh - bors who knew God's love and grace;  
In Naa - man, God's own fa - vor to oth - ers was re - vealed;—  
We push a - side the stran - ger, we walk right by the poor,—  
In Christ you gave a mes - sage tran - scen - ding time and place,—



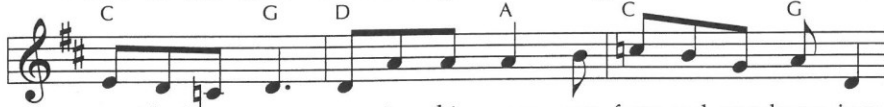
For Je - sus said God fa - vors the ones we don't em - brace.  
Though ma - ny lo - cals suf - fered, that Sy - ri - an was healed.  
We dis - re - gard the pris - 'ner and say we mat - ter more.  
May we your church have cour - age to share your love and grace.

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



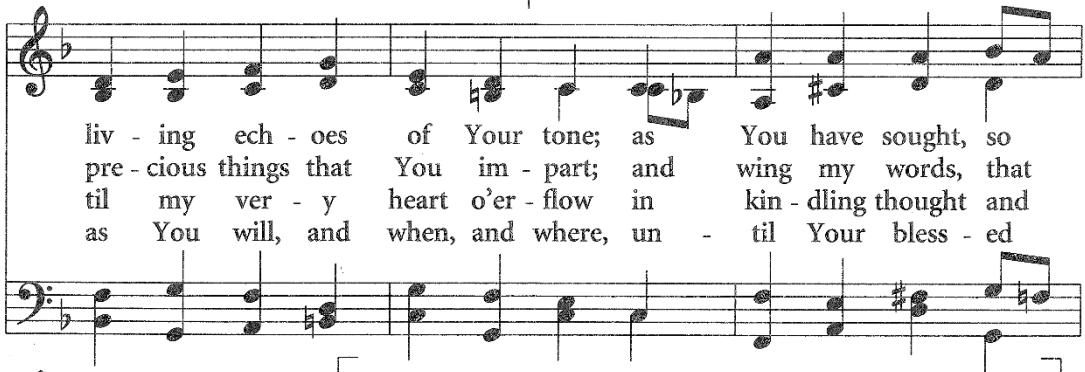
we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.



# Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
3. O fill me with Your full - ness, Lord, un -  
4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just



liv - ing ech - oes of Your tone; as You have sought, so  
pre - cious things that You im - part; and wing my words, that  
til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
as You will, and when, and where, un - til Your bless - ed



let me seek Your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, Your love to tell, Your praise to show.  
face I see, Your rest, Your joy, Your glo - ry share.

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 4:21-30, 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>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.  
(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*

- Sunday**     **January 30 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**  
12:15 pm    Committal Service, Steve Dolloff — Columbarium
- Monday**    **January 31**  
7:30 pm     Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Wednesday**    **February 2 – Mosaic**  
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)  
7:15 pm     Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday**    **February 5**  
2:00 pm     Questers Class — Zoom  
8:00 pm     Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday**     **February 6 – Fifth 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 – Holy Communion Offered — Sanctuary  
                  or Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
2:00 pm     Missions Committee — Library  
7:30 pm     Education Committee — Zoom

*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).

## **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](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer)  
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



## Deacons on Call

Cheryl Robinson & Jennifer Maddox

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### December 2021 Financials

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