

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



He came down with them and stood on a level place . . .

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 13, 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

Life that is grounded in God brings blessing. Like trees nourished by streams of water, we grow in faith as we join others who seek justice and live into the fullness of God's reign. There are blessings and woes in life, and God's people are not exempt. Trusting in God, we are blessed to bring healing and blessing to others, inviting them to participate in the vision offered in Jesus' teaching. What strengthens you to continue bearing such fruit?

Voluntary

Fanfare — Paul Dukas

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Poor or despairing, come to be blessed.

Hungry or tired, come to be restored.

Sorrowing or sighing, come to discover joy.

Bring your tired, your poor.

Share your hopes, your dreams.

Embrace your hopes, your dreams.

Come as you are.

All are welcome here.

Congregation

✠Invocation

Let us pray:

God of blessings and woes, bless us with your presence this day. Reveal your way forward and guide us in pathways of hope and grace. In your blessed name, we pray. Amen.

Congregation

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Let Streams of Living Justice — THAXTED

Words of Welcome

Steve Graham

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

Scripture Lesson

Harper W.

A Way of Blessing – based on Luke 6:17-26 [see insert]

Call to Confession

Karen Miller & Congregation

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. So let us be honest and confess what separates us from God and our neighbors, trusting in God's constant desire to forgive and renew.

The Confession of Sin

When we hoard things and do not share,

forgive us, loving God.

When we think we have it made and do not need others,

forgive us, loving God.

When we laugh at other's misfortune, and say "it serves them right,"

forgive us, loving God.

When we care more about what others think of us than in doing what is right,

forgive us loving God.

When we would rather follow our own way than yours,

forgive us, loving God.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Blessed are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, but whose delight is in the law of God. Your sins are forgiven. Go and live in God's way.

Thanks be to God!

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Blessed Are the Poor Among You — PROMISES

Prayers of the People

DeeDee Young & Congregation

Holy One, you have created us with the ability to choose between life and death, blessings and curses. Help us to reject the advice of the wicked or sit with the scoffers, and by your grace, empower us to put our trust in you.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who put their trust in themselves instead of in you.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for those who put their trust in rulers and politicians and find themselves deceived and misled.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

We pray for the trees, for the rivers and streams, and for all your creation: turn us from our exploitative ways to help you renew the earth.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

Today we pray especially for the family of Amir Locke and 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, you demand much, but promise that your yoke is easy. Guide us throughout our lives, keeping us ever mindful of the good news of your forgiving and renewing grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Anthem

Choir & Congregation

Blest Are They — arranged by David Haas and Michael Joncas
(sing on direction)

Refrain

Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless-ed are
you, ho - ly are you. Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____
— Yours is the king-dom of God! _____

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Refrain' and contains the melody for 'Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____ Bless-ed are'. The second staff continues the melody with 'you, ho - ly are you. Re - jice _____ and be glad! _____'. The third staff concludes with '— Yours is the king-dom of God! _____'. The lyrics are written below the notes, with blank lines for the lyrics to be filled in during the performance.

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ He Stood on a Level Place! ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 550 [see insert]

Congregation

We're Marching to Zion — MARCHING TO ZION
*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

Nate Green

Blessed One, we discover such a contrast to our present culture when we read the Beatitudes. We rejoice that these generous gifts will strengthen this congregation's ability to engage in ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth. We dedicate them to you in gratitude for your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

What Offering Shall I Bring to Thee? — Robert Elmore
*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

Let us go to bless.

We go to be blessed.

Let us go to love.

We go to be loved.

Let us go to renew.

We go to be renewed.

We will go with God's blessing to the world.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Two Pieces from “Judas Maccabeus” — G. F. Handel

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Pastor Profile Survey

The Transition Support Team is completing Royal Lane's Pastor Profile to help inform the pastor search. An email was sent on February 6th by Terry Berrier to active members to solicit the thoughts and opinions of our church membership. The collection and consideration of our thoughts are very important steps in the pastor search process, and we are asking that all surveys be submitted by **Sunday, February 20th**.

Cover Art

The Sermon on a Level Place by JESUS MAFA

JESUS MAFA is a response to the New Testament readings from the Lectionary by a Christian community in Cameroon, Africa. Each of the readings was selected and adapted to dramatic interpretation by the community members. Photographs of their interpretations were made, and these were then transcribed to paintings.

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Hymn Notes

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We're Marching to Zion

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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>

Cornerstone Community Garden Project

2815 S. Ervay St.

(at the corner of South Ervay St. and Al Lipscomb Way)

We have a wonderful opportunity to serve the congregation and surrounding community of Cornerstone Baptist Church. Please join us as we help prepare the soil for planting at the Cornerstone Community Garden. The food Cornerstone grows feeds our beloved community in South Dallas, including our neighbors experiencing homelessness. **Come join us as we volunteer on Saturday morning February 26th, 9am-11am.**

Sign up below, and come with a friend, or with your whole Sunday School Class or Care Group! **IMPORTANT: Cornerstone will not have tools for us to use**, so please bring your gardening gloves, your favorite gardening tools, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent. Let’s help Cornerstone continue with their mission to feed our beloved community in need.

Here is the Sign Up Genius link and QR code:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4AABA828A75-cornerstone1>



Parking is available at the “Old Church” at 2713 South Ervay St., or at Jesse’s Place at 2904 South Ervay St. (across the street from South Point Community Market)



Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching Guest Preacher, February 20, 2022 Rev. Nerissa E. Grigsby

Nerissa Grigsby is a multi-faceted and well-rounded individual with many passions! She was licensed to preach the gospel on December 19th, 2003. She served as the Youth and Young Adult Pastor of Central Baptist

Church in Pittsburgh, PA, where her father, Rev. Victor J. Grigsby is the Pastor. She served as the Youth & Young Adult Pastor until 2010 and on December 5th, 2010, she completed her catechism and was ordained. She was then appointed as the Associate Pastor of Worship, where she served 11 different ministries. During this time, Rev. Grigsby received her Bachelor of Arts degree from California University of Pennsylvania (2007) and Master of Arts degree from Point Park University (2009).

Very adamant about serving in ministry and climbing the corporate ladder, Rev. Grigsby accepted a corporate position and moved to St. Louis, Missouri in 2011. She continued to be involved in ministry and she even branched into entrepreneurship. She began a mentoring program for girls ages 13-17. She also created a seminar and pageant to empower young girls and help cultivate them personally and spiritually.

In 2015, Rev. Grigsby accepted her company's request to relocate to Dallas, Texas where she currently resides. She is a member of Friendship West Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglas Haynes III is the Pastor.

In 2020, Rev. Grigsby received her Master of Divinity (MDiv) degree, graduating Magna Cum Laude, from Southern Methodist University (SMU) Perkins School of Theology. She is also a published author, with two books released, R.E.B.E.L. Faith 30-Day Devotional in 2020 and The Best Me, a children's book released in 2021.

Rev. Grigsby is still enrolled at SMU Perkins School of Theology pursuing her Doctorate of Ministry (DMin) degree and plans to graduate May 2023.

CREDO COMMUNITY CHOIR OF DALLAS HOSTS

 A GRAND NIGHT FOR
SINGING

February 25, 7:30 pm

A Grand Night for Singing
Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

The singing community is invited to join voices at an evening filled with uplifting, healing music on Friday, February 25th at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center, 2301 Flora Street in Dallas hosted by Credo Community Choir of Dallas. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m.

“Singers from every school, church, synagogue, and community choir in the Metroplex are invited to take the Meyerson stage for an evening of communal singing. Eight of DFW’s most acclaimed conductors will share the podium and be joined by the prolific American choral composer Elaine Hagenberg who will conduct her own works and address the massed choir,” says Jonathan Palant, event producer and director of Dallas’ Credo Community Choir.

“Together, we will sing music by John Rutter, Moses Hogan, G. F. Handel, Richard Smallwood, and choral icon Alice Parker. Ms. Callie Day, internationally-known singer and YouTube sensation, will lend her distinctive vocal style to the program and lead the massed choir in *Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing*.”

Singers of all abilities are asked to enter the Meyerson Symphony Center through the main glass doors on Flora Street to purchase music packets for \$20 (cash preferred, but credit card accepted), then follow signs to the stage. The lobby opens at 6:00 p.m., and singers should be in place by 7:25 p.m. There is no pre- registration, and friends and family are welcome to observe the event from the audience. Attire is business casual for those on stage.

Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship at Royal Lane Baptist Church, will be conducting the opening piece.

Please direct questions to info@credochoir.org

Let Streams of Living Justice



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

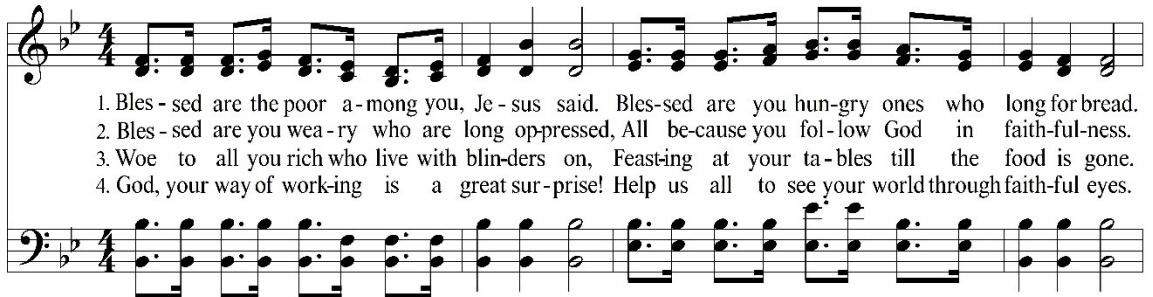


Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;

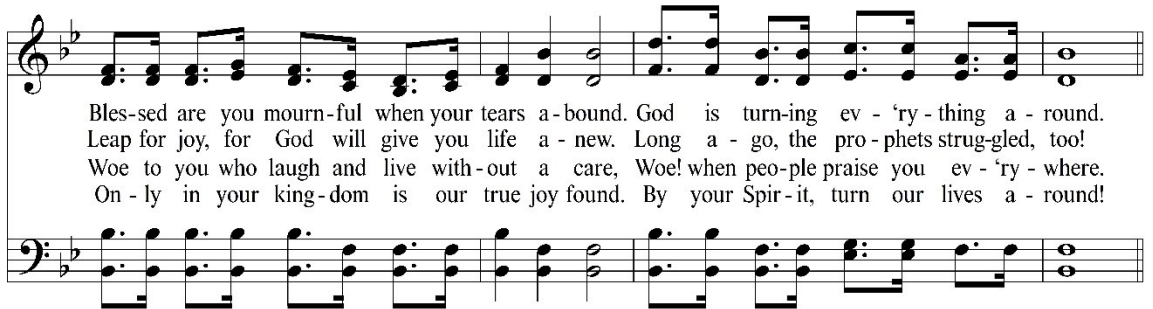


a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.


Blessed Are the Poor Among You



1. Bles - sed are the poor a - mong you, Je - sus said. Bles - sed are you hun - gry ones who long for bread.
2. Bles - sed are you wea - ry who are long oppressed, All be - cause you fol - low God in faith - ful - ness.
3. Woe to all you rich who live with blin - ders on, Feast - ing at your ta - bles till the food is gone.
4. God, your way of work - ing is a great sur - prise! Help us all to see your world through faith - ful eyes.



Bles - sed are you mourn - ful when your tears a - bound. God is turn - ing ev - 'ry - thing a - round.
Leap for joy, for God will give you life a - new. Long a - go, the pro - phets strug - gled, too!
Woe to you who laugh and live with - out a care, Woe! when peo - ple praise you ev - 'ry - where.
On - ly in your king - dom is our true joy found. By your Spir - it, turn our lives a - round!



Hear the good news! God is gi - ving you the king - dom and the laugh - ter.
Hear the good news! God is giv - ing you the king - dom and the laugh - ter.
God has spo - ken: You have all re - ceived your joy and con - so - la - tion.
Yours is good news! You have of - fered us the king - dom and the laugh - ter.



God will fill you And you will know the joy that o - ver - flows.
God will fill you And you will know the joy that o - ver - flows.
I was hun - gry, But did you share what God had giv - en you?
Please, God, fill us, And we will know the joy that o - ver - flows.

We're Marching to Zion

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "We're Marching to Zion". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, aligned with the notes.

1. Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2. Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3. The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets,
4. Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry;

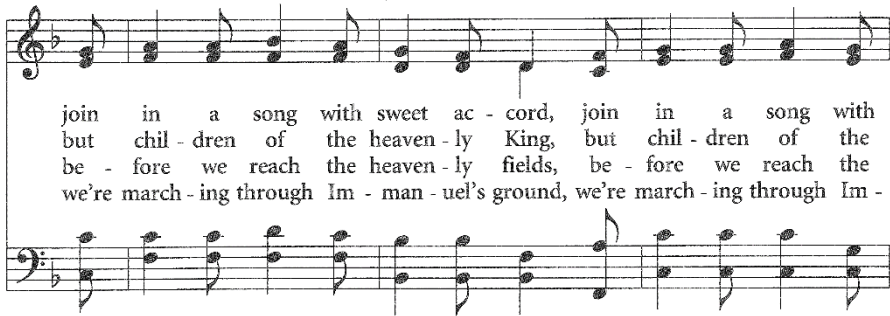
Women of the Church Retreat

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!

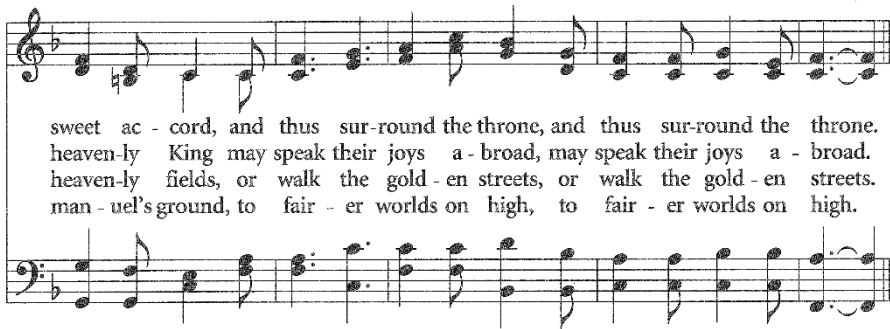
This year our retreat will be at Sarah and Rodney Macias' inspiring Sister Grove Farm from 10am-8pm. The day will be filled with nurturing food for the body and soul.

You are invited to register by submitting a registration fee of \$50.00, in a check payable to Royal Lane Baptist Church, with "WOC Retreat" in the memo line. This event is limited to 50 participants.

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
 but chil - dren of the heaven - ly King, but chil - dren of the
 be - fore we reach the heaven - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord, and thus sur-round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
 heaven-ly King may speak their joys a - broad, may speak their joys a - broad.
 heaven-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;
 We're march - ing on to Zi - on,



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.
 Zi - on, Zi - on,

The Scripture this morning is Luke 6:17-26, which may be found on page 838 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

(NRSV)

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	February 13 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
1:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting — Zoom
Monday	February 14
7:30 pm	Transition Support Team — Zoom
Wednesday	February 15 – Mosaic
10:00 am	Holy Rollers — Room 202
6:15 pm	Midweek Study — Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Choir — Sanctuary
Saturday	February 19
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	February 20 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
	Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching
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, Guest Preacher, Nerissa Grigsby — 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.



Deacons on Call

Nate Green & Terry Berrier

When WE Give: we can engage in ministries of peace, mercy, comfort, and truth!

December 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 688,942
Expenses	\$ 680,285
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 8,657

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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