

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Tim Schaefer

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Michael Gregg

Break through our darkness and fears, Lord. Let the light of your salvation and hope shine on us, in us, and through us, that healing and hope may abound in your world.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Festival Piece on OLD HUNDREDTH — Fred Bock

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

**God has given us a new birth
in the living hope of the resurrection.**

God has given us an inheritance
that is imperishable and unfading.

**In this we rejoice,
even when we suffer trials.**

For although we have not seen Jesus, we love him;
and although we have not seen him, we believe in him.

**For the outcome of our faith
is the salvation of our souls.**

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God of all hopefulness, you provide us with hope in a world often plagued by despair. May our worship be transformed into a message of hope to people in our community and across the world. Thank you, God, for this opportunity to be stewards of hope. In the name of Jesus, the bearer of good news, we pray. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

The Solid Rock — SOLID ROCK
(stanzas 1 & 2)

Testimony of Joy

Amy & Ed Meier, Penelope, Nolan

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Resurrecting God, in a doubting world, keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for the church universal. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit,
that we may honor and pass on the great inheritance we have received.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for Mother Earth,
that we may touch her wounds with healing care and love.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for the whole world, its nations, its leaders, and its people,
that your wisdom and peace may prevail.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for those in need, the suffering, and the oppressed, the ill, the dying,
and all those who care for them.

Keep us in faith that we may have life.

We pray for ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud.

Blessed are you, O God, who through Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, and in the
community of the Holy Spirit, gives us an inheritance that is imperishable and
unfading, now and forever.

Keep us in faith that we may have life. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Hope of the World — O PERFECT LOVE
(stanza 1)

Scripture Lesson

Laura Keller

1 Peter 1:3-9 [see insert]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Solo

Brittany Jones

Hope — Debra Scroggins
“Hope” is the thing with feathers—
That perches in the soul—
And sings the tune without the words—
And never—stops—at all—
And sweetest—in the Gate—is heard—
And sore must be the storm—
That could abash the little Bird
That kept so many warm—
I’ve heard it in the chilliest land—
And on the strangest Sea—
Yet—never—in Extremity,
It asked a crumb—of me.
—Emily Dickinson

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ A Living Hope ”

Offertory

David Weigle

Chorale Prelude on BISHOPTHORPE — Jeremiah Clarke, arranged by Robert J. Powell

Communion

Worshipers

Come to Christ’s table, and Christ’s presence will be revealed. As we break the bread and take the cup, let us discover what Christ will bring us this day. Risen Christ, be present at our table, as you were with those first disciples.

As we break bread with you, reveal your presence to us.

As we take the cup, nourish us with your wisdom.

Communion Prayer

Stay with us, O Christ, and bless this time with the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may experience resurrection anew. Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

The Solid Rock — SOLID ROCK
(refrain only)

**On Christ, the Solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.**

Blessing

Michael Gregg

God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled,
and unfading—an inheritance protected by the power of God.

Through Christ, God has given us a new birth into a living hope.

Rejoice therefore, even if for a while we suffer various trials.

For life is stronger than sorrow, and the promises of God are sure.

Through Christ, God has given us a new birth into a living hope.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Partita on “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” — Matthew H. Corl

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Hymn Notes

The Solid Rock

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Hope of the World

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The Solid Rock

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and
2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face, I rest on His un -

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are split across two lines: '1. My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' blood and' and '2. When dark-ness seems to hide His face, I rest on His un -'.

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang-ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but' and 'chang-ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my'.

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are 'whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.' and 'an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all'.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

The fourth system concludes the piece with the lyrics 'oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.'

Hope of the World

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great com - pas - sion,

The first system of music features a treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Speak to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble clef part includes a fermata over the final note of the phrase. The bass line continues with a steady accompaniment.

Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,

The third system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble clef part includes a fermata over the final note of the phrase. The bass line continues with a steady accompaniment.

Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

The fourth system concludes the piece. The treble clef part includes a fermata over the final note of the phrase. The bass line concludes with a double bar line and repeat signs.

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.
See the website for information and resources.
royallane.org

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,
available on the website at royallane.org.

Deacons on Call

Ray Cox & Margaret Darden

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The Scripture this morning is 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

(NRSV)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... **Thanks be to God.**