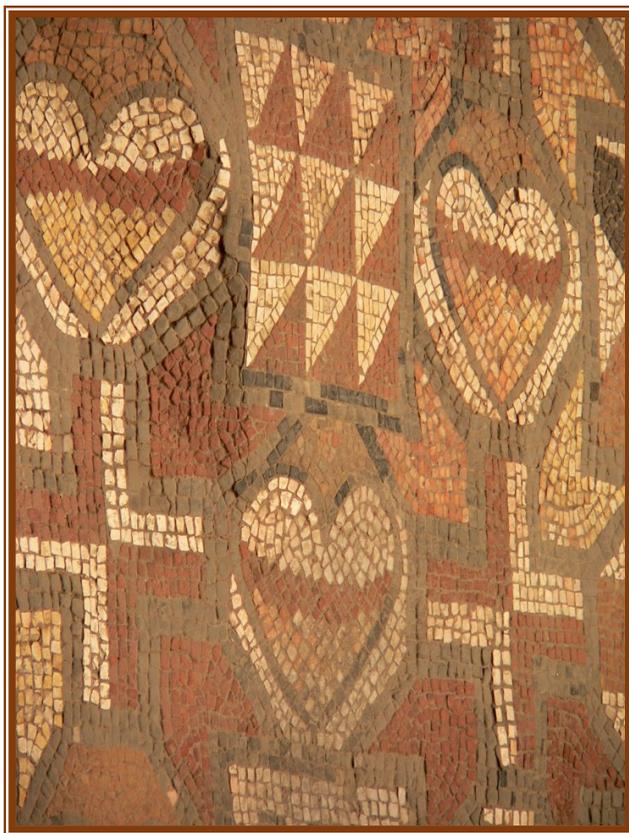


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Building Life Together  
Renewing*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost*

October 24, 2021

10:55 A.M.

*Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.*

*Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,*

*and to record your attendance at [royallane.org/register](http://royallane.org/register) (see QR located following postlude)*

*To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.*

*For the safety and protection of our children and those with compromised immune systems, masks are required in the building.*

✠ – *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

### Chiming of the Hour

*God is in the grace business, if you will. God is in the business of setting right a world that's gone haywire in many directions. We readily can admit — often without much prodding — that we are not worthy of God's love, and yet God gives it to us, anyway. We do not earn it; we cannot earn it. But still our God lavishes it upon us day after day. And God lavishes it on others, too, even the ones we may not like, or who we think are less deserving. Because in the final analysis, none of us deserves God's love. But all of us receive it.*

—Donald Schmidt

### Voluntary

David Weigle

*Canzona* — Richard Purvis

### ✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

I have some sad news:

#### **What is it?**

You can't earn God's love.

But I have some good news:

#### **What is it?**

You can't earn God's love.

Come, let us worship the God who loves us all no matter what.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**O God, from your providing hand even the dissatisfied and grumbling receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and lead us to practice your generosity, so that we may live a life worthy of the gospel made known through your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

†Hymn 471 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* — RESTORATION

Words of Welcome

Cheryl Robinson

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

Scripture Lesson

Jacob H.

Matthew 20:1-16 [ Pew Bible page 801 of the New 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!**

Our Strong Foundation: Renewing

Blake & Shannon Miller

Hymn 665 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Because I Have Been Given Much* — SEMINARY  
(stanza three only)

Offertory

David Weigle

*Bouree from French Suite No. 5* — J. S. Bach  
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.  
See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Kelley Keith & Congregation

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

The Confession of Sin and Promise of Forgiveness

Let us pray:

When we see others "getting ahead" of us in life,

**Loving God, forgive us and make us new.**

When we think we are more deserving than others,

**Loving God, forgive us and make us new.**

When we want to put others down because we don't think they are as worthy of your love than we are,

**Loving God, forgive us and make us new.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Friends, know that God has love for each of us, no matter who we are, where we have been, or what we have done.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

†Hymn 406 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul* — ABERYSTWYTH

Prayers of the People

Daryl Willey & Congregation

Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the world, the body of Christ, and all who yearn for wholeness of life.

O God, as the landowner was kind to the workers in need, help the economic leaders of the world show generosity and righteousness to all laborers seeking to earn a fair wage. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God, we pray that you will bring peace to the nations, especially to areas of the world where there is warfare and violence. Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

O God, we pray that you will encourage this assembly to be generous with time, talents, and resources as we strive to carry out the ministry you have set before us. Lord, on your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*(continued)*

O God, we pray that your healing power will be with all who are homebound, hospitalized, or sick, or grieving, that they may know of your vigilant presence in their lives.

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

*(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)*

*Silence Is Kept*

Let us pray:

**Listen to us when we call upon you, most merciful God, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir & Congregation

*A Repeating Alleluia* — Calvin Hampton  
(sing on direction)

Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases repeated. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia, \_\_\_\_\_ al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff, with blank lines indicating where to sing.

Sermon

Steve Graham

**“ Building Life Together: Renewing ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 376 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*For the Fruit of All Creation* — AR HYD Y NOS  
*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,  
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

*(continued)*

†Sending Forth

Steve Graham

Go forth into the wilderness of life,

**trusting that we do not journey alone.**

Drink of God's grace and eat your fill of God's love,

**for God nourishes us along the way!**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Postlude in C Major* — Anton Bruckner

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Register Your Attendance

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



### Cover Art

*Mosaic from Lullingstone Villa*

The site of one of the earliest known Christian chapels in the British Isles,  
dating from the 4th century.

The mosaic and wall paintings have been well-preserved,  
offering an understanding of the symbolic nature of early Christian worship.

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A project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN

### How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for  
Zoom, Livestream, Virtual or In-Person events — [royallane.org/resources/events](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

# Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound - ed, sick and sore;
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come, God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy;
3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y - la - den, lost and ru - ined by the fall;
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, full of pit - y, love, and power.  
true be - lief and true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.  
if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.  
all the fit - ness He re - quir - eth is to feel your need of Him.



I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.



# Because I Have Been Given Much

Unison

1. Be - cause I have been giv - en much, I, too, must give;  
2. Be - cause I have been shel-tered, fed, by Thy good care,  
→ 3. Be - cause love has been lav-ished so up - on me, Lord,

be - cause of Thy great boun-ty, Lord, each day I live,  
I can - not see an - oth - er's lack and I not share  
a wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,

I shall di - vide my gifts from Thee with ev - ery per-son that I  
my glow-ing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe shel-ter o - ver -  
I shall give love to those in need, shall show that love by word and

see who has the need of help from me.  
head, that they too may be com - fort - ed.  
deed: thus shall my thanks be thanks in - deed.

# Jesus, Lover of My Soul

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bos - om fly,  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on Thee;  
3. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;  
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.  
let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of Thee;

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!  
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
spring Thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

# For the Fruit of All Creation

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For His gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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The Scripture this morning is Matthew 20:1-16, which may be found on page 801 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

*(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 Steve Graham

*The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality.*

by Belden Lane

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146:1-10**

**Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34**

### Hymn Notes

**Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

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**Because I Have Been Given Much**

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**Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

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**For the Fruit of All Creation**

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## November 7, All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 7, 2021, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since October 25 of 2020. If you have a family member you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Friday, October 29 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member.



You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to [bmerry@royallane.org](mailto:bmerry@royallane.org) or [jschultz@royallane.org](mailto:jschultz@royallane.org) in the church office.



# RLBC FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24 3-5PM



**JOIN US ON THE RUNWAY FOR A  
COSTUME PARADE AT 4PM!!**

DON'T MISS THE

- TRUNK OR TREATING
- DJ
- GAMES
- CRAFTS
- CUPCAKE WALK
- PHOTO BOOTH

MASKED EVENT WILL BE FOR  
RLBC MEMBERS & FRIENDS ONLY



## Pumpkin Patch 2021 – Open Through October 31

This year, due to health precautions, we will allow our customers to measure their own pumpkins in order to distance appropriately.

Use this URL Link - <https://qr.go.page.link/KUW6s> - or the QR Code to take you to the Sign-Up Genius web page to volunteer in the 2021 Pumpkin Patch! Select which days and times you can volunteer to work the sales desk, and then click “submit”. Your donation of time is appreciated, and you may have some seasonal fun, too!



**We need more volunteers!**

Weekends are high traffic times.

**Take the time to Volunteer!**

## The Giving Tree



The Missions Division would like to thank all who have contributed so generously to the Giving Tree. All of the leaves have been taken. Working together, we are making a difference in the life of this refugee family.

## RLBC Columbarium

The construction of the RLBC Columbarium Garden began Tuesday, September 21....the dirt is flying! Take advantage of preconstruction cost for a Niche.

The central part of the Columbarium Garden that includes the Niches and central plantings will be the first stage. Landscaping around the Garden will continue as funds are available. This first stage of construction should be finished in 4 to 6 weeks (depending on weather). Remember preconstruction cost of a Niche is \$3,000.00. As soon as construction of the central phase of the Columbarium Garden is finished, the cost will be \$3,500.00. Contact Nancy K. Ferrell at [nkferrell@sbcgblol.net](mailto:nkferrell@sbcgblol.net) or Janet Schultz at [jschultz@royallane.org](mailto:jschultz@royallane.org) for more information.

Want to know more? Visit the RLBC Website – [royallane.org/columbarium](http://royallane.org/columbarium)



## Poinsettia Dedications

This Sunday we start our preparations for Advent by asking for your dedications for Poinsettias to adorn the Sanctuary and fill the Poinsettia Tree. Dedications are due in the church office by November 28.

## *Schedule for the Week*

**Sunday**      **October 24 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

1:00 pm      Pumpkin Patch Open (1:00 – 5:00 pm)

3:00 pm      Fall Festival — Church Grounds (3:00 – 5:00 pm)

**Monday – Friday**

11:00 am – 6:00 pm — Pumpkin Patch Open

**Monday**      **October 25**

7:30 pm      Transition Support Team — Zoom

**Tuesday**      **October 26**

6:00 pm      Columbarium Board of Trustees — Library

**Wednesday**      **October 27**

10:00 am      Holy Rollers — Room 212

6:30 pm      Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom

7:00 pm      Youth Gathering– Pumpkin Carving — Pumpkin Patch

**Saturday**      **October 30**

9:00 am      Pumpkin Patch Open (9:00 am – 6:00 pm)

2:00 pm      Questers Class — Zoom

8:00 pm      Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

**Sunday**      **October 31 – Reformation Sunday**

9:15 am      Children's SS Classes — Zoom

9:45 am      Formations Class — Library

9:45 am      Foundation Stones Class — Room 208

10:00 am      Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)

10:30 am      Children ages 3yr through 5th grade — Vickrey Hall

10:55 am      Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

12:15 pm      Scholarship Committee — Library

1:00 pm      Pumpkin Patch Open (1:00 – 5:00 pm)

*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 left in the offering plate as you leave today’s service.



## Deacons on Call

Charlotte Sewell & Jamie Lockett

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When WE Give: we can renew our commitment to serve through our financial gifts and service.

### September 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 528,354
Expenses	\$ 487,974
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 40,380

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Ushers will be at each door to receive your offering or you may 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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