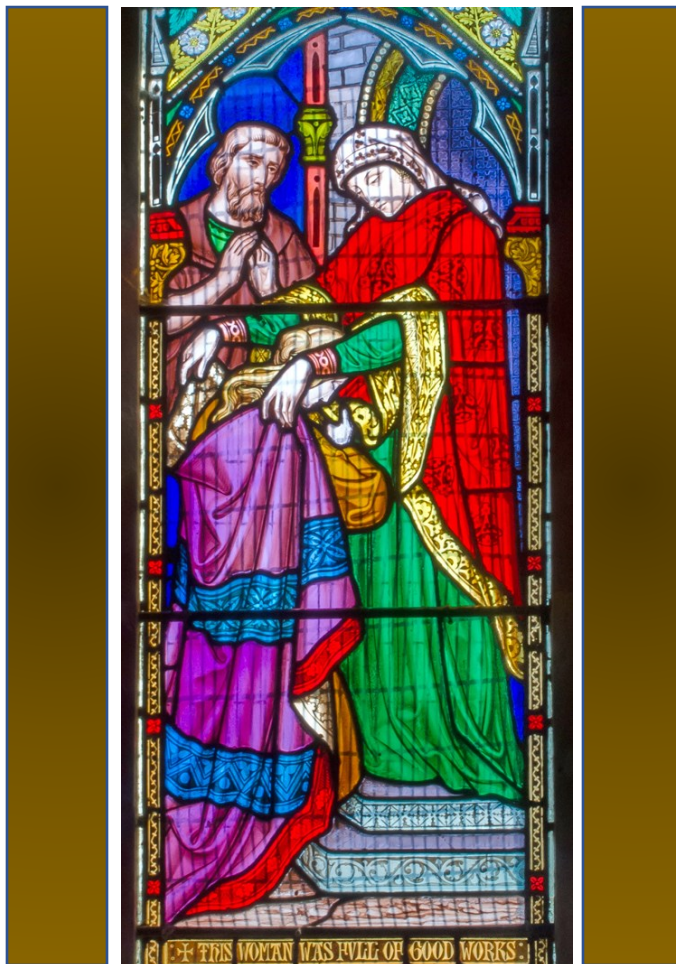


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

May 8, 2022

10:55 A.M.

*Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.  
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.  
✠ – Please rise in body or in spirit.*

### Chiming of the Hour

*The Easter season is a call to get up and live in the power of the risen Christ, which can empower us to overcome those things that have harmed and hindered us, and to take the lead in loving service in the communities in which we live. What might we, individually and as the church, learn from Dorcas and Peter about life-giving service?*

### Voluntary

David Weigle

### ✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Christ is our shepherd.

**We are Christ's sheep.**

The shepherd is calling us to join God's flock.

**We will follow our shepherd.**

Rejoice, little one, for no one can snatch us from the shepherd's hand.

**In God's flock, we rest secure.**

Come! Let us worship.

### ✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**O God, shepherd of us all, we thank you for protecting us, guiding us, feeding us, loving us. Be with us even now. Receive our worship, our praise, and our concerns. In this time of worship, may we rest our hopes in you that we may be led to open our hearts to the blessings of word, song, and sacrament. Amen.**

### ✠Hymn 33

Congregation

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* — CWM RHONDDA

Words of Welcome

Terry Berrier

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

*[Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.  
You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Scripture Lesson

Sadie W.

*Tabitha* – based on Acts 9:36-43 [ Pew Bible page 894 of the New Testament ]

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 54

Congregation

*Like a Mother with Her Children* — UNENDING PRAISE

Call to Confession

Cathy Walling & Congregation

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Loving God, we reflect upon those times  
when we have not acknowledged your presence with us.

**in nature,**

**in city streets,**

**in daily living**

in challenging times

in wonderful times

in all the in-between times

**when we feel hounded by enemies**

**when we are cared for by “shepherds”**

**in the faces of the many people**

**we encounter each day**

**Forgive us God. Inspire us to worship and to celebrate your presence in every moment. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

*(continued)*

Promise of Forgiveness

Whether we are lost or confused, wandering or waiting, God's love is steadfast. Faithless or doubting, disobedient or disowning, God is present to us. Weary or distracted, tired or defeated, we are held in God's sustaining, nurturing love.

✠Hymn 66

Congregation

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* — RESIGNATION  
(stanzas one & three)

Prayers of the People

Jamie Luckett & Congregation

In this season of Easter rejoicing,  
let us offer our prayers and thanksgiving saying,  
O Risen Christ,  
Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the goodness of the earth  
that it may flourish with flowing waters,  
verdant pastures, and paths that lead us  
to protect and care for your creation.  
O Risen Christ,

**Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

For the peace and welfare of the world,  
that all our tables of work and worship  
promote the understanding and dignity  
that transform enemies into friends.  
O Risen Christ,

**Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.**

For all who suffer from sickness, need, or danger,  
that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing  
and the comforting presence of your voice.  
O Risen Christ,

**Open our eyes to the mercy in the world.**

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:

**Holy God, you are our hope and our strength our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our savior. With all the saints in heaven and on earth, we praise your holy name and entrust every care to you; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Christus Paradox* — arranged by Alfred V. Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.

You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.

You, the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,

shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.

You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.

You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!

Worthy your defeat and vict'ry, Worthy still your peace and strife.

*You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.*

Sermon

Steve Graham

**“ Where Will The Church Be Without Her? ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 405

Congregation

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* — BRADBURY

*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

Cynthia Kupres

Loving Shepherd, we thank you for your tender care. Everything we have comes from the goodness of your love. Receive the gifts we return to you now, that sheep in other flocks may come to know you and discover that you are the one who lays down your life for the flock. 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.*

✠ Sending Forth

Steve Graham

Go into the world where the Spirit of Christ is already at work,  
feeding, clothing, caring, tending.

**We go in the name of Jesus to be the Body of Christ  
in our time and place.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

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



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## To Families with Graduates!

Graduates will be recognized on May 22, 2022. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring—high school, college, post-graduate degree or other. We would like a picture and brief bio for each student by Monday, May 16, for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Recognition Sunday, and an issue of the Mosaic.



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# In Honor of Good Shepherd Sunday and Mother's Day

“The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm” by Bobby McFerrin  
dedicated to his mother

The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all I need,  
She makes me lie down in green meadows,  
Beside the still waters, She will lead.

She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,  
She leads me in a path of good things,  
and fills my heart with songs.

Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land,  
There is nothing that can sahek me,  
She has said She won't forsake me,  
I'm in her hand.

She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,  
She anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup overflows.

Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me,  
All the days of my life,  
And I will live in her house,  
Forever, forever and ever.

Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter,  
And to the Holy of Holies,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World, without end. Amen.

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### Church Profile Survey

A committee has been assembled to update our Church Profile and we need your help completing this important survey so we can capture demographic data of our church. If you have a child, please complete a survey for them and one for yourself. Although surveys are not anonymous, the data compiled and shared will be. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Miller. We are asking that all surveys be completed by May 15.



<https://bit.ly/3vFhIEu>

*Copies of the church profile survey are available in the narthex and will be available in the church office for those who prefer a printed copy. Return your survey to the church office or to Shannon Miller.*

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*Dear Friends,*

*It is with great sadness that we announce Laura Keller's resignation from Royal Lane Baptist Church as our Minister to Children and Interim Minister to Youth, effective June 26. Laura will be taking a Montessori teaching position beginning August 1 and will use July to prepare for her new venture.*

*Of course, you will want to say a fond farewell, and share your gratitude for Laura's unique gifts she has so generously given. Special activities will be planned to celebrate Laura's seven and a half years of work with Royal Lane's youngest and their families, and you will be made aware of those upcoming events. In the meantime, please be in prayer for Laura, Matthew, Brodie and Quinn, as Laura makes this transition.*

*Sincerely,*

*Terry Berrier, Chair of Deacons*

*Doug Washington, Chair of Personnel*

# Study for Wednesday Evening

## Holy Envy

### Finding God in the Faith of Others

by Barbara Brown Taylor

with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin

We invite you to gather in Vickrey Hall on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Bring your own dinner. Drinks will be provided. The Mid-Week program will begin at 6:15 pm for in person or zoom participation. (No childcare provided.)

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148**

**Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35**

## 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.

## Second Saturday Work Day – May 14, 2022

9:00 am – 12:00 pm





## 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

Jamie Luckett & Cathy Walling

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