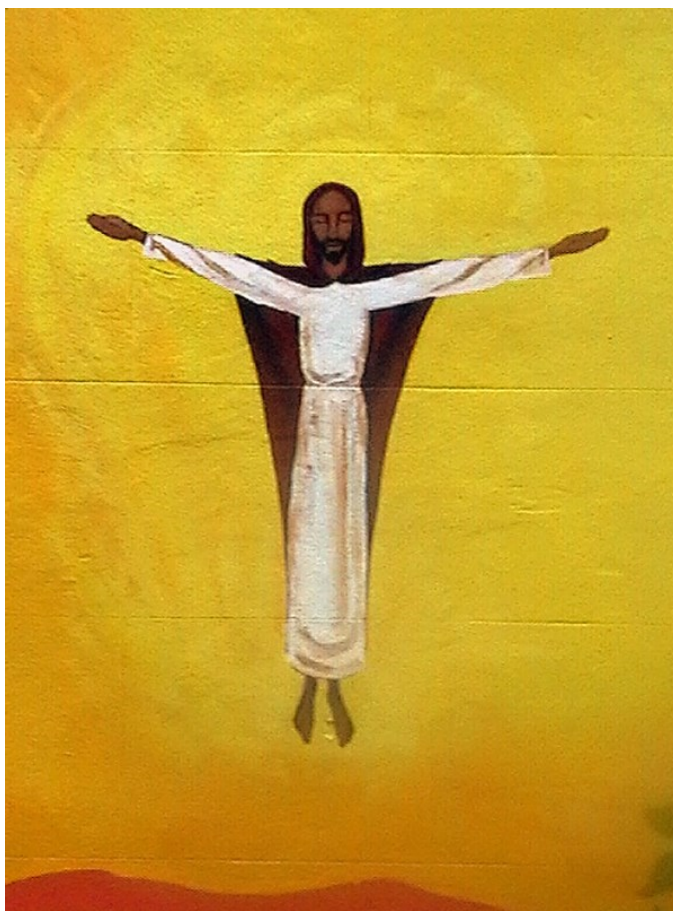


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Seventh Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday

May 29, 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

Ascension is the feast of silence and interior solitude when we go up to live in heaven with Jesus: for he takes us there, after he has lived a little while on earth among us. That is the grace of Ascension Day: to be taken up into the heaven of our own souls, the point of immediate contact with God. To rest on this quiet peak, in the darkness that surrounds God. To live there through all trials and all business with the 'tranquil God who makes all things tranquil.' God be with us this day and forever.

—Thomas Merton, *The Sign of Jonas*,
(London Sheldon Press, 1976), part 1

Voluntary

Solemn Melody — Walford Davies

David Weigle

✠ Call to Worship

Clap your hands, people of God.

Shout to God with cries of joy.

Look to the heavens, brothers and sisters in Christ.

Witness the power of our God.

Clap your hands, people of God.

Shout to God with cries of joy.

—*Psalm 47*

Congregation

✠ Invocation

Let us pray:

God of mystery, part the veil that keeps us from seeing your full glory and might. Open our eyes to behold the risen Christ, who ascended to you in glory. Open our hearts this day, that our spirits may ascend to you as he ascended that day. May we be found worthy of your great gifts, and may we be clothed with your power on high. Amen.

Congregation

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise — LLANFAIR

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

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

Quinn K.

Luke 24:44-53 [Pew Bible page 861 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 159 [see insert]

Congregation

Fairest Lord Jesus — ST. ELIZABETH

Prayers of the People

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Congregation

How has it gotten this dangerous to be a child at a desk in a classroom?

We grieve for innocence lost by way of violence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We ache for teachers who must prepare for the unthinkable.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for every parent

Who is forever changed by the unimaginable—

The death of a child at the hands of gun violence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

(continued)

Our job as adults is to keep our children safe—

How do we do so! Give us eyes to see.

Give us new vocabularies and courage hearts to champion our children.

Lord, heal our collective wounds.

Lord, heal our individual hearts

that crack into pieces every time our children step onto the school bus.

Lord, give us courage and boldness to plead the case of our children.

Deliver us from evil.

And may our action for a more peaceable world for our children
be a prayer of its own.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.

We now share silence together

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

God, Our Nation Feels the Loss — PILOT

Call to Confession

Ray Cox & Congregation

Let us come before God with contrite hearts, acknowledging our sin and trusting in forgiveness.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Merciful God, raise our sights and our hopes. Even as we yearn for your glorious inheritance, we settle for so much less. Even as we long to behold the extraordinary, we keep our eyes fixed on the ground. Even as we hope to inherit your glorious kingdom, we keep our hearts attuned to earthly power. Even as we desire to rest in the arms of your love, we listen to voices that sow discord. May your Holy Spirit find us ready when the one who ascended on high returns to his own. Amen.

We now share silence together

Promise of Forgiveness

Wait patiently for the Spirit to stir your spirit. Wait hopefully to be filled by the living God. For God justifies our hope, and Christ fills our cup with power from on high.

Anthem

Choir

Come Away to the Skies — arranged by Alice Parker
Come away to the skies, My beloved arise
And rejoice in the day thou wast born,
*On this festival day come exulting away,
And with singing to Zion return.*

We have laid up our love and our treasures above,
Though our bodies continue below;
*The redeem'd of the Lord shall remember His word,
And with singing to Paradise go.*

Hallelujah we sing to our Father and King,
And His rapturous praises repeat;
To the Lamb that was slain, Hallelujah again;
Sing all heaven, and fall at this feet.

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ Carry A Small Bit of Doubt! ”

✠Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Lift Up Your Hearts, Believers — ST. THEODULPH
*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

David Doom

Your power and might, O God, bring forth our worship and praise. Your love and mercy, Compassionate One, call forth our gratefulness and thanksgiving. In appreciation for your blessing in our lives, we offer you these gifts from our hearts, this fruit of our industry. Receive them, we pray, in the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that our lives here on earth might be filled with your Spirit. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

O World, I Now Must Leave Thee — Johannes Brahms
*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 & Congregation

Lift up your eyes to the heavens.

Christ ascended to show us the way.

Trust the Spirit's power.

Christ ascended to clothe us with power.

Go as witnesses to the risen Lord.

Christ ascended to bring us eternal life.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Allegro Maestoso et vivace from Sonata II — Felix Mendelssohn

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

Ascension Mural of Christ ascending to heaven on a graffiti wall in Bristol, England, 2003

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Hymn Notes

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

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God, Our Nation Feels the Loss

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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



Study for Wednesday Evening

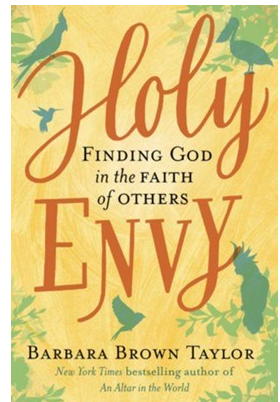
Holy Envy

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.)



Missions Donation to Church World Service

Your Missions Division had donated \$1500 to Church World Service, a multi-denominational Christian organization founded in 1946, which is providing direct assistance to Ukrainian refugees in Moldova and Romania. If you would like to join Royal Lane in supporting aid for these refugees, See link or qr code to donate to the Ukrainian Crisis Response Fund: <https://cwsglobal.org/ukraine-response-fund/>



CWS has been active in Moldova through several local partners and projects for years. Shortly after Russia's invasion, CWS deployed a specialized staff team to Moldova and Romania to assess the needs of displaced and host communities and recommend how CWS and its partners may best respond. Unfortunately, it is increasingly clear that the humanitarian consequences of Russia's invasion have only worsened, and persisting hostilities continue to threaten the safety, well-being, and even lives, of countless Ukrainians and others affected.

CWS is committed to assisting Ukrainians and others impacted by Russia's aggression for the long-term. Their response will focus in three areas:

Humanitarian Assistance: Meeting displaced communities immediate humanitarian needs, such as food and shelter, and supporting host communities.

- 1. Protection (including Child Protection, Gender Based Violence prevention, and anti-trafficking measures):** Building and/or strengthening existing protection mechanisms able to ensure refugees receive safe and dignified assistance and accommodation, with a focus on at-risk children and women.
- 2. Durable Solutions:** Assisting displaced individuals access to current, language appropriate information and resources, and assist, when requested, with safe, onward movement, and asylum and protection in countries across Europe and in the United States, when appropriate.

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24—34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 (25-27)

Farewell to Laura Keller Events for Youth, Children and All-Church

June 18 – PJs with Pastor Laura

The youth will gather at the home of Grace, Emma and Sadie Watson for an evening of laughs - and maybe a few tears - with Laura. Bring your best anecdotes, comedic insults, praise and tributes to roast your beloved youth minister. Burgers and drinks provided - bring your favorite side. Join us on June 18th from 6-10 p.m.

June 22 – Children’s Goodbye with Talent Show

Create an unforgettable evening with Laura with serenades, dance routines and jokes for a farewell talent show. The party will be held in Vickrey Hall on June 22nd at 6 p.m. Pizza and drinks provided - bring your favorite snack.

June 26 – All-Church Farewell

After almost 8 years, we bid farewell to Laura Keller, our beloved children and youth minister. Please join us in celebrating Laura's devotion to our children and thank her for the life-changing impacts she has made. We will celebrate her on June 26th in Vickrey Hall immediately following worship service.

Bikes for Cornerstone in June



We are collecting bicycles in any condition for Cornerstone Baptist Church throughout the month of June. Cornerstone Baptist Church has a program where community members can learn to repair and maintain bicycles, and then can keep a bicycle once they complete the program. Bring your bikes to the church on Sundays and Wednesdays in the month of June, and we will take them to Cornerstone. If you have a bike to donate, but can't get it to the church, call JJ Berrier at 469-831-7339 to arrange a pickup.

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.



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

1. Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2. There for Him high tri - umph waits, Al - le - lu - ia!
3. See! the heaven its Lord re - ceives, Al - le - lu - ia!
4. See! He lifts His hands a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!

to His throne a - bove the skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates, Al - le - lu - ia!
yet He loves the earth He leaves, Al - le - lu - ia!
See, He shows the prints of love! Al - le - lu - ia!

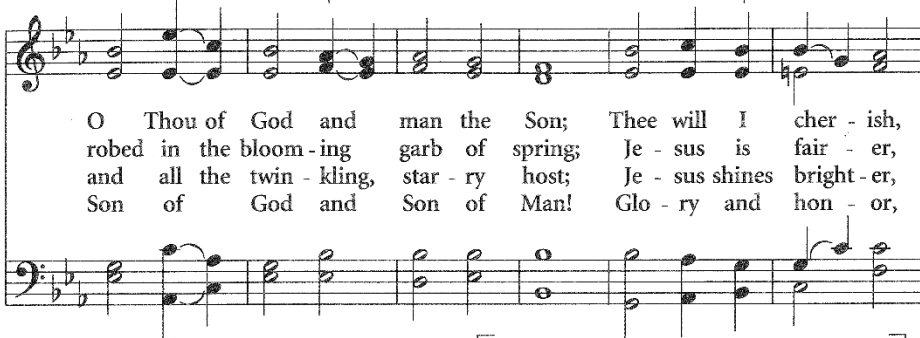
Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners given, Al - le - lu - ia!
He has con - quered death and sin. Al - le - lu - ia!
though re - turn - ing to His throne, Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven. Al - le - lu - ia!
Take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
still He calls the world His own. Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on His church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

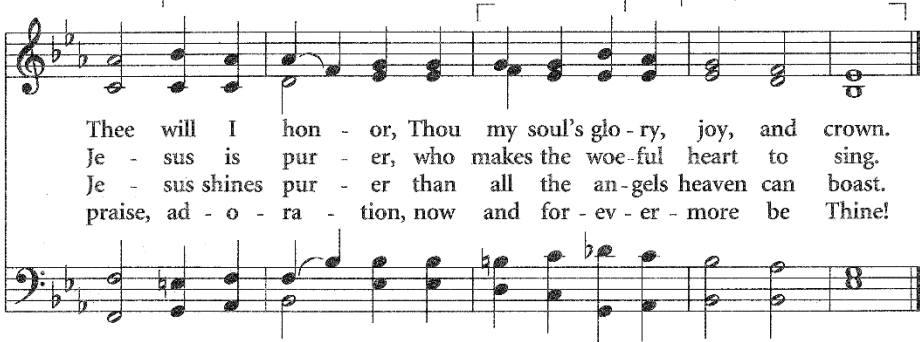
Fairest Lord Jesus



1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of all na - tions,



O Thou of God and man the Son; Thee will I cher - ish,
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
and all the twin - kling, star - ry host; Je - sus shines bright - er,
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,



Thee will I hon - or, Thou my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heaven can boast.
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

God, Our Nation Feels the Loss

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2022

Pilot

John E. Gould, 1871

1. God, our na - tion feels the loss as our chil - dren pay the
2. Je - sus, Lord, we hear you say, "Don't turn lit - tle ones a -
3. Ho - ly Spi - rit, wind and flame, send us out in Je - sus'

cost for the vio - lence we ac - cept, for the
- way!" May we build a kind - er land where our
name. May we shout and say, "E - nough!" May we

si - lence we have kept. Ra - chel weeps for chil - dren
chil - dren un - der - stand: Ev - ery child here mat - ters
build a world of love— till the sounds of weap - ons

gone; God of love, this can't go on!
more than the guns we clam - or for.
cease, till our young can grow in peace.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) throughout the piece. The lyrics are centered under the vocal line.

Lift Up Your Hearts, Believers



1. Lift up your hearts, be - lieve - ers! This is the ho - ly day
2. Lift up your hearts, be - lieve - ers! Ye gates, lift up your heads!
3. Lift up your hearts be - lieve - ers! And do not be down - cast,



When Je - sus, our Re - deem - er, com - pletes sal - va - tion's way.
Though minds be full of won - der, though souls be filled with dread.
for Je - sus, our Re - deem - er, re - ceives the crown at last.



The for - ty days are o - ver, and clouds shine high and bright
The Spir - it has been pro - mised, and, though we are a - lone,
The thorns of cru - ci - fix - ion are changed to stars of light,



As Christ, the o - ver - com - er, is lift - ed from our sight.
We wait un - til the mo - ment when fire and wind are known.
and Christ, the Lord of glo - ry, is named as God's de - light.

The Scripture this morning is Luke 24:44-53, which may be found on page 861 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

(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!**

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter / Ascension Sunday**
12:15 pm Lunch Bunch — Royal China, Preston & Royal
- Monday** **May 30**
Church Office Closed in observance of Memorial Day
- Tuesday** **May 31**
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee
- Wednesday** **June 1**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Room 202 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Bring Your Own Dinner — Vickrey Hall (drinks provided, no childcare)
6:15 pm Wacky Wednesdays
6:15 pm Midweek Study — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **June 2**
2:00 pm Memorial Service, Steve Box — Sanctuary
Reception following Service — Vickrey Hall
- Saturday** **June 4**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **June 5 – Pentecost Sunday**
Youth Depart for Schreiner Baptist Youth Camp
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion Offered — Sanctuary
or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:00 pm Cookies & Conversation — Cunningham Arcade
2:00 pm Missions Division — Library
7:30 pm Education Committee — Zoom

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

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Barrett Wooten

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	YTD Actual
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Expenses	\$ 246,427
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 21,034

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