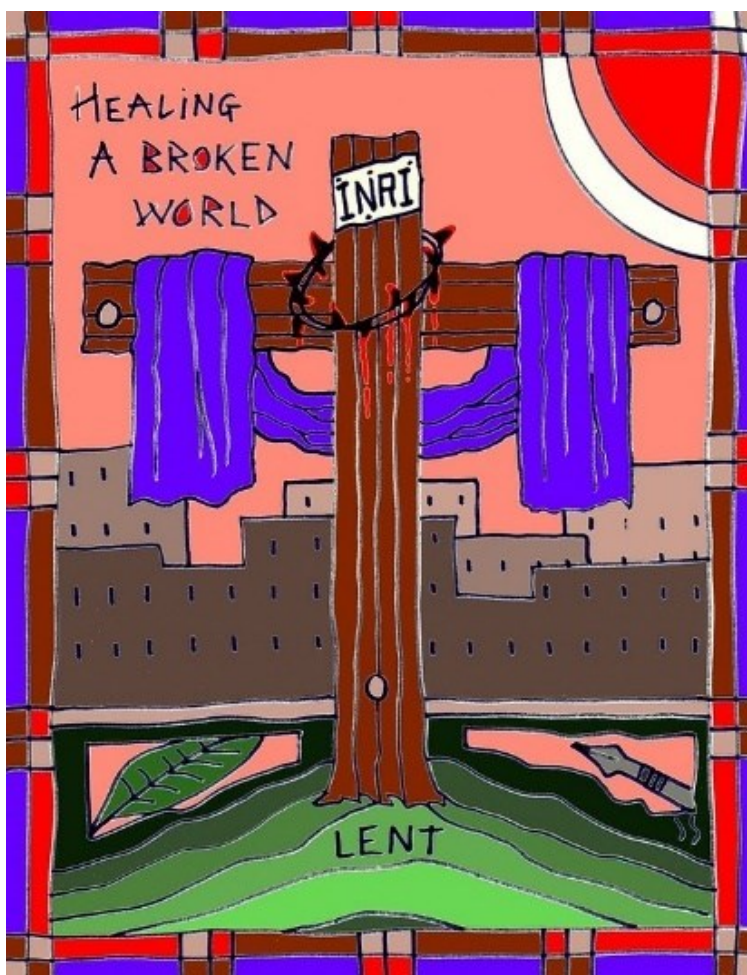


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Third Sunday in Lent*

March 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](http://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

*The warnings are plentiful and blunt on this third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness. "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!*

### Voluntary

*Dorian Toccata — J. S. Bach*

David Weigle

### ✠ Call to Worship

O God, my God, we seek you.

**Our souls thirst for you.**

Our spirits long for you,

**for we are parched and weary**

**in these desert times, these wilderness places.**

But your love, O God, is better even than life.

**Our words will praise you,**

**our actions bless you.**

Let us seek the Lord where God may be found.

**Call upon the Holy One, who is near.**

We will bless you as long as we live.

**We will lift up our hands and call on your name.**

*—Psalm 63, Isaiah 55*

Congregation

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

✠Hymn 587 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Amazing Grace* — NEW BRITAIN

Words of Welcome

Steve Graham

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

Scripture Lesson

Sadie W.

Luke 13:1-9 [ Pew Bible page 848 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 for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play,  
You may collect your children in Vickrey Hall following the service.*

✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*There in God's Garden* — SHADES MOUNTAIN

Call to Confession

Joey Belgard & Congregation

The scriptures call us to turn from sinful ways and return to God, who offers mercy and pardon. Trusting that mercy, let us call upon God who is near.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Holy God, we confess that we have grown complacent in our response to you.

You set before us a rich feast of blessings.

**but we are drawn to lesser things that cannot satisfy.**

You call us to attend to urgent needs in the world,

**but we indulge our own desires.**

Our ways are not your ways;

**our thoughts do not ascend to your thoughts.**

Forgive us when we fall short of your claim upon our lives.

**Disturb our complacency and quicken our desire for a more fruitful life.**

**We ask these in the name of our Savior, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

God's love is sure and steadfast,

always providing a way out,

a way through,

a way back to God.

**Through the waters of baptism,**

**we have died with Christ and are raised with him.**

**With gratitude, in faith,**

**we will walk the way of Christ.**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* — LONESOME VALLEY

*(stanza 3 only)*

Prayers of the People

Sandy Washington, Racial Justice Team & Congregation  
**I Waited for the Lord – Terre Johnson**

Hear our lament of denial, O Lord,  
for we have lived as if racism did not exist,  
or as if its existence did not affect us.

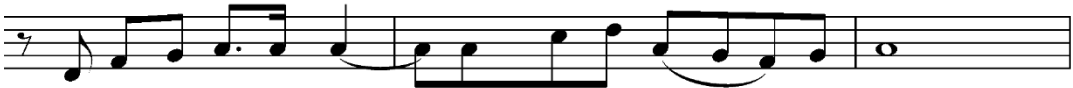
**All:**



I wait-ed for the Lord, \_\_\_ who in - clined un-to me.

Hear our lament of denial, O Lord,  
for we smugly act as if words against racism are enough,  
failing to act when words alone do not suffice,  
and failing to recognize that being vocal is easier than being active.

**All:**



I wait-ed for the Lord, \_\_\_ who kind-ly heard \_\_\_ my cry.

Hear our lament of denial, O Lord,  
and move us from denial to recognition,  
seeing our own failings and resolving to act,  
loving outwardly, communing joyfully.

**All:**



O, blessed \_\_\_ are they \_\_\_ whose trust is in \_\_\_ the Lord.

*Silently confess your denial to God.*

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*

*(continued)*

Let us pray:

**Wake us up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within us. Keep watch over our hearts Lord, and remove any barriers to your grace, that may oppress or offend. Fill our spirits, Lord, so that we may give services of justice and peace. Clear our minds Lord, and use them for your glory. And finally, remind us Lord that you said, “blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* — arranged by Terre Johnson

Sermon

Steve Graham

**“ Let It Be! ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Choir & Congregation

*Tree Song* — Ken Medema

*(sing refrain on direction)*

*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

Sarah Fuller Phillips

All that we present to you now, O God, we have received from your hands. We give so the hungry may eat and the thirsty may receive pure water. We share to send the good news of your Word to those who have not heard. We invest in just causes, that your mercy may be known among all people. Most of all, we give because passing on your gifts in generous response is necessary to life. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

*Adagio from Sonata No. 2* — Felix Mendelssohn

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane’s Ministry.*

*See back cover for ways to give.*

Presentation of Decisions

Steve Graham

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Steve Graham & Congregation

On this third Sunday of Lent,  
we are urged to shake off the complacency  
that can overtake us;

**to seek God as people in a dry and weary land seek water;  
and to bear fruit in our daily lives  
that contributes to God's kingdom of justice and love.**

May the mercy of God ground us,

**the love of Christ take root in us,**

and the Holy spirit grow in us,

**That we may be ready for the coming of the kingdom.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen* — arranged by Marianne Kim

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Register Your Attendance

[Royallane.org/register](http://Royallane.org/register)



## Cornerstone Community Garden Project

2815 S Ervay Street, (corner of South Ervay Street and Al Lipscomb Way)

Join us Saturday, March 26, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (arrive anytime you can and go when you need to) for the rescheduled prep and planting at the Cornerstone Community Garden.

**Cornerstone will not have tools for us to use, so please bring your gardening gloves, your favorite gardening tools, water, sunscreen, and insect repellent.** 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)

# 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

**Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm 32**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

## For the Children!

Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+. Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at [games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

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# Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a  
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my  
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -  
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my  
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing

wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me  
hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we first be - gun.

# There in God's Garden

1 There in God's gar - den stands the tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the piano accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - fering;  
our greed has starved it; our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!

The second system of music continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

tree of all knowl - edge, tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drils of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness; give me all your

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.



## *My Lenten Resolves*

The pattern of “giving up” something for Lent has long been a symbol of penitence and personal piety during the season. This year, in concert with the Racial Justice Team initiatives we are suggesting you ADD something to your Lenten experiences that furthers your personal and corporate understanding of and response to racism.

As a prompt the Racial Justice Team will be providing thought provoking questions for you to consider, along with educational and inspirational resources; books, podcasts, articles, videos, etc. These will be listed on the Lenten Resolves page each week in the order of worship. This will be an organic “growing” list of resources which will be available on our website.

Additionally, the Racial Justice Team has been interviewing members of our congregation who were involved in early Royal Lane efforts for social and racial justice. Transcripts of these interviews will also be available each week.

Please consider these matters of the heart and soul as you journey thru this season of Lent.

## **New COVID Procedures – Effective April 3, 2022**

See COVID-19 Updates on the RLBC Website for information.

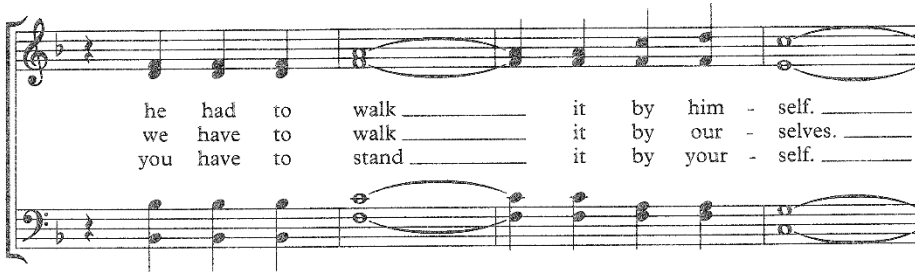
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# Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley



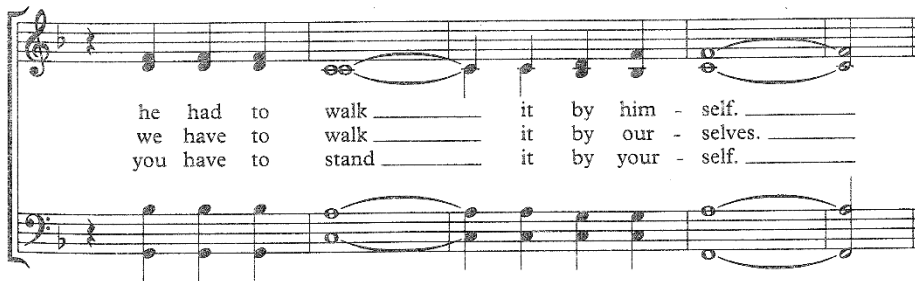
1. Je - sus walked \_\_\_\_\_ this lone - some val - ley;  
 2. We must walk \_\_\_\_\_ this lone - some val - ley;  
 3. You must go \_\_\_\_\_ and stand your tri - al;



he had to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by him - self. \_\_\_\_\_  
 we have to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by our - selves. \_\_\_\_\_  
 you have to stand \_\_\_\_\_ it by your - self. \_\_\_\_\_



— Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ could walk it for him;  
 — Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ can walk it for us;  
 — Oh, no - bod - y else \_\_\_\_\_ can stand it for you;



he had to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by him - self. \_\_\_\_\_  
 we have to walk \_\_\_\_\_ it by our - selves. \_\_\_\_\_  
 you have to stand \_\_\_\_\_ it by your - self. \_\_\_\_\_

# Tree Song

Ken Medema

I've got roots grow-ing down to the wa-ter. I've got leaves grow-ing up to the  
sun-shine. And the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me. I am  
shade from the hot sum-mer sun-down, I am nest for the birds of the hea-ven. I'm be -  
coming what the Lord of Trees has meant me to be. A strong young tree.

## Support Congregation Tiferet Israel's Kosher Chili Cook-Off Sunday, March 27

The Chili Cook-Off at Congregation Tiferet Israel is scheduled for its 27th Annual Restart! This annual event was cancelled in 2020 due to Coronavirus Concerns. It's back this year!

Proceeds are shared with not-for-profit agencies in the Metroplex.

The cook-off offers you:

- Dozens of teams competing for top honors for the best beef and veggie chilis
- Rides and games for children on the mini-midway
- Live Music
- Vendors showing off their products and services

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 13:1-9, which may be found on page 848 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*(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**      **March 20 – Third Sunday in Lent**  
12:30 pm    Program Council — Vickrey Hall
- Monday**     **March 21**  
7:30 pm     Transition Support Team — Zoom  
7:30 pm     Building Action Task Force — Zoom
- Tuesday**    **March 22**  
7:00 pm     Pastor Search Committee — Library & Zoom
- Wednesday** **March 23**  
10:00 am    Holy Rollers — Room 202  
6:15 pm     Midweek Study with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin — Zoom  
7:00 pm     Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)  
7:15 pm     Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday**   **March 26**  
9:00 am     Cornerstone Garden Project (9:00am – 2:00 pm)  
2:00 pm     Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday**      **March 27 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
9:15 am     Children’s SS Classes — Zoom  
9:45 am     Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building  
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  
                  Following Worship  
                  Kosher Chili Cook-Off — Congregation Temple Tiferet (until 4:00 pm)  
                  Lunch Bunch  
2:30 pm     Faith & Film (film to be announced) — Vickrey Hall

*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).

## 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

Alan Greider & Sandy Washington

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