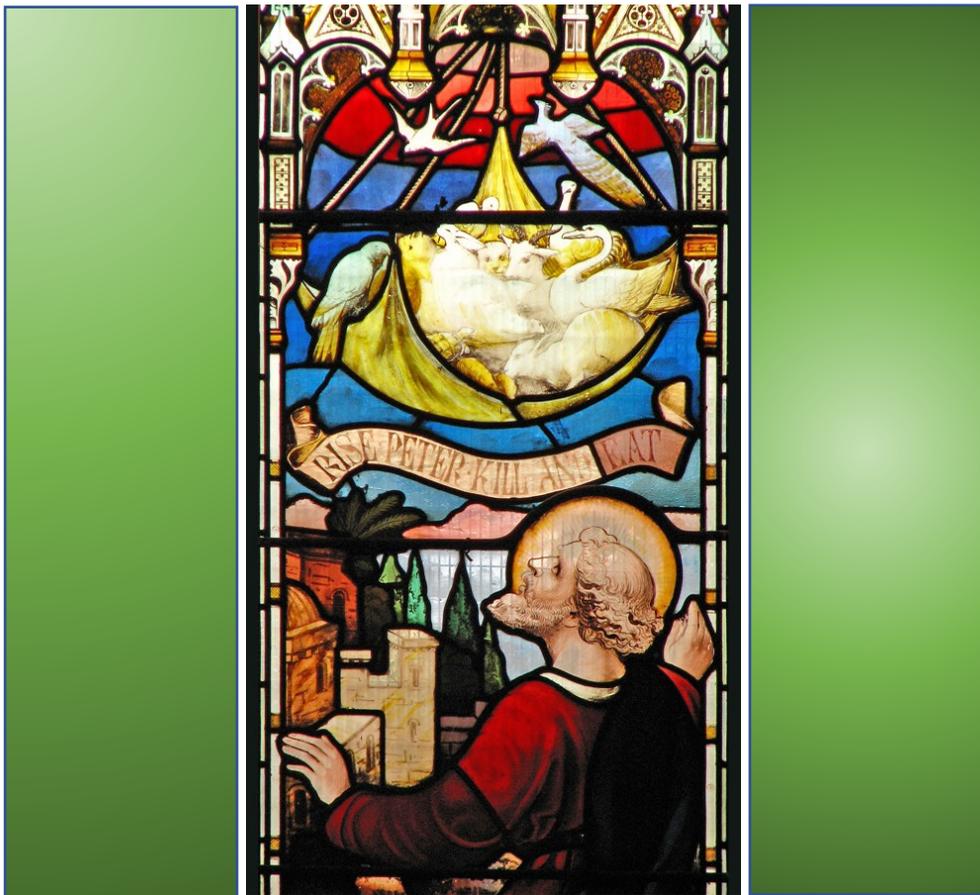


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 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

The Spirit breaks open the community of Christ to move in new ways. The texts this week offer a new vision of God's people and for all creation. Where the Spirit leads, the church is called to follow in love. God has done, and still does, new things in our midst. God seeks individuals and communities willing to risk new ways of seeing and receiving. How can we open ourselves to welcome the still emerging and unfolding story of God's gracious actions in our time?

Voluntary

Robyn Watson, bassoon & David Weigle

Scherzo in G minor — O. Miroshnikov

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

As the sun rises in the morning,

let all creatures worship God.

From the highest mountains to the deepest seas,

**let all creation proclaim the name of the Lord,
for God alone is worthy to be praised.**

God alone makes all things new.

All praise, glory, and honor be yours, forever.

—*Psalm 148*

✠ Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

In Christ There Is No East or West — ST. PETER

Words of Welcome

Tex Quesada, Pastor Search Committee

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

Lillie T.

Acts 11:1-18 [Pew Bible page 895 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!

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

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

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Help Us Accept Each Other — AURELIA

Call to Confession

Donna Wood-Martin & Congregation

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

God of mercy, our command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven. Be at peace to serve the Lord, and may you always be known by your love.

Spirit of the Living God — IVERSON

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me; Spir - it of the

liv - ing God, fall fresh on me. Break me, melt me, mold me,

fill me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Prayers of the People

Charlotte Sewell & Congregation

Let us pray:

God of peace and justice,
 we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
 We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
 We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
 that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
 We pray for those with power over war or peace,
 for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.
 Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
 that you would hold and protect them.
 We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen

—*Archbishop Justin Welby, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell*

Anthem

Choir

Prayer for Ukraine — Mykola Lysenko
*Lord, oh the Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine,
Bless her with freedom and light of your holy rays.
With learning and knowledge enlighten us, your children small,
In love pure and everlasting let us, oh Lord, grow.
We pray, oh Lord Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine,
Grant our people and country all your kindness and grace.
Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom, guide into kind world,
Bless us, oh Lord, with good fortune forever and evermore.*
—Text: Oleksandr Konysky
Literary translation: Dmytro Shostak

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ Befriending the Universe ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 272 [see insert]

Congregation

They'll Know We Are Christians — ST. BRENDAN'S
*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Invitation to the Offering

Blake Miller

God has called us to a ministry of service: water for the thirsty, comfort to those who grieve, healing for ones in pain, acceptance for persons who have not accepted themselves. This is the time to offer our time and strength as well as money, that God's will may be realized among us.

Offertory Prayer

Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us—a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. Amen.

Offertory

Robyn Watson, bassoon & David Weigle

Nocturne — John Henderson

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

† Sending Forth

Steve Graham

We go out as disciples of Jesus Christ.
The world will recognize us by our love.

Love has created us and makes us whole.

We grow in love when we share love.

Praise God whose abundant mercies meet our needs.
Commune daily with the one who heads our family.

When we know God's presence, we are unafraid.

Newness is welcomed as God's gift to us.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Postlude on OLD HUNDREDTH — Fred Bock

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

Peter's Vision – 19th century-stained glass

Church of St. Peter, Nottingham, United Kingdom

This scene of Peter's vision of a sheet filled with animals carries great significance,
because it underscores the disciples' understanding
that the gospel was to be spread to the Gentiles.

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Graduate Recognition, Sunday, May 22

Graduates will be recognized on May 22, 2022. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring—high school, college, post-graduate degree or other. **We would like a picture and brief bio for each student by Monday, May 16**, for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Recognition Sunday, and an issue of the Mosaic.



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Church Profile Survey

A committee has been assembled to update our Church Profile and we need your help completing this important survey so we can capture demographic data of our church.

If you have a child, please complete a survey for them and one for yourself. We need a survey from each person in your family.

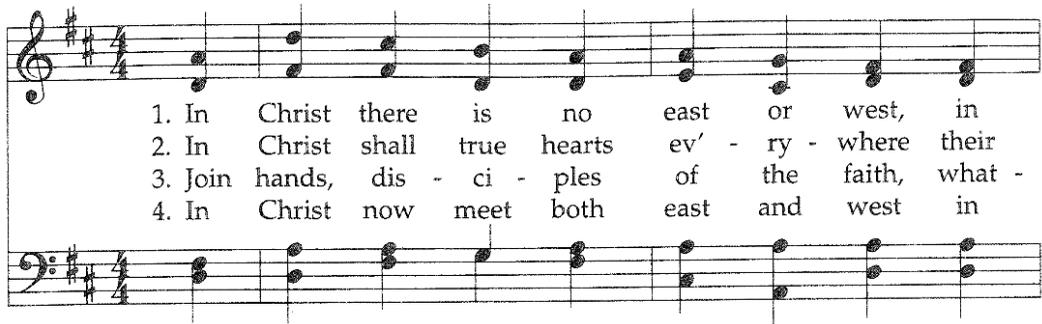
Although surveys are not anonymous, the data compiled and shared will be. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Miller. We are asking that all surveys be completed today, May 15.



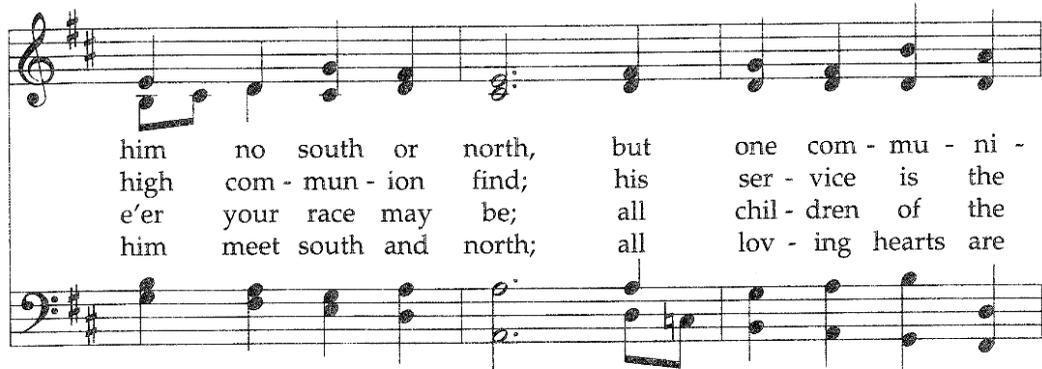
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Copies of the church profile survey are available in the narthex and will be available in the church office for those who prefer a printed copy. Return your survey to the church office or to Shannon Miller.

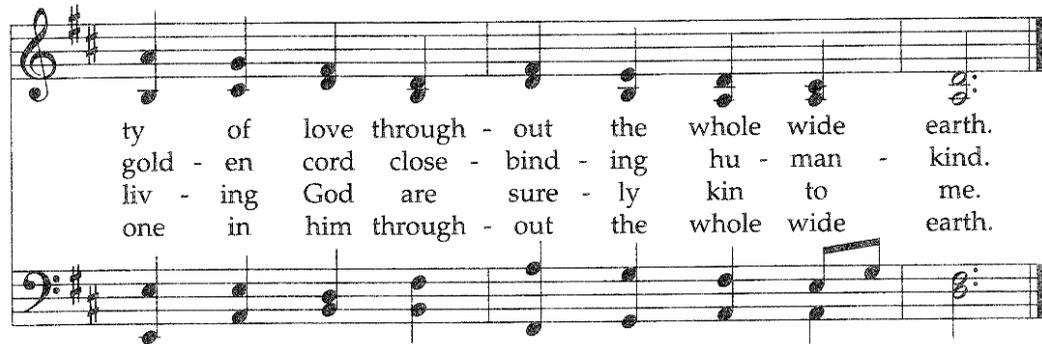
In Christ There Is No East or West



1. In Christ there is no east or west, in
2. In Christ shall true hearts ev' - ry - where their
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
4. In Christ now meet both east and west in



him no south or north, but one com - mu - ni -
high com - mun - ion find; his ser - vice is the
e'er your race may be; all chil - dren of the
him meet south and north; all lov - ing hearts are



ty of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Help Us Accept Each Other



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er As Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, Your les - sons, As in our dai - ly life
3. Let Your ac - cept - ance change us, So that we may be moved
4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters With all who are in need,



Teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, Each per - son to em - brace.
We strug - gle to be hu - man And search for hope and faith.
In liv - ing sit - u - a - tions To do the truth in love;
Who hun - ger for ac - cept - ance, For right - eous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, And bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, For all, not just for some;
To prac - tice Your ac - cept - ance, Un - til we know by heart
We need new eyes for see - ing, New hands for hold - ing on;



We are our - selves ac - cept - ed And meant to love and live.
To love them as we find them, Or as they may be - come.
The ta - ble of for - give - ness And laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
Re - new us with Your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!



They'll Know We Are Christians

Unison

1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

love. Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The music ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Hymn Notes

In Christ There Is No East or West

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The Scripture this morning is Acts 11:1-18, which may be found on page 895 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in the order of worship.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.

¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."
(NRSV)

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

Holy Envy

Finding God in the Faith of Others

by Barbara Brown Taylor

with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin

We invite you to gather in Vickrey Hall on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Bring your own dinner. Drinks will be provided. The Mid-Week program will begin at 6:15 pm for in person or zoom participation. (No childcare provided.)

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
12:30 pm	Program Council — Vickrey Hall
Monday	May 16
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Library
Tuesday	May 17
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library
Wednesday	May 18 – Mosaic
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Room 202 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Dinner — Vickrey Hall (drinks provided, no childcare)
6:15 pm	Midweek Study — Vickrey Hall or Zoom with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Choir — Sanctuary
Saturday	May 21
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter / Graduation Sunday
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Congregational Affiliation Committee — Library
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm	Graduate Recognition Reception — Vickrey Hall
12:15 pm	Lunch Bunch

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.

How to Connect

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

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
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call

Blake Miller & Donna Wood-Martin

When WE Give: our worship resounds with overwhelming hearts.

March 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 188,665
Expenses	\$ 183,774
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 8,080

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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