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Bread for Body and Soul

(Sign in Bavarian Bakery)

The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 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

Chapter seventeen in 1 Kings begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's savings acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath, who does something of such great importance when she shares her last bit of food with Elijah.

Voluntary

A Mighty Fortress —Johann Walther

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to God all my life long.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them and

**who executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.**

The Lord sets prisoners free
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

**The Lord watches over the stranger
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

—*Psalm 146: 1-2, 5-10*

Congregation

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

All praise to you, most holy and gracious God! You have set us free from fear and filled us with good things. You surprise us with your grace and give us all we need. Even when we lose sight of your ways, you pull us back to you and overwhelm us all over again, reminding us of your power and your compassion, and your justice. All praise to you, our triune God, now and forever. Amen.

✠Hymn 303 [see insert]

Congregation

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly — HOLY MANNA

Words of Welcome

Laura Keller

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

Scripture Lesson

Andres C.

1 Kings 7:7-16 [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

Christin Lavery & Congregation

Christ came into the world to save us from sin, once and for all. Because of his sacrifice for us, God waits in mercy to forgive. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Forgive us, Lord, when we think too highly of ourselves and clamor after privilege and honor. Forgive us, Lord, when we cannot lift our gaze because we do not believe we have anything to give. You have given us the best gift of all: freedom from all that harms us and the way to abundant life. Have mercy on our foolishness and heal our lovesick hearts, that we may live faithfully for you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

(continued)

Promise of Forgiveness

Children of God, the news is good and it is for you: in Jesus Christ, all our failings are washed away; our thirst for goodness is quenched. Remember your baptism and be glad!

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar — HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Prayers of the People

Betty Garrett & Congregation

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of the world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

We give you thanks for social ministries of the church around the world and for every ministry that heals, lifts up, and empowers those who are poor, oppressed, abused, abandoned, or ignored. Build up your ministries and prosper all works of mercy. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for the bounty of creation and a world of abundance. Protect the earth from all who would devour its resources. Create and strengthen sustainable communities who honor your creation with living care.

Hear us O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for leaders who seek peace for all nations and lead efforts toward greater justice. Accompany all who suffer the sounds of war, with veterans who carry battle scars from the past, and all who promote peace today.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We praise you for plentiful harvests and generous hearts. Send needed resources and caring neighbors to all those in need. We pray for refugees, orphans, widows, those unemployed, those suffering abuse, and all who are in need. Restore to health all who are sick in any 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:

**God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray.
Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Black Lives Kyrie — Ken Medema

Rita Nsumbu, soloist; Kate Thompson, narrator

By the waters we sat down and wept, and we wept for thee, Zion. Kyrie, eleison.

(See insert for narration – *Black Lives*, by Laura Cook)

Sermon

Nerissa Grigsby

“ Go Back and Check Again ”

†Hymn of Commitment 33 [see insert]

Congregation

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah — CWM RHONDDA

*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

Tex Quesada

We give in the spirit of Jesus, whose whole life was committed to proclaiming your love, gracious God. May our lives give evidence that we understand the care and compassion you have for all people, near and far, attractive and offensive, rich and poor. Our offerings today are a token of all the gifts we now invest in the work of your realm that is forever, beginning among us now. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Higher Ground — arranged by Mark Hayes

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

†Sending Forth

Nerissa Grigsby

May the abundant goodness of God,
the generous mercy of Christ,
and the sustaining power of the Spirit
be with you today and every day
until the coming of God’s joyous reign.
Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Rain Down — arranged by Mark Hayes

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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Hymn Notes

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Special Church Conference Following Worship, Sunday, February 27

The budget for 2022 will be presented for approval at a Special Church Conference, following worship, Sunday, February 27 with a zoom link for those members worshipping at home. Please contact Janet Schultz by Monday, February 21, at jschultz@royallane.org or 214-361-2609, ext. 11 if you would like to receive a mailed copy of the budget.



Baptist Women in Ministry Month of Preaching Guest Preacher 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.

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://bit.ly/3sxYDMI>



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)

Red Cross Blood Drive



Tuesday, February 22, Vickrey Hall

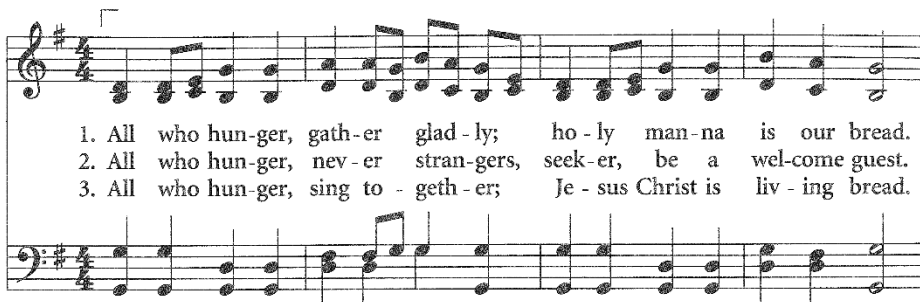
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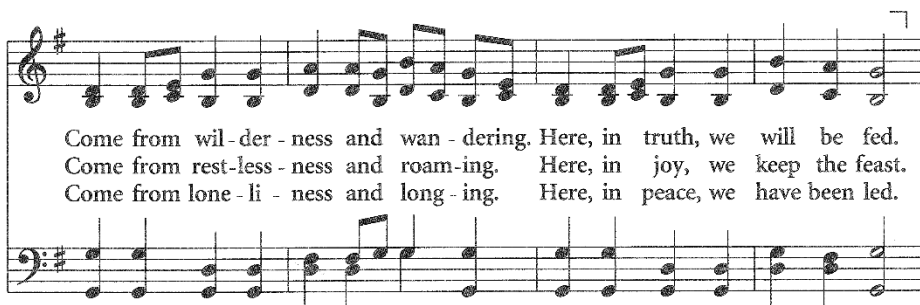
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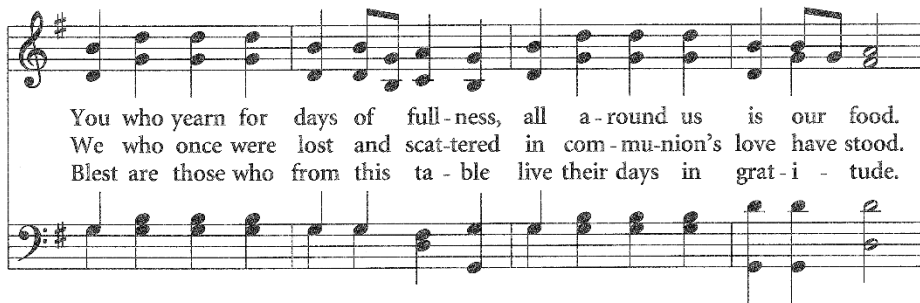
All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1. All who hun-ger, gath-er glad-ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, nev-er stran-gers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to- geth-er; Je- sus Christ is liv- ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You who yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
We who once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta-ble live their days in grat-i-tude.



Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.
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A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar

1 A proph-et - wom - an broke a jar, by Love's di - vine ap -
 2 A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb by Love's di - vine com -
 3 Though wom - an - wis - dom, wom - an - truth, for cen - tu - ries were
 4 The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls, by Love's di - vine or -

point - ing. With rare per - fume she filled the room, pre -
 mis - sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a -
 hid - den, un - sung, un - writ - ten, and un - heard, de -
 dain - ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their

sid - ing and a - noint - ing. A proph - et - wom - an broke a jar,
 ris - ing from sub - mis - sion. A faith - ful wom - an left a tomb,
 rid - ed and for - bid - den, the Spir - it's breath, the Spir - it's fire,
 powers and gifts un - chain - ing. The Spir - it knows; the Spir - it calls,

the sneers of scorn de - fy - ing. With rare per - fume she
 with res - ur - rec - tion gos - pel. She saw; she heard; she
 on free and slave de - scend - ing, can tum - ble our di -
 from wom - en, men, and chil - dren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.
 preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.
 vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.
 serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

Study for Wednesday Evening

Holy Envy

Finding God in the Faith of Others

by Barbara Brown Taylor

with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)



Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday on Sunday & Games

Sunday, February 27, 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Vickrey Hall

Pancakes, Games & More!

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side: bear me through the swell - ing cur - rent,

hold me with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong De - liv - erer, strong De - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

The Scripture this morning is 1 Kings 17:7-16, from the New International Version of the Bible. This may be found as an insert in your order of worship.

⁷ Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹ "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." ¹⁰ So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" ¹¹ As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

¹² "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

¹³ Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"

¹⁵ She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶ For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

(NIV)

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!**

Prepackaged Utensils for Cornerstone Baptist Ministries

Do you have a plethora of prepackaged plastic utensil packets taking up space? During the pandemic, many of us have accumulated a lot of sealed packets of plastic utensils from take out orders. The Missions Committee would like us to put these to good use by donating them to Cornerstone Kitchen's food ministry. We are already partnered with Cornerstone with our "Holy Rollers" project. This will be an extension of that program.

Baskets for your donations of prepackaged utensils will be in the Narthex and throughout heavily trafficked areas of the church.

WOC – Tuesday, March 8 in Vickrey Hall

Dinner at 6:30 pm, Show at 7:15 pm

In case you don't know, Royal Lane is blessed with many trained professionals (known throughout the music community) who generously share their gifts with us. Some of these gifted musicians will perform for us on March 8. A tentative participant list is as follows: Terry Berrier, Steven Rhodes, Garey Wisdom, Jamie & Melissa Walker-Luckett, Jacob H., Lillie and Mara T. and many others. Don't miss this opportunity to see them perform some secular music. All are welcome!

Come Away and Rest for Awhile: WOC Retreat 2022

Calling all women aged 18-98 who need a restorative day of relaxation filled with food for your body, soul, and spirit:

Join us on Saturday, April 30th from 10am-8pm at the inspiring Sister Grove Farm in Van Alstyne, Texas.

The retreat is limited to 50 women, and the spots are filling up fast. To reserve your place, submit a check for \$50, payable to Royal Lane Baptist Church, with "WOC Retreat" written in the memo area.

Can't wait to see you there!

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez and Sarah Macias

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.

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** February 20 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
12:15 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall
- Monday** February 21
7:30 pm Building Action Plan Task Force — Zoom
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Tuesday** February 22
9:00 am American Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom
- Wednesday** February 23
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
- Friday** February 25
7:30 pm A Grand Night for Singing — Meyerson Symphony Center
sponsored by Credo Community Choir
- Saturday** February 26
9:00 am Cornerstone Community Garden Prep (9:00 – 11:00 am)
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** February 27 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia
9:15 am Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am Formations Class — Room 202
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
9:45 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212
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
12:15 pm Lunch Bunch
5:00 pm Mardi Gras & Games on Sunday — Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 7:00 pm)

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

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

Tex Quesada & Christin Lavery

When WE Give: we can support Cornerstone Baptist Community Garden!

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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Black Lives

by Laura Cook

Black lives shattered
Black lives scattered
Black lives stammer
Black lives rattle
Black lives would rather be seen deemed worthy of the same inalienable rights
leaned so heavily to those who claim this land
You maim
And hand the blame down to the next man
No one ever really rightly reaping responsibility
For these necks slashed
Heads bashed
Bones smashed against concrete
Permanent sleeps: no more dreaming
We are weeping due to loss of breath
We're not breathing—we're screaming due to fear
Due to voiceless cries you cannot hear
They taunt us: "Go back!"
But you brought us here
To this place of needing to face these mirrors
To unions with allies that lift and cheer us
Amalgamation
Unification is not a station of hate for us
It is a must to bust through these realities
Of poverties beyond finances, dreamed the epitome of success
We are not the less we have been made to believe
We have risen well past winged beings and trees
And as Maya sings, still, we rise
Crushing lies
Our lives matter
Check yourself if that triggers
Mad Hatters litter the air with insanities
Go figure