

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Jeremiah 29:4-5*

*The Lord ... proclaims to all the exiles...:*

*Build houses and settle down; cultivate gardens and eat what they produce.*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 9, 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

*Are you stuck in the past? Have you lost hope for the future? Do not despair. Build houses of joy. Offer thanks and praise to the living God. All will be well. Christ calls us to seek the welfare of this place and to plant gardens of faith. Only in the peace of Christ can we flower as God's people.*

### Voluntary

*Jesus, Thy Church with Longing Eyes* — arranged by Paul Manz

David Weigle

### ✠Call to Worship

Sing God's praises.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord.**

We have walked through fire and water  
with heavy burdens on our backs.

**But God has led us into a spacious place  
to plant gardens of faith.**

Rejoice in the Lord.

**Build houses of joy  
and shout glory to our God.**

Let us worship in gratitude and praise.

Congregation

### ✠Invocation

Let us pray:

**Blessed Gardener, you revive us when our bodies grow weak, and when our spirits faint within us. Though we may be bound by our worries, your word is not chained. As we pray for the welfare of our communities, help us bloom where we are planted, that your harvest of hope and love may be bountiful. In gratitude for your blessings, we pray. Amen.**

Congregation

✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*How Lovely Is Your Church, O Lord!* — ST. ANNE

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

Emma W.

Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-13 [ Pew Bible page 639 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

Theresa Helms

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

✠Hymn 503 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak* — CANONBURY

Call to Confession

Bruce Luedke & Congregation

Even when we are faithless, Christ remains faithful. Trusting in grace, let us confess our sins.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**O God, too often we have thought that we must withdraw from the world in order to follow your teachings faithfully. Help us to understand that we are to be a part of the world but not controlled by it. Let us be as lights in the darkness, bringing your message into the world so that the evils may be uncovered. Amen.**

*We now share silence together*

*(continued)*

Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: Your call has been answered and your sins forgiven.  
With glad hearts, return praise to God.

Anthem

Choir

*We Are One* — L. Farnell

Blest be the tie that binds us,  
that binds our hearts in Christian love.  
The fellowship of kindred hearts and kindred minds  
is like unto that above,  
a picture of heaven's love.

*And though we may not meet again until this early life is o'er,  
and we may not walk together 'til we stand at Canaan's shore,  
yet our hearts will be in unity both now and evermore.*

*We are one in the body of our Lord.*

We share our pain and sorrow  
when we must go our sep'rate ways.  
Yet, we forever still are joined within our hearts,  
and hold fast to hope, and pray,  
and wait for that distant day.

And if our fellowship below, though earthly,  
In Jesus Christ we find so sweet,  
what height of rapture will we know in heaven  
when 'round his throne at last we meet  
and worship at His feet with songs of praise?

*And though we may not meet again until this early life is o'er,  
and we may not walk together 'til we stand at Canaan's shore,  
yet our hearts will be in unity both now and evermore.*

*We are one in the body, one in Jesus Christ,  
one in the body of our Lord.*

Sermon

Dean Dickens

**“ Plans...Plans...Plans... ”**

†Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Once to Every Heart and Nation* — EBENEZER  
*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

John Helms

Loving God, even in exile you instructed the people to seek the welfare of the city that ripped them from their homes. No matter where and with whom we live, our welfare is tied to the welfare of others. Let us give generously, that we may plant the love of God through the ministries and missions of this church. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

*Aria on a Chaconne* — Joel Martinson  
*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.*  
*See back cover for ways to give.*

✠ Sending Forth

Dean Dickens

As you go forth this day, build houses of love  
and plant gardens of faith.

**We will sow seeds of faith and hope,  
and bloom where we are planted.**

Care for your neighbors,  
and bear the fruit of kindness and compassion.

**We will grow in the power of God's Spirit,  
and bloom with the grace of Christ's love.**

Go with God.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*"Allegro" from Concerto Grosso in C minor* — G. F. Handel

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Called Church Conference following Worship today – Election of Deacons

Register Your Attendance

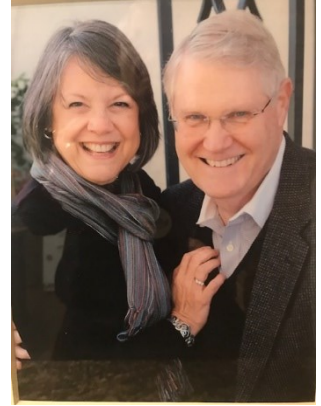
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## Dean Dickens, Guest Preacher

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.

Plan now to come and enjoy!

### All Church 70th Anniversary Celebration and Lunch

### *Celebrating Our Legacy – Committing to Our Future*

All Saints Sunday November 6th

Garrett Vickrey, Guest Preacher

Immediately following the Morning Service

Lunch will be served in Vickrey Hall.

Bill Ferguson is cooking!

Our own youth will be our servers and

Childcare will be provided.

## Stephen Reeves, Guest Preacher – October 16



Stephen Reeves serves as the executive director of Fellowship Southwest and director of advocacy for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF). Established in 2017, Fellowship Southwest is a regional ecumenical network of churches and Christians working for compassion and justice in the southwest US. Fellowship Southwest's work includes the creation and support of a network of ministries serving the needs of migrants on both sides of the southern border. CBF is a national network of individuals, churches and partner organization seeking to be the presence of Christ.

Reeves provides strategic guidance and direction for CBF's public advocacy efforts and works to educate, equip, and encourage advocates within the Fellowship. He is a national leader in the effort to reform predatory lending practices including payday and auto title lending and has led CBF to be more active in advocacy for immigrants and refugees. He is the co-author of *The Mission of Advocacy: A toolkit for congregations* published by Nurturing Faith in August 2020. He currently serves as co-chair of the Center for Responsible Lending's Faith & Credit Roundtable and as a member of the CBF/Baptist Women in Ministry Clergy Sexual Misconduct Task Force. He previously served as Director of Public Policy and Legislative Counsel for the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission (CLC) where he directed the work of the Citizenship and Public Policy office in Austin and was a registered lobbyist.

He is a native of Austin, Texas, a member of the State Bar of Texas, a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, and the Texas Tech University School of Law. Before joining the CLC, he served as Staff Attorney for the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty (BJC) in Washington, D.C.

# How Lovely Is Your Church, O Lord!



1. How love - ly is your church, O Lord, where we can sing and pray;
2. With - in these walls we come to know Your grace, so un - de - served!
3. You give your Spi - rit's bless - ings here then send us from this place
4. At times we're filled with trou - bling doubt: "I'm old!" "I'm young!" "I'm weak!"
5. How love - ly is your church, O Lord, when we are serv - ing you!



One day with - in your courts is more than thou - sands far a - way.  
For at the ta - ble Christ knelt low to be the one who served.  
To chal - lenge hat - red, greed, and fear with gifts of love and grace.  
Yet you who sent the pro - phets out will give us words to speak.  
For when we serve the lost and poor your love is shin - ing through.

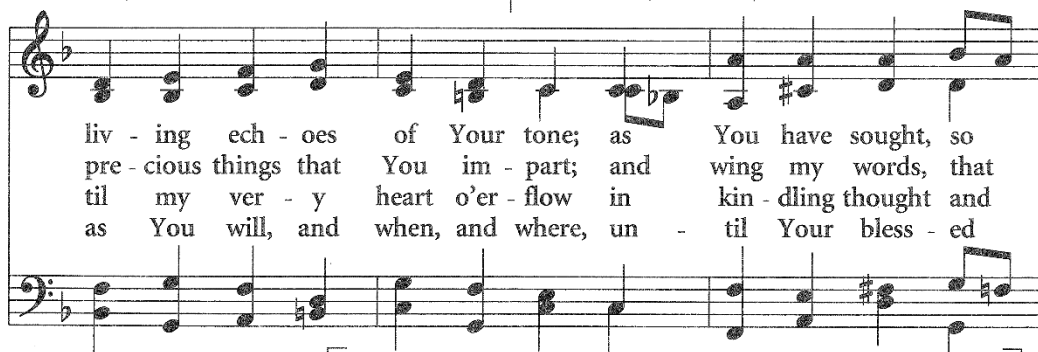




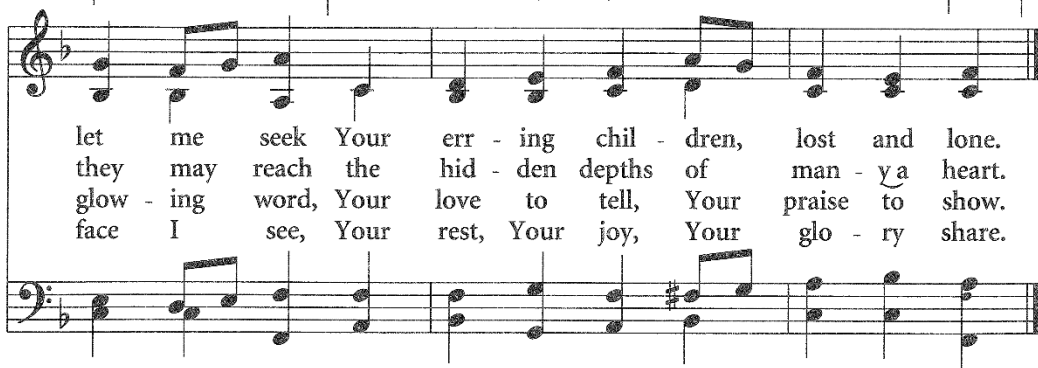
# Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak



1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the  
3. O fill me with Your full - ness, Lord, un -  
4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just



liv - ing ech - oes of Your tone; as You have sought, so  
pre - cious things that You im - part; and wing my words, that  
til my ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
as You will, and when, and where, un - til Your bless - ed



let me seek Your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
glow - ing word, Your love to tell, Your praise to show.  
face I see, Your rest, Your joy, Your glo - ry share.

# Once to Every Heart and Nation

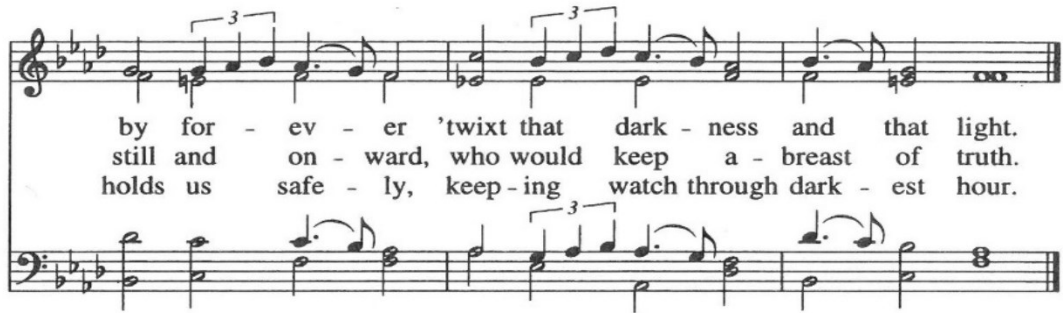
*Unison*

1. Once to ev - ery heart and na - tion comes the mo - ment  
2. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Je - sus' bleed - ing  
3. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, yet 'tis truth a -

to de - cide, in the strife of truth with false - hood,  
feet I track, toil - ing up new Cal - varies ev - er  
lone is strong, truth for - ev - er on the scaf - fold,

for the good or e - vil side; some great cause, God's new mes - si - ah,  
with the cross that turns not back; new oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties,  
wrong for - ev - er on the throne. Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture,

of - fering each the bloom or blight, and the choice goes  
time makes an - cient good un - couth; they must up - ward  
and be - yond the shad - ow's pow'r stands the One who



by for - ev - er 'twixt that dark - ness and that light.  
 still and on - ward, who would keep a - breast of truth.  
 holds us safe - ly, keep - ing watch through dark - est hour.

Study for Wednesday Evening  
**with Dean Dickens**

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104**  
**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8**

**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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The Scripture this morning is Jeremiah 29:4-7, 10-13, which may be found on page 639 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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<sup>4</sup>Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: <sup>5</sup>Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. <sup>6</sup>Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. <sup>7</sup>But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

<sup>10</sup>For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. <sup>11</sup>For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup>Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup>When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart.

*(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!**

## Cover Art

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## Hymn Notes

**How Lovely Is Your Church, O Lord!**

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**Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak**

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**Once to Every Heart and Nation**

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## October 19, 2022 – Quarterly Church Conference 6:15 pm, Vickrey Hall and Zoom

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.

The following items will also be brought before the Quarterly Church Conference for a vote. We encourage you to attend one of two meetings to hear about the work done by Properties and the Building Action Task Force (10:00 am, October 14 and 6:15 pm, October 17 in Vickrey Hall) prior to the vote on October 19.

- Not investing in existing Children & Youth Building and to tear do the building, and that a Children & Youth Building be built in a future date.
- To the extent allowed, all remaining money received and to be received from the 2021 freeze/water damage insurance may be made available for Vickrey Hall and Adult Education Building, for safe and usable spaces for children and infants, keeping at least 35% of the funds to advance plans for a Children and Youth Building.

## Stewardship 2023 – Who Are We...(becoming)?

We are seeking to continue to be a catalyst for love and light in our city and beyond as we journey to:

- be an anti-racist congregation
- advocate for and fully support the LGBTQIA+ community
- boldly support racial and social justice efforts

As we celebrate our 70th anniversary and begin our eighth decade we encourage you to be a part of this journey by prayerfully considering your stewardship through the tithing and offering of your time, talents, and financial resources.

This is who we are and who we are becoming...as we ***Celebrate Our Legacy and Commit to Our Future.***

Make your pledge today at [royallane.org/pledge](http://royallane.org/pledge)



# From Alliance of Baptists Creation Justice Community Environmental Justice is Racial Justice: Faith Communities Respond

October 20, 2022 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM CDT

Online Only

Environmental Justice is the intersection of Creation Justice and Racial Justice. Across our country and our world, communities of color are impacted first and worst by pollution and climate-driven disasters, and among the strongest advocates for change. Learn how your faith community can stand with them. Join a panel of leaders on the front lines of environmental justice featuring:

**Dr. Robert Bullard**, “The Father of Environmental Justice,” Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, Texas Southern University, author of 18 books, and co-founder of the HBCU Climate Change Consortium.

**Rev. Mariama White-Hammond**, Founding Pastor of New Roots AME church in Boston, and nationally-recognized environmental justice advocate.

**Rev. Dr. Deborah Conrad**, was Pastor of People's Church in Flint, MI (ABC/Alliance), during the lead poisoning crisis; currently Pastor to Parkview Church, United Church of Christ, Aurora, CO.

**Rev. Betsy Sowers** (Moderator), Co-chair of the Alliance of Baptists Creation Justice Community, and Minister for Earth Justice at Old Cambridge Baptist Church, Cambridge, MA.

Learn More and Register - <https://bit.ly/3SZVobZ>



# 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 -5 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!**  
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*Kindness*  
is in your blood.



**Blood Drive**  
**Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Vickrey Hall  
6707 Royal Lane  
Dallas, TX 75230

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**



Make Your Appointment Today at  
<https://rcblood.org/3pHnn3p>





## **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>

### **2022 Pumpkin Patch Hours**

**Monday-Friday 11:00am - 6:00pm**

**Saturday 9:00am - 6:00pm**

**Sunday 1:00pm-5:00pm**

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **October 9 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Following Worship – Called Church Conference — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm    Missions Division — Library  
12:15 pm    Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday**    **October 11**  
9:00 am    Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)  
6:30 pm    Personnel Committee — Library  
7:00 pm    Pastor Search Committee
- Wednesday** **October 12**  
3:30 pm    Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)  
5:30 pm    Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
              Vidalia Onion Chicken, Mixed Veggies, Salad, Dinner Roll. Bar 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
- Thursday**    **October 13**  
6:30 pm    Publicity/Outreach — Zoom
- Friday**      **October 14**  
10:00 am    Children's/Youth Building: Where do we go from here? — Vickrey Hall
- Saturday**    **October 15**  
              Third Saturday Youth Activity  
2:00 pm    Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday**      **October 16 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:45 am    Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building  
9:45 am    Children's Christian Education — Christian Education Building  
10:00 am    Youth SS Class — Library  
10:10 am    Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building  
10:55 am    Morning Worship, Stephen Reeves, Guest Preacher— Sanctuary  
              or Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
12:15 pm    Potluck Lunch & Conversation with Stephen Reeves — 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** – Terry Berrier & John Helms

**Safety Shepherd** – Melanie Ferguson

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When WE Give: we boldly support racial and social justice efforts!

### August 2022 Financials

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

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

*Standard text message rates may apply.*

Donate online at [royallane.org/give/](http://royallane.org/give/)



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