

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 6, 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

One metaphor for the New Testament story of God's reign at work in our midst might be fishing—casting God's saving word of justice, peace, and mercy into the deep social waters of hatred, oppression, and greed in order to draw all people into abundant life. Those called to "cast the nets" may seem unlikely choices. When God transforms those who respond to God's word, the results cannot be contained. In what ways have you experienced God's word as a call to mission? What does it mean to be called into mission—as an individual and as a church?

Voluntary

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

In this sanctuary, God, the Holy One,
whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

**Beside the sea, along ordinary paths,
in our daily work, God calls us.**

We respond with our whole heart,
singing God's praise and giving thanks.

**In steadfast love, God fulfills
the divine purposes for our lives.**

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Creator God, you have drawn us from deep within ourselves into your loving net of grace. Strengthen us to cast such a net of justice and mercy into the depths of this community and world, that all might feel enfolded by your realm. Amen.

†Hymn 476 [see insert]

Congregation

You Walk Along Our Shoreline — AURELIA

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

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

Scripture Lesson

Jacob H.

Luke 5:1-11 [Pew Bible page 836 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!

Time of Silent Reflection

Hymn 473 [see insert]

Congregation

Will You Come and Follow Me — KELINGROVE
(The Summons)

Offertory Prayer

Harry Hunter

Holy One, we are invited to cast our nets into God's abundance, and to share what we have received with others. As we give our tithes and offerings today, we put our trust in the one who has called us to follow him: Jesus Christ, the great Fisher of people. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

Prayers of the People

Sarah Plunk & Congregation

O God, you meet us where we live and invite us to be part of your purpose. All thanks and praise to you, for you hear our prayers for the church, the world, and all who live in it.

**On the day I called you, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for the church and for all who work to bring others a word of compassion.

**On the day I called you, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for peace among nations and peace among people.

**On the day I called you, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for those suffering from war or calamities of natures.

**On the day I called you, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for those who are oppressed and need courage to resist.

**On the day I called you, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.**

We pray for those who because of illness or hardship are paralyzed by fear.

**On the day I called you, you answered me;
you increased my strength of soul.**

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:

God of majesty and glory, through Jesus Christ you summon us into your compassion for all creation. Renew in us your call and release us from all fear, that we may testify in words and deeds to your steadfast love for all. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Be Not Afraid — arranged by Taylor Davis

Be not afraid, for I have redeemed you. Be not afraid, I've called you by name.

My love for you is ever-lasting, my love for you shall have no end.

When you walk through the waters, I will surround you.

When you pass through the floods, they will not sweep o'er.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be consumed.

You are my child, you are so precious to me.

You are my child, and I'll love you always. Just hold my hand, and I'll lead you home.

When you feel lost, always remember: I am right here, just call out my name.

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ Life Isn't Always Lived In The Shallow End of the Pool ”

In a Christian community everything depends on whether each individual is an indispensable link in a chain. Only when even the smallest link is securely interlocked is the chain unbreakable. A community which allows unemployed members to exist within it will perish because of them. It will be well, therefore, if every member receives a definite task to perform for the community, that he may know in hours of doubt that he, too, is not useless and unusable.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

✠Hymn of Commitment 482 [see insert]

Congregation

Here I Am, Lord — Daniel L. Schutte

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card — “How to Become a Member”*

Communion

All Believers

Invitation to the Table

Through this table of bread and cup, we look toward the future with hope. We are reminded that our past lies behind us, that the grace of God has overcome our fears and our indiscretions. Through Christ's great love, we are no longer afraid of the future. Through Christ's gracious meal, we are provided a second chance.

Words of Institution

Jesus loved his disciples through their imperfections. Knowing they would desert him and betray him, he still shared the bread and the cup. “Remember me,” said Jesus the Christ, upon his blessings of cup and bread.

May the Spirit of God bless the great table of Christ. May the Spirit of God help us recognize God’s grace
in the breaking of the bread
and in the pouring of the cup.

Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

We recall the words and blessings of Jesus each time we unite at his table. We remember the gifts of Jesus the Christ each time we wake to a new day and step into his renewed future. Amen.

†Sung Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

†Sending Forth

Steve Graham

God provides abundantly.

We will live without fear.

God has filled our nets to bursting.

We will live in joyful gratitude.

God has a great purpose for us all.

We will follow God’s lead.

Let us trust God, who has been ever steadfast.

We will be bold and answer God’s call.

Go in God.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

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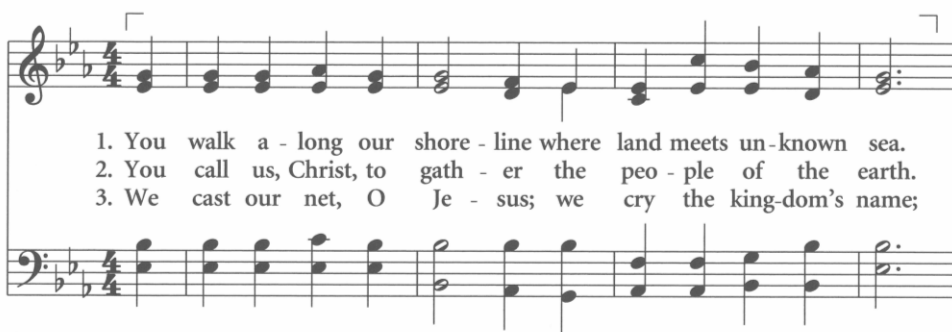
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Scriptures for Next Sunday

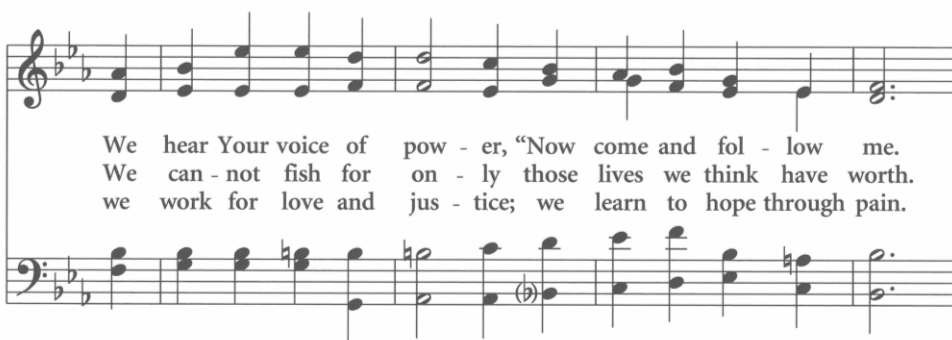
Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Luke 6:17-26

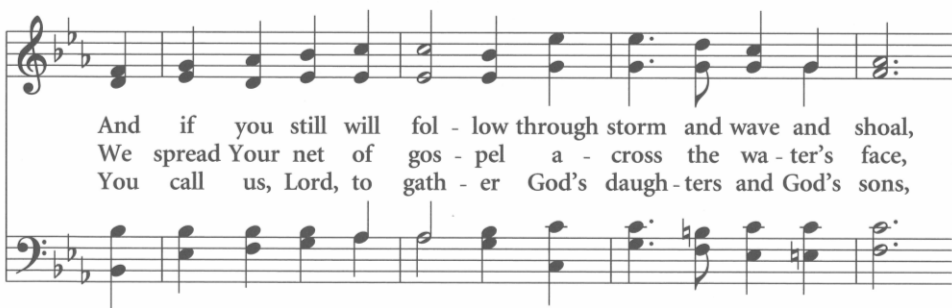
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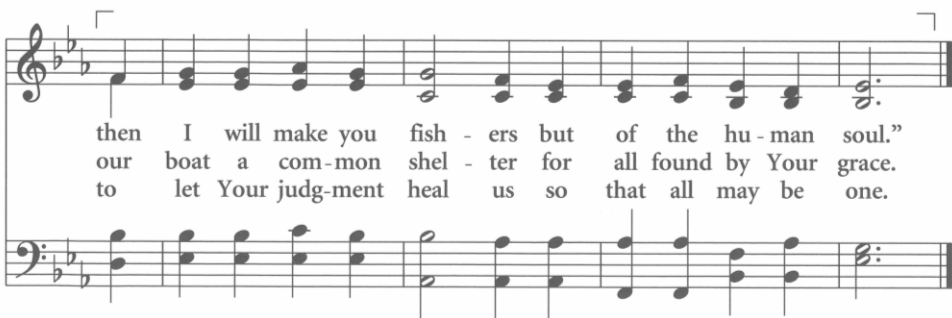
1. You walk a - long our shore - line where land meets un-known sea.
2. You call us, Christ, to gath - er the peo - ple of the earth.
3. We cast our net, O Je - sus; we cry the king-dom's name;



We hear Your voice of pow - er, "Now come and fol - low me.
We can - not fish for on - ly those lives we think have worth.
we work for love and jus - tice; we learn to hope through pain.



And if you still will fol - low through storm and wave and shoal,
We spread Your net of gos - pel a - cross the wa - ter's face,
You call us, Lord, to gath - er God's daugh - ters and God's sons,



then I will make you fish - ers but of the hu - man soul."
our boat a com-mon shel - ter for all found by Your grace.
to let Your judg-ment heal us so that all may be one.

Will You Come and Follow Me

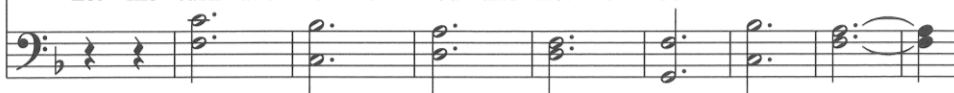
Unison



1. Will you come and fol - low Me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when You but call my name.



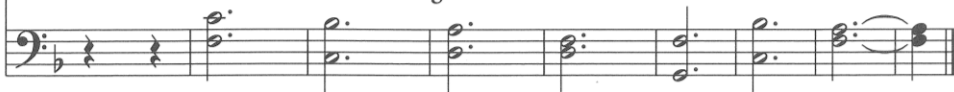
Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-on-ers free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low You and nev - er be the same.



Will you let My love be shown, will you let My name be known,
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,
In Your com - pa - ny I'll go where Your love and foot-steps show.



will you let My life be grown in you and you in Me?
Will you let Me an - swer prayer in you and you in Me?
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?
through My sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?
Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.



Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Parts (optional)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures high and

low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly

known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Scripture this morning is Luke 5:1-11, which may be found on page 836 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

(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!**

Pastor Profile Survey

The Transition Support Team would like your input to help complete a Pastor Profile for Royal Lane's pastor search. An email with the link to a survey will be sent to you. The collection of everyone's thoughts and opinions is an important step in the search process. Please be on the lookout for an email as soon as today!

Invitation from the Racial Justice Committee

An upcoming conference with free virtual registration titled "*Do We Want to Be Healed?*" *Racism in the White Church* is set for Feb. 17-19, 2022 at Baylor University's Truett Seminary and features among its speakers Robert P. Jones, Catherine Meeks and Kristin Du Mez. This opportunity was brought to the attention of the Racial Justice Committee by the Alliance of Baptists.



More info may be found here: <https://bit.ly/3odb3b2>

Women of the Church Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 pm

Our program will be presented by a Dolly Parton entertainer, Rhonda Medina. It would be so much more fun if you could join us! Come and enjoy a soup supper and some great entertainment!

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

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

John Helms & Sarah King

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