

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*The Worship of God*  
*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*World Communion Sunday*

October 2, 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

Harry Wooten

On this Sunday of World Communion, we pray for all the members of Christ's church, that all people may be bound together by spiritual ties, and labor together for the coming of God's kin-dom. With all lowliness and humility, with long-suffering and mutual forbearance, let us endeavor to build up the body of Christ. Until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the full knowledge of Christ.

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Rhosymedre* — R. Vaughan Williams

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

When we feel spiritually homeless,  
where can we turn for help?

**Our help is in the grace of God.**

When we are imprisoned in our suffering,  
where can we turn for solace?

**Our solace is in the mercy of Christ.**

When we are trapped in the grip of misfortune,  
where can we turn for strength?

**Our strength is in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Come! Let us worship God, our guide and guardian.

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Merciful God, though you often feel far from us, you meet us in our need. When our mouths know the taste of bitter tears, you bring us to the feast of your love and mercy. When grief threatens to steal our joy, you remind us to sing of happier times. When fear robs us of our courage, you fill us with the daring to begin anew. Be with us in this time of worship, that we may be brought back to life, through the grace of Jesus Christ, who walks with us in the journey of faith. Amen.**

✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*In the Midst of New Dimensions* — OURS THE JOURNEY

Words of Welcome

Sharon Vickrey

**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](http://royallane.org/register) or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Scripture Lesson

Harper W.

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26 [ Pew Bible pages 666 & 669 of the Old 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

Barrett Wooten

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

Prayers for the World

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Congregation

Holy One, we lift up our siblings around the world. We have heard their cries for justice and peace as they face the challenges of human rights abuses, damage to creation, and natural disasters.

God of hosts,

**hear our prayer**

We know that there are many obstacles to addressing these challenges. But we also know that you are greater and that your love for your people is deeper than we could ever imagine. Cover your people with your love, O God. May we feel your presence walking with us each day.

God of hosts,

**hear our prayer.**

Guide us, O God, that we may also walk beside our local and global neighbors in prayer, partnership, and presence. May we listen to you and our partners as we consider what we might do to share in ministry with all people.

God of hosts,

**hear our prayer.**

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

Let us pray:

**Weave us together in hope, O God, that we may recognize that we are all part of your great tapestry. All of our threads are needed and necessary for your beautiful design. Strengthen us and nourish us for the journey, as you strengthen and nourish those around the globe. Amen.**

Hymn 48 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — FAITHFULNESS

Invitation to the Offering

Sean Lo

The Lord is our portion. Therefore, have hope as you bring your gifts to God.

Offertory Prayer

Lord, your steadfast love never ceases; your mercies never come to an end. Use these gifts, we pray, that through them your compassion may be known. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

*O Living Bread from Heaven* — Robert Lau  
O living bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest.  
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.  
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes:  
My heart, this gift possessing, with praises overflows.  
My Lord, you here have led me within your holy place.  
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace.  
For you have freely given what earth could never buy,  
the bread of life possessing that now I will not die.  
You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.  
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.  
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown,  
Lord all my soul and spirit bow down, before your throne.  
Lord grant me then, so strengthened with heav'nly food,  
while here my course on earth is lengthened, to serve with holy fear.  
And when you call my spirit to leave this world below,  
I enter through your merit, where joys unmingled flow.  
—text: Johann Rist, tr: Catherine Winkworth

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

Sermon

Chelsea Turpen

## **“ A Life of Lament ”**

†Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Congregation

*We Gather at Your Table Lord* — TALLIS' CANON  
*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,  
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

## Communion

All Believers

### Invitation to the Table

With Christians around the world, come to the festival of love.

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

With believers from every continent on earth, come to the festival of grace.

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

With the whole body of Christ, come to the festival of life.

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

—from B. J. Beu and Mary Scifres, *Is It Communion Sunday Already?!*

*Communion Resources for All Seasons*

### Words of Institution

With joy and gratitude, we remember that night when Jesus took the bread, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Take, eat, this is the bread of life, given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup, blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

“Drink from this, all of you. This is my life in the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

### Communion Prayer

And so, in remembrance of these, your mighty acts of love and grace, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving. As your covenant people and as reflections of your glory, in union with Christ’s love for us, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again. Amen.**

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake of communion and return via the outside aisles.*

*The Communion elements are gluten free.*

### ✠ Passing of the Peace

As God is at work in us, we offer God’s peace and grace to one another.

The peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

### ✠ Sung Response [ see insert ]

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — FAITHFULNESS  
(refrain only)

Worshippers

✠ Sending Forth

Chelsea Turpen & Congregation

With Christians around the world,  
go forth to bear witness in a divided and broken world.

**Knit together in Christian love,  
we leave here to share living bread  
with a world starving for spiritual food.**

With Christians around the world,  
go forth blessed through fellowship with Christ  
to be in union with God and the Holy Spirit.

**Woven together in Christian hope,  
we leave to share the cup of salvation  
with a world dying of thirst.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Postlude in D* — Healey Willan

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Register Your Attendance

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



## Chelsea Turpen, Guest Preacher

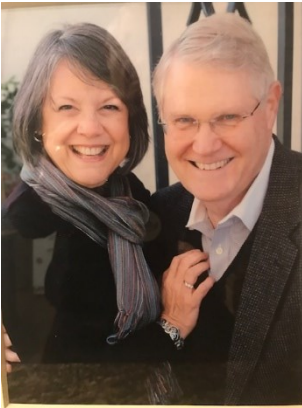
Chelsea is an ordained Baptist minister, a professional chaplain, and a spiritual director. She currently serves as the NICU staff chaplain at Children's Medical Center Dallas, where she is also a Certified Educator Candidate with ACPE: The Standard for Spiritual Care and Education.

Chelsea received her Master of Divinity from Truett Theological Seminary, and she completed her Certificate in Spiritual Direction at Columbia Theological Seminary. She was ordained in 2015 at Dayspring Baptist Church. Prior to her work in chaplaincy, Chelsea served as a college minister and on pastoral staff at churches in Georgia and Tennessee.

Chelsea became a member of Royal Lane in 2020 when she moved to Dallas with her husband, Sam, who is also an ordained minister and chaplain.



## Dean Dickens, Guest Preacher, October 9



Dean and Karr La Dickens are former members and longtime friends of Royal Lane. Although retired from ministries serving as seminar professor, field missionary, missionary administrator, and pastor, Dean spends most of his time now assisting congregations engaging in Intentional Interim pastorates across the state.

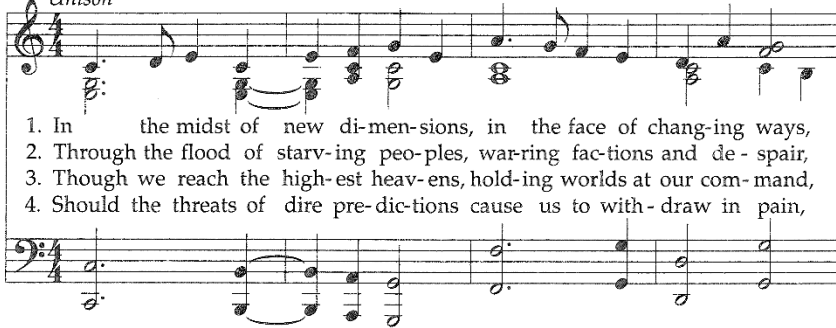
In 2020, he was named as Texas Baptist Intentional Pastor of the Year. In addition, he generally does three or four preaching workshops each year in developing countries (Amazon rain forest, Thai/Myanmar refugee camps) among people often with little or no educational background and few if any study materials beyond a Bible.

Dean is currently our Wednesday evening midweek service facilitator. We look forward to Dean preaching on October 9th.

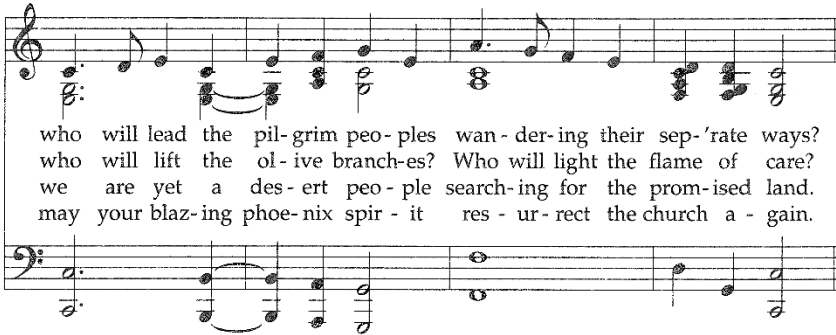


# In the Midst of New Dimensions

*Unison*

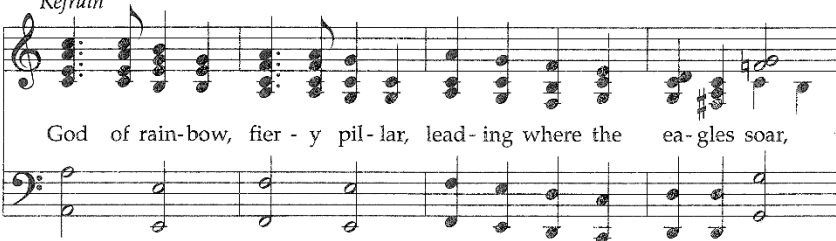


1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ples, war-ring fac-tions and de-s-pair,  
3. Though we reach the high-est heav-ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,  
4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,



who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-der-ing their sep-'rate ways?  
who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
we are yet a des-ert peo-ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.  
may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

*Refrain*



God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar,



we your peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er-more.

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther, there is no  
2. Sum-mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, Thine own dear

## The RLBC Fall Festival is coming up!

We need lots of people to help this be a smashing event. The Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, October 30, from 3:00 pm-5:00 pm and we need volunteers to help setup/clean-up, run games, bring candy or cookies and open up their trunk and pass out candy (candy will be provided).

Sign up using the QR code below or entering this link - <https://bit.ly/3SPm27z>

Volunteering to bring candy and cookies? Bring candy prior to or on Sunday, October 30, between 10 am and noon and drop in marked boxes in the sanctuary narthex. Leave cookies for the cookie walk in the kitchen on October 30.

This year's fall festival welcomes members, relatives, friends, and neighbors.

Contact Kelley Keith ([kkeith19@gmail.com](mailto:kkeith19@gmail.com)) or Lisa Chastain ([lisamerced@gmail.com](mailto:lisamerced@gmail.com)) with questions.



**HELP OUT WITH THE FALL FESTIVAL**

- 01 TRUNK OR TREAT**  
Decorate your car and pass out candy
- 02 DONATE TREATS**  
Candy & cookies will be collected at the church
- 03 VOLUNTEER**  
Sign up to host one of several games  
Check RLBC publications for ways to volunteer!
- 04 CONTACT US!**  
Kelley Keith ([kkeith19@gmail.com](mailto:kkeith19@gmail.com))  
Lisa Chastain ([lisamerced@gmail.com](mailto:lisamerced@gmail.com))

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed, Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

# We Gather at Your Table, Lord

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1999  
*Gifts of Love: New Hymns for Today's Worship*

*Tallis' Canon*  
Thomas Tallis  
adapt. Parker's *Whole Psalter*, c. 1561

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the other parts providing harmonic support. There are three asterisks (\*) above the first three measures of the first system, indicating a specific musical instruction. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each with a corresponding musical staff. The lyrics are: 1. We ga - ther at your ta - ble, Lord: We hum - bly  
2. We share this meal and we are fed. Such ba - sic  
3. God, pour your Spi - rit on us all, And on these  
4. From North and South, from West and East, Now rec - on -  
lift our hearts to you! Here all are wel - comed,  
gifts be - come your sign: We see you bro - ken  
gifts that we re - ceive; For in Christ's pres - ence  
-ciled, we ga - ther near; We taste your King - dom's  
all re - stored, And all are giv - en work to do.  
in the bread; We know your love in com - mon wine.  
we re - call His life and death, and so be - lieve.  
ban - quet feast, So find - ing strength to serve you here.

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The Scripture this morning is Lamentations 1:1-6 and 3:19-26, which may be found on pages 666 and 669 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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How lonely sits the city that once was full of people! How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal. <sup>2</sup>She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks; among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her; all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies. <sup>3</sup>Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude; she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place; her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress. <sup>4</sup>The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals; all her gates are desolate, her priests groan; her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter. <sup>5</sup>Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper, because the LORD has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions; her children have gone away, captives before the foe. <sup>6</sup>From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty. Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture; they fled without strength before the pursuer.

<sup>19</sup>The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is wormwood and gall! <sup>20</sup>My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me.

<sup>21</sup>But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: <sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your

faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.” <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who  
wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one  
should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

*(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!**



Study for Wednesday Evening  
with Dean Dickens

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12**  
**2 Timothy 2:8-15 17:11-19**

**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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**Hymn Notes**

**In the Midst of New Dimensions**

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## **Pumpkin Patch 2022**

**The Pumpkins Are Here!**

Please join us in volunteering at the RLBC Pumpkin Patch. We have many volunteer opportunities for all ages and abilities. Volunteering at the Pumpkin Patch is a wonderful way to get to know fellow members, interact with our beloved community, and help raise money which funds programming and the various missions and ministries at RLBC.

Point to the QR Code or enter the bit.ly code below to take you to the Sign-Up Genius to choose your volunteer times. We appreciate you!



<https://bit.ly/3d0MBaD>



## **Deacon Nominees**

According to Article VIII, Section 1b of the By-Laws, the Member Resource Committee shall review and supplement such recommendations and shall nominate six (6) persons to serve on the Board of Deacons; such nominations to be published in the Sunday morning orders of worship the last Sunday in the month of September (9/25/22) and the first Sunday in the month of October (10/2/22). The church shall be called into special conference during the Sunday morning worship service of the second Sunday of the month of October (10/9/22) for the purpose of electing six (6) Deacons. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at said special conference, provided that any additional nominees have been contacted in advance and have theretofore agreed to serve if elected.

This year the Member Resource Committee presents the following six (6) nominees to serve three-year terms for outgoing deacons and two (2) deacons to serve a two (2) year unexpired term. All terms begin November 1, 2022.

### **Nominees to serve three-year terms:**

Margaret Darden  
David Doom  
Kelley Keith  
Rodney Macias  
Patsy Meier  
Dan Thompson

### **Nominees to serve two-year terms:**

Cookie Stokes  
Sharon Vickrey

## **Called Church Conference – Election of Deacons October 9, 2022**

### **October 19, 2022 – Quarterly Church Conference**

The October Quarterly Church Conference will include a presentation by the Member Resource Committee of the 2022/2023 Church Leadership Roster for congregational approval. The Leadership Roster includes the names of those who are being nominated and who have agreed to serve on the various committees of the church.

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **October 2 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost/World Communion Sunday**  
12:15 pm    First Sunday Youth Lunch & Parent Meeting — Vickrey Hall  
7:30 pm     Education Division — Zoom
- Tuesday**    **October 4**  
7:00 pm    Pastor Search Committee
- Wednesday** **October 5 – Mosaic**  
3:30 pm    Holy Rollers — Youth Portable (3:30 - 5:30 pm)  
5:30 pm    Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
              Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Salad. Dessert: Chocolate Cake  
6:15 pm    Midweek Study with Dean Dickens — Vickrey Hall & Zoom  
7:00 pm    Youth Gathering — Christian Education Building  
7:15 pm    Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday**    **October 8**  
2:00 pm    Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday**      **October 9 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:45 am    Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building  
9:45 am    Children’s Christian Education — Vickrey Hall  
10:00 am   Youth SS Class — Library  
10:10 am   Non-Traditional Class — Room 212  
10:55 am   Morning Worship, Dean Dickens, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary  
              or Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
12:00 pm   Called Church Conference — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm   Missions Division — Library

*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).

## **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](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer). Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



**Deacons on Call** – Sarah Fuller Phillips & Barrett Wooten  
**Safety Shepherd** – Scott Bryant

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When WE Give: we can celebrate World Communion Sunday with all.

### August 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 481,362
Expenses	\$ 523,133
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(41,771)

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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*Standard text message rates may apply.*

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