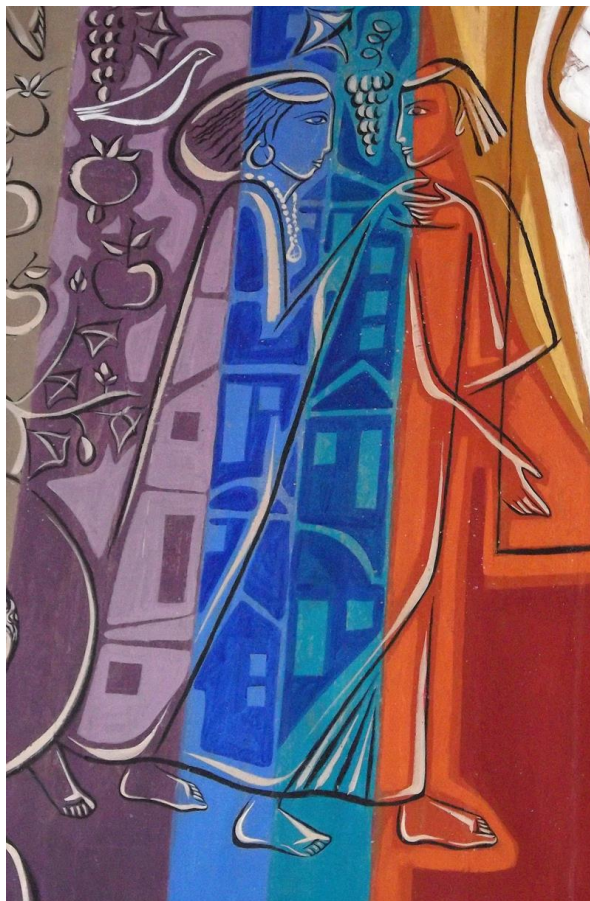


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Song of Solomon: Arise my love ... Come Away ...*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 5, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Garrett Vickrey & Harry Wooten

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

Beloved of God, the winter is past, the flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come. Let us lift our voices in praise to our Creator. Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you invade our sleep; you reveal yourself in the ancient stories and the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place.

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Fanfare on EIN FESTE BURG* — James Pethel  
(A Mighty Fortress Is Our God)

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

God invites all who are weary to come.

Come now with the burdens of work, home, and community.

Jesus promises,

**I will give you rest.**

God invites all who are weary to come.

Come now with the burdens of illness, of fear, of hopelessness.

Jesus promises,

**I will give you rest.**

God invites all who are weary to come.

Come now with the burdens of anger, of prejudice, of alienation.

Jesus promises,

**I will give you rest.**

God invites all who are weary to come.

God invites all who are weary to lay down their burdens.

God invites all who are weary to find peace.

Jesus promises,

**I will give you rest.**

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God of love and kindness, we thank you for your model of courageous love. We pray that you will help us to make the stranger our friend each and every day of our lives, turning our lives outward in an ever-expanding sense of connection and love. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*This Is My Song* — FINLANDIA  
(stanzas one and three)

Testimony of Joy

Ruth May & Donna Ledgerwood

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Disturbing God,

When we forget that you created each person in your image,  
**shock us into the reality of your justice for all people.**

When we impose our own will over those already oppressed,  
**shock us into the reality of your justice for all people.**

When we increase the volume of self-serving speech while others have no voice  
**shock us into the reality of your justice for all people.**

When we are silent in the presence of enemies of peace,  
**shock us into the reality of your justice for all people.**

When we fail to make room for the needs of others in our familiar places,  
**shock us into the reality of your justice for all people.**

When we turn our backs on the pain of others  
rather than walk with them toward their healing,  
**shock us into the reality of your justice for all people.**

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

Disturb us with your unguarded compassion until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream. Amen.

*There Is a Time for Silence* — ST. CHRISTOPHER  
(stanzas one and two)

1. There is a time for si-lence, a time to lis-ten well,  
 2. There is a time for ask-ing, a time to pause and pray,  
 3. There's time for hum-ble stu-dy— for read-ing and for thought.  
 4. There's time for good re-flec-tion, to pon-der who we've been,  
 5. And there's a time to work now— to bold-ly say their names,

a time to hear the pain-ful stor-ies oth-ers have to tell.  
 there is a time to hear the pro-phets speak of God's new day,  
 God, may we learn from oth-ers of the jus-tice they have sought,  
 to think how our own at-ti-tudes have paved the way for sin,  
 to pro-test and to or-gan-ize, to ad-vo-cate for change,

O God, may we who love to talk now hear the rage and fear,  
 to hear the words of Je-sus who taught wel-come, truth and love,  
 And may we learn from those who brave-ly stand a-gainst the hate,  
 to lis-ten to the ones we fear—to folks we may re-sent—  
 to use our voi-ces and to stand with those who are op-pressed.

and may we learn from neigh-bors who have long been si-lenced here.  
 to hear the Spi-rit speak-ing through the ones who shout, "E-nough!"  
 So when we're called to jus-tice, we, your church, won't hes-i-tate.  
 to hear of Je-sus' call to love—and hum-bly to re-pent.  
 As we seek jus-tice, hand in hand, Lord, may your world be blessed.

Scripture Lesson  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13 [ see insert ]  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!** Cameron Vickrey

Solo  
*I See America* — Ken Medema Ken Medema

Sermon  
**“ Come Away with Me ”** Garrett Vickrey

Offertory  
*There Is a Balm in Gilead* — arranged by Virginia Halberg Sharon Vickrey

Communion  
God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. Worshipers  
This is the body broken which restores us to wholeness; take and eat.  
This is the lifeblood when poured out brings healing to our world; take and drink.

Communion Prayer  
All praise is yours, O God. You bring us to this table as fellow pilgrims. Lead us now, through each of our moments, to that glorious day when all your children will gather as family. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is our peace made flesh. Amen.

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]  
*May God Guide Our Country* — FOUNDATION Worshipers

Blessing  
In worship, we find rest and renewal, but this is not where we stay. Let us go from this place, open to embracing love's beauty in the world. Go—ready to greet the stories of others as opportunities for love and ready to be transformed by God the Comforter, God the Redeemer, and God the Sustainer. Amen. Garrett Vickrey

**Amen.**

Postlude David Weigle

*Finale* — Gilbert M. Martin

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## Today's Guest Preacher

### Garrett Vickrey

Garrett Vickrey became the fourth Senior Pastor at Woodland Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, in June 2012. He is a graduate of Baylor University and the Wake Forest University School of Divinity. He has served on the staff of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas and Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. Garrett was born and raised in Dallas, Texas where his father was the pastor of Royal Lane Baptist Church. Garrett and his wife, Cameron, have three daughters, Finley, Zetta, and Sloane.

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### Hymn Notes

#### **This Is My Song**

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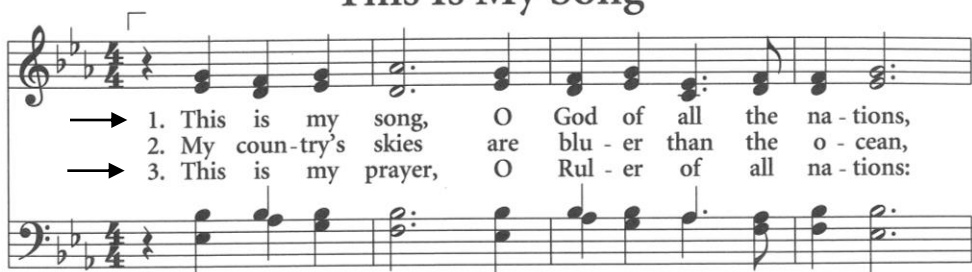
#### **There Is a Time for Silence**

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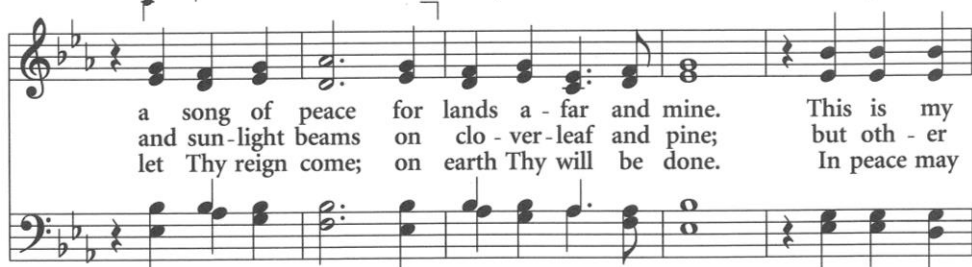
#### **May God Guide Our Country**

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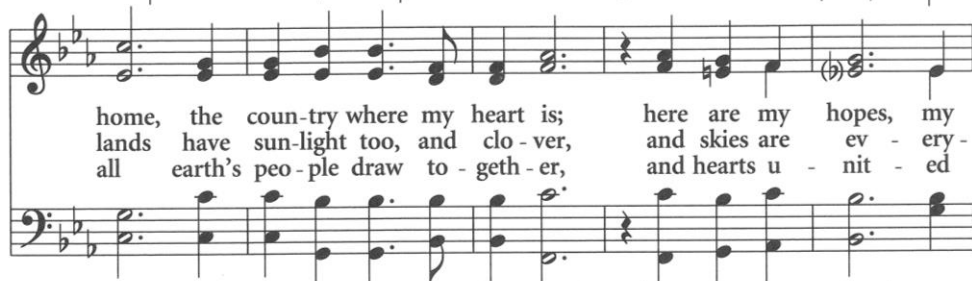
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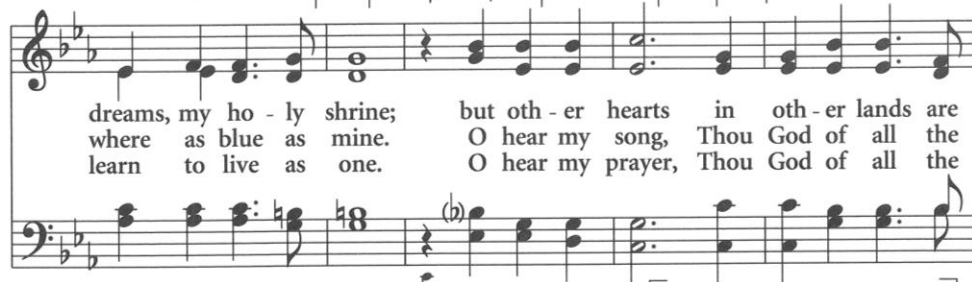
→ 1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
→ 2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
→ 3. This is my prayer, O Rul - er of all na - tions:



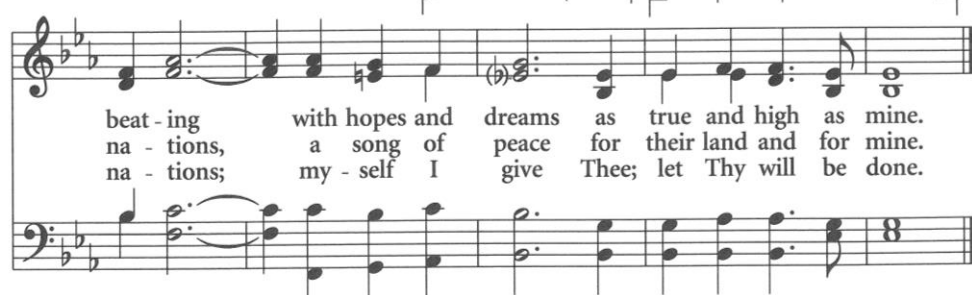
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; but oth - er  
let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done. In peace may



home, the coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my  
lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -  
all earth's peo - ple draw to - geth - er, and hearts u - nit - ed



dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are  
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, Thou God of all the  
learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the



beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
na - tions; my - self I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

# May God Guide Our Country

1. May God guide our coun - try, our home, and our land,  
2. If God and a na - tion are seen as the same,  
3. We pledge our al - le - giance to Christ cru - ci - fied

from need to a - bun - dance, from war - fare to rest;  
then God is not God of the whole hu - man race.  
who lib - er - ates those bound by vi - 'lence and pain.

guide all the world's peo - ple to work hand in hand  
To claim that our gov - ern - ment acts in God's name  
God, save us from i - dols of na - tion - al pride

to bless one an - oth - er as we would be blest.  
im - pos - es a bound - 'ry on bor - der - less grace.  
and teach us that yours is a bound - less do - main.



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The Scripture this morning is Song of Solomon 2:8-13

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<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. <sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. <sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; <sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. <sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. <sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. (NRSV)

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

*Schedule for the Week*

**Sunday**      **July 5 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
3:00 pm      1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom  
4:00 pm      Formations Class — Zoom

**Friday**      **July 10**  
12:00 pm      Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

**Saturday**      **July 11**  
10:00 am      Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom  
2:00 pm      4-6-Year-Old Saturday School – Zoom  
2:00 pm      Questers Class — Zoom  
3:00 pm      3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom  
8:00 pm      Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

**Sunday**      **July 12 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:45 am      Foundation Stones Class — Zoon  
10:55 am      Morning Worship — Livestream  
3:00 pm      1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom  
4:00 pm      Formations Class — Zoom

## *Schedule*

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