

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Love for One's Neighbor*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 6, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

God wants us to become clearer in discernment, but God also wants us to become more loving, more understanding, and more merciful. Love begins as love for one or for a few. But once we have caught it, once it has taken possession of us, and has set up its own value in the heart or the self, there are no limits to those it can touch, or to the relationships it can transform. Love is the greatest gift.

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Fugue in D* — J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Brittany Jones & Harry Wooten

Have you heard the good news?

**Christ calls us to be people of light.**

Have you felt the good news?

**Christ offers us God's love and grace.**

Have you lived the good news?

**Christ lives in us when we gather in his name.**

Come! Let us worship the Lord.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Holy God, you call us to righteousness and light. Teach us the undivided law of love that we may love your children even as you do, love you with all our will and strength, and find our freedom in this blessed service, taught to us in word and deed by Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire* — GIFT OF LOVE

Testimony of Joy

Margaret Darden

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Creator God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit through loving your creation and loving one another. Open our hearts in compassion and receive these petitions on behalf of the needs of the church and the world.

Merciful God, who loves all peoples with a tender and everlasting love,  
We know you have welcomed home those who have been taken,  
Victims to violence or our inhumanity to one another.

**Christ have mercy.**

We grieve with our families and friends,  
Those in our communities who witnessed this violence  
And will continue to relive it and fear for themselves and their families.

**Christ have mercy.**

Grant us the grace to recognize that in acts of violence and all violence  
We pay a price when anger, resentments and jealousy,  
Grow in our hearts and drown out of your voice  
Calling us to forgiveness, understanding and peace.

**Christ have mercy.**

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

Let us pray:

We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher and Messiah, to model for us the way of love for the whole universe. We offer these prayers of love on behalf of ourselves and our neighbors, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures. Amen.

Response { see insert }

Worshippers

*Ubi Caritas et Amor* — Taizé Community  
*Where True Charity and Love Abide*

**Where true charity and love abide,  
God is dwelling there, God is dwelling there.**

Scripture Lesson

Ray Cox

Romans 13:8-14 [ see insert ]

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

Solo

Brittany Jones

*When Love Is Found* — Alfred Fedak

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ A Spirit of Love ”**

Offertory

David Weigle

*Prelude on LOVE DIVINE* — Charles Callahan

Communion

Worshippers

Jesus sets the table where we dine today. People of all ages, of all genders, of all cultures, of all economic conditions are welcome here. No one can earn a place at this meal. Come of your own choice. You need only desire a deeper relationship with the risen Christ. Bring your hopes and your history. Bring your deliberations and your doubts. Come as your whole self.

Receive this bread as the token that Jesus loved you and died for you. Amen.

Take this wine and let Christ cleanse you and fill you with his love. Amen.

Communion Prayer

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Jesus, Love Incarnate* — CRANHAM

Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Unkindness comes out of certainty;  
when we throw out certainty,  
we have the bare reality of consciousness,  
and another name for that is love.

—*John Tarrant*, Sudden Awakening,  
*Shambhala Sun*, July 2007

Benediction

It is by our love that we are known to be followers of Christ.

**It is by trusting that we become fully human.**

**It is by changing that we hope to grow.**

**What we were when we gathered to worship,**

**we will not be as we leave,**

**for we have gathered in the presence of God.**

**Let us therefore show love for one another.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

—*Brian Wren*

Postlude

Trinity River Jazz Kings

*Give Me That Old Time Religion* — arranged by Zack Smith

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# White Fragility Join the Conversation!



Join us on September 9 for the final virtual conversation about race and white fragility. Copies of *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo are available for purchase online and in the Church Office. Contact Laura Keller, [lkeller@royallane.org](mailto:lkeller@royallane.org), to purchase books in the Church Office. \$12.00 per copy.

Registration is required. A Zoom link and instructions for joining will be emailed to you after you have completed the registration process. Register Online at <https://bit.ly/3fNJ0c4>.



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## Hymn Notes

### **Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire**

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# Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

*Unison*

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, and have the  
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, and striv - ing  
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, our spir - its

gift to all in - spire, and have not love,  
so my love pro - fess, but not be given  
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love

my words are vain, as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
by love with - in, the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
guide ev - ery deed; by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

# Ubi Caritas et Amor

## Where True Charity and Love Abide

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Ubi Caritas et Amor'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 2/4. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. Chords are indicated above the vocal line.

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
Where true char - i - ty and love a - bide,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
God is dwell - ing there; God is dwell - ing there.

## Missions Project Supporting Teachers at Foster Elementary School



Please join the RLBC Missions Division in supporting the teachers and staff at Stephen C. Foster Elementary School in Dallas. We will be providing snacks and drinks to bless the teachers and staff in September as they return to distance learning in September. If you want to contribute, visit our wish list on Amazon at this link:

RLBC Missions Project with Foster Elementary School  
<https://amzn.to/3gTUKms>

You can purchase items which will ship to a central location, where Missions Division members will collect and deliver the goodies to the teachers and staff at Foster Elementary. Help us bless these amazing hard-working educators. If you don't use Amazon but still want to contribute, you can contact Charlotte Sewell ([charlottesewell@yahoo.com](mailto:charlottesewell@yahoo.com)) or Laura Keller ([lkeller@royallane.org](mailto:lkeller@royallane.org)) to find out how to help.

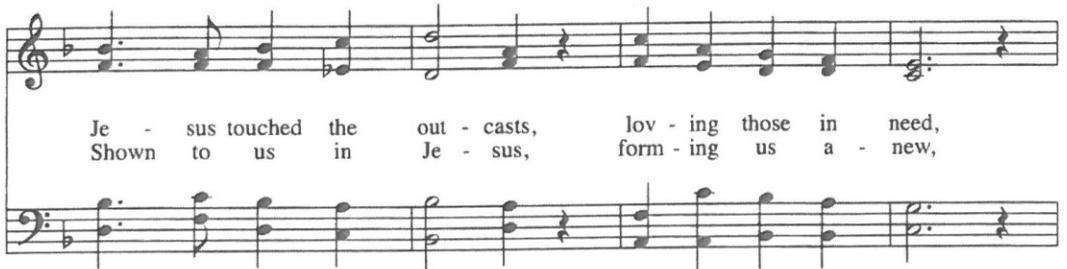
# Jesus, Love Incarnate



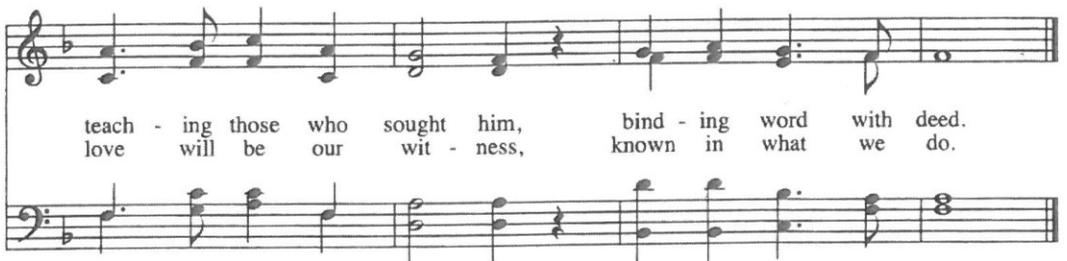
1. Je - sus, Love in - car - nate,      taught      the way of peace,  
2. Love    is more than feel - ing,      more      than fleet - ing thought:



shar - ing with the suff - 'ring      heal - ing and re - lease.  
love    bears fruit in ac - tion,      just as Je - sus taught.



Je - sus touched the out - casts,      lov - ing those in need,  
Shown to us in Je - sus,      form - ing us a - new,



teach - ing those who sought him,      bind - ing word with deed.  
love will be our wit - ness,      known in what we do.

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The Scripture this morning is Romans 13:8-14

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<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*(NRSV)*

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

## *Schedule for the Week*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 6 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 8</b>
12:00 pm	Pastor’s Book Group — Zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 9</b>
6:30 pm	Virtual Book Study – “White Fragility” – Registration Required
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
7:00 pm	Junior Viola Recital – Jordan Stubblefield Livestream – Royal Lane YouTube Channel
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>September 12</b>
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
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 13 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
9:45 am	Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
10:00 am	Women’s Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am	Morning Worship — Livestream
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
7:30 pm	Deacons Meeting — Zoom

## **September Work Anniversary Celebrations**

The RLBC staff celebrates the work anniversaries of our colleagues.

Mike Gregg has been pastor at Royal Lane Baptist Church since September 8, 2016 and David Weigle has been organist since September 10, 2017.

We are glad that Mike and David are a part of our team.

*Gratefully, Harry Wooten, Tim Schaefer, Laura Keller,  
Janet Schultz, Barbara Merry, and Rosa Barrientos.*

## *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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