

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

August 21, 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

*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

### Voluntary

*Count Your Blessings* — arranged by Dan Miller

David Weigle

### ✠Call to Worship

When we feel spiritually homeless, where can we turn for help?

**Our help is in the grace of God.**

When we are imprisoned in our suffering, where can we go for solace?

**Our solace is in the mercy of Christ.**

When we are trapped in the grip of misfortune, where can we turn for strength.

**Our strength is in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Come! Let us worship God, our guide and guardian.

Congregation

### ✠Invocation

Let us pray:

**Gracious God, we cherish the treasure you have given us as a community of faith that reaches through all time and across all space. We affirm our promise to preserve and safeguard this community with the strength of our staying power. Keep our hearts aimed at nourishing that which you have given us. Through Christ. Amen.**

Congregation

### ✠Hymn [ see insert ]

*How Firm a Foundation* — FOUNDATION

Congregation

Words of Welcome

Linda Cross

**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

Scott Bryant

2 Timothy 1:3-7 [ Pew Bible page 966 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

Sarah Plunk

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

†Hymn 60 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Like a River Glorious* — WYE VALLEY

Call to Confession

Barrett Wooten & Congregation

God answers those who seek mercy; salvation comes to those who wait for the Lord.  
Therefore, let us confess all we have done, and what we have not done, trusting in  
God's grace.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Dear God, when struggle, discouragement, or lack of courage causes our  
spirits to sag, refresh us with your Spirit. When we begin to lose our way,  
rekindle our sense of the treasure you have given us. Be with us as the  
meaning of our lives continues to unfold. Through your Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*We now share silence together*

Promise of Forgiveness

The power of God has saved us: grace is given to us in Christ Jesus, who abolished  
death and brought life and immortality to light.

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*God, in Our Praying* — ST. ELIZABETH

Prayers of the People

Nate Green & Congregation

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 our neighbors, on behalf of your creation and our fellow creatures. 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.)*

*We now share silence together*

Let us pray:

**Loving God, open our ears to hear your word and draw us close to you, that the whole world may be one with you as you are one with us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* — Eric Nelson  
Jason Mooney, cello - Bryan Williams, flute

Sermon

Steve Graham

**“ Life is Better When We’re Together! ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 291 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*God of Beauty, Truth, and Goodness* — MOSSY CREEK  
*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,  
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Steve Graham

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

Offertory Prayer

Cheryl Robinson

You call us to bloom where we are planted, O God, even when we feel like strangers in a foreign land. May the gifts we bring before you this day turn groans of despair into shouts of mirth and gladness. Bless this offering with your abundant power, that the world may know your grace and find life in the midst of death. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* — arranged by Dan Miller

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

A Thank You to the Grahams

Terry Berrier

†Blessing in Song

Congregation

*Traveling Mercies* — Billy Crockett

Go in peace, live in grace, trust in the arms that will hold you;

Go in peace, live in grace, trust God's love.

*Take bread for the journey, and strength for the fight, comfort to sleep thru the night;  
Wisdom to choose at the fork in the road, and a heart that knows the way home.*

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*A Tune for Trumpet* — Gilbert Martin

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There will be a receiving line following worship for you to express your personal words of gratitude and farewell to Steve and Jennifer.

**Register Your Attendance**

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



**Cover Art**

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**Elijah Zehyoue, Co-Director, Alliance of Baptists**  
**Guest Preacher, August 28**  
**Pot Luck with Q&A following Worship**



Elijah Zehyoue, a graduate of Morehouse College (B.A.) and the University of Chicago (M.Div.), served as associate pastor at Alliance congregational partner Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C. from 2014-2021. He has experience as a pastor, preacher, scholar, and teacher. He is in the dissertation writing phase of a Ph.D. in African History at Howard University where he studies the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the Origins of the Liberian Civil War. Himself an immigrant from Liberia, Elijah's family came to the U.S. to escape that country's civil war.

**Called Church Conference – September 4, 2022**

Elwanda Edwards has been nominated by the Member Resource Committee to fill the unexpired term of MRC member, Cheryl Robinson, representing the Finance Committee. Cheryl did not leave the MRC but needed to be replaced since her term with Finance had expired.

**Procedure for this Election**

- At the close of worship Sunday, September 4th, members of RLBC will remain in the sanctuary or join the Zoom link if attending remotely. The Zoom ID for the meeting will be sent to members via their email.
- Once the church has been called into conference, ballots will be handed out, and a link to access an online ballot will appear in “Chat.”
- Members of the Tabulating Committee will be tasked with counting the ballots and reporting the results to the deacon chair.
- The deacon chair will be responsible for communicating the results of the election to the congregation.

**Scriptures for Next Sunday**  
**Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16**  
**Hebrews 13:1-8, 1-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14**

**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](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

**Wednesday Evenings are Back in Vickrey Hall  
and Carly is Cooking!**

**August 24 – 5:30-7:00 pm – First Wednesday Back — Pop Questions? and Gratitude.**

Come for the fun, interactive welcome back for adults, kids, and youth.

**August 31 – 5:30-7:00 pm — Fifth Wednesday Sing**

Come sing along to Hymns and Children's favorites. Enjoy the music!

**September 7 – 5:30 – 7:00 pm**

Master of Ceremony, Mix and Mingle, Testimonies and table hosts!

**Meals will remain at these prices through September:**

Seniors \$5.00, Adults \$6.00, Families \$15.00

We will include a kid friendly menu option.

**Something New: Standing Dinner Reservations**

We would love to know you are having dinner with us, so please feel free to make your standing reservation for dinner. See the link below or utilize the QR code to let us know you are planning to be with us.

**Standing Dinner Reservation** <https://bit.ly/3w9P88C>



## Member Interest Survey

Who are we? Much as each star is a part of our galaxy, who we are together at Royal Lane is greater than who we are as individuals. This survey is a way for members of Royal Lane Baptist Church to invest their interests and special talents together into areas of service for our church and our neighbors. We are called to love, by giving our time, treasures, and talents to the ongoing and expanding work of Christ. To what kind of work are you being called? Which committees best reflect your interests and talents?

Please help by completing this survey by September 1st. Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/3plADdY>



## Save the Date for the first Women of the Church Fall Retreat

Saturday, October 1st  
9am-3pm...Sister Grove Farm  
This is Us: Building our Community

Come listen and learn from women who span seven decades. Enjoy time in nature at the spiritually enriching Sister Grove Farm—breakfast, lunch, and communion included. You won't want to miss this one. To save the date: \$40 by check made out to RLBC or paid by credit card. Include "Women's Retreat" in the memo line. Limit of 50 participants.

Register with Janet Schultz in our church office, 214-361-2809, ext. 11

## August 16 Blood Drive Thank You

Hi Royal Lane Baptist Church Blood Drive Team,

WOO HOO!!!! 30 units of collected blood [which can potentially impact 90 lives] is Awesome. Can't thank you enough for your continued support, time, effort and hard work. We are truly blessed to have such a valuable Red Cross partner.

You continue to amaze and impress. Great job.

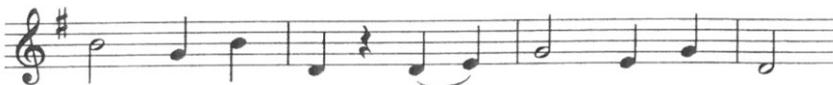
*Thank again,  
Mark Manning, Account Representative*

Note from RLBC: The Red Cross initially scheduled 25 openings for August 16 and added 5 more slots to accommodate the requests to donate. Thank you, Royal Lane!

## How Firm a Foundation



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, ye
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als thy
5. "The soul that on Je - sus hath



saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith  
be not dis - mayed, for I am thy God,  
call thee to go, the riv - ers of sor -  
path - way shall lie, my grace, all suf - fi -  
leaned for re - pose, I will not, I will



in God's ex - cel - lent Word! What more can be  
and will still give thee aid; I'll strength - en thee,  
row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be  
cient, shall be thy sup - ply; the flame shall not  
not de - sert to its foes; that soul, though all



said than to you God hath said, to  
help thee, and cause thee to stand, up -  
near thee, thy trou - bles to bless, and  
hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign thy  
hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll



you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

# Like a River Glorious

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace,  
2. Hid - den in the hol - low of His bless - ed hand,  
3. When a joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove,

o - ver all vic - to - rious in its bright in - crease; per - fect, yet it  
nev - er foe can fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of  
traced up - on our di - al by the Sun of Love, we may trust Him

flow - eth full - er ev - ery day; per - fect, yet it grow - eth  
wor - ry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry  
ful - ly all for us to do; they who trust Him whol - ly

deep - er all the way,  
touch the spir - it there. Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly  
find Him whol - ly true.

blessed; find - ing, as He prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

# God, In Our Praying

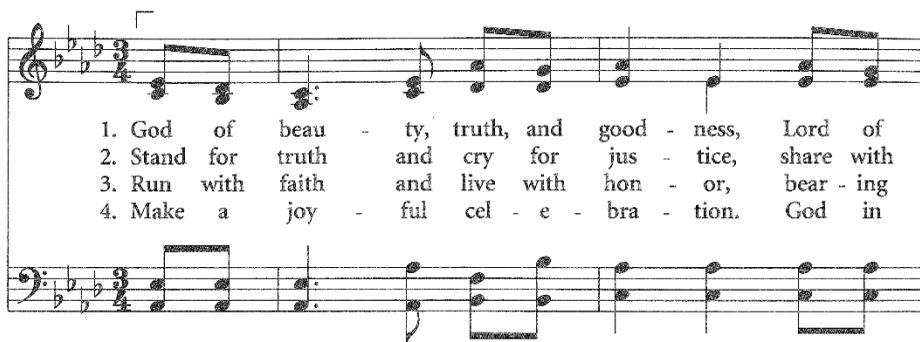
1. God, in our pray - ing, do we hear you call - ing?  
2. God, in our pray - ing, do we join your sing - ing?

Are you the source of our de - sire?  
Are you the pulse of all we do?

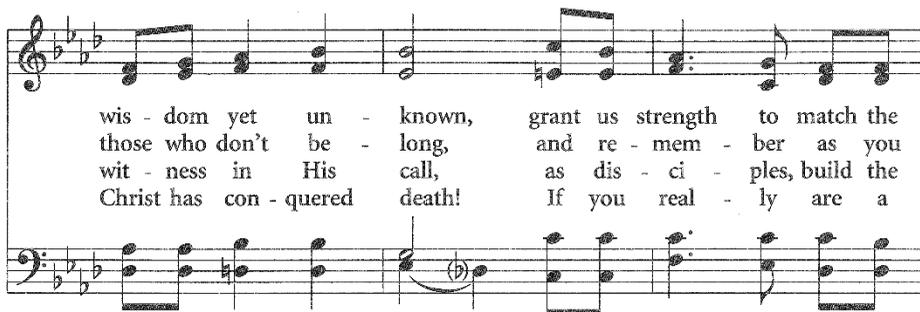
Move us with wis - dom, live in our long - ing, and  
Tune us to jus - tice, lead us in lov - ing, keep

fill us with your Spir - it's fire.  
us in har - mo - ny with you.

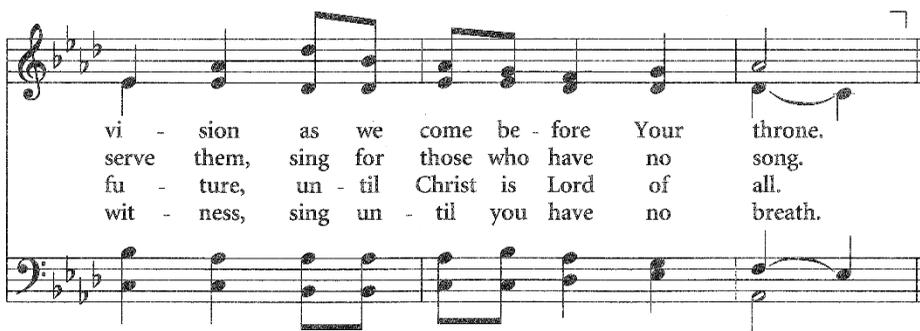
# God of Beauty, Truth, and Goodness



1. God of beau - ty, truth, and good - ness, Lord of  
2. Stand for truth and cry for jus - tice, share with  
3. Run with faith and live with hon - or, bear - ing  
4. Make a joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion. God in



wis - dom yet un - known, grant us strength to match the  
those who don't be - long, and re - mem - ber as you  
wit - ness in His call, as dis - ci - ples, build the  
Christ has con - quered death! If you real - ly are a



vi - sion as we come be - fore Your throne.  
serve them, sing for those who have no song.  
fu - ture, un - til Christ is Lord of all.  
wit - ness, sing un - til you have no breath.



Sing a joy - ful al - le - lu - ia, prais - ing God in all you do,

and re - mem - ber as you wit - ness, God is sing - ing o - ver you!

## Hymn Notes

### How Firm a Foundation

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The Scripture this morning is 2 Timothy 1:3-7, which may be found on page 966 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

*(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!**

### **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](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday August 21 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**  
12:15 pm Child Protection Training — Vickrey Hall (Light Lunch provided)  
8:00 pm Congregational Affiliation Committee — Zoom
- Monday August 22**  
3:00 pm Building Action Task Force — Library
- Tuesday August 23**  
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee
- Wednesday August 24**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)  
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Green Beans, served with a Salad.  
Dessert: Vanilla Cake  
6:00 pm Midweek Program — Vickrey Hall & Zoom  
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)  
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Friday August 26**  
Deacon Recommendations Due
- Saturday August 27**  
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday August 28 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building  
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)  
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Room 212  
10:55 am Morning Worship, Elijah Zehyoue, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm Potluck with Elijah Zehyoue — Vickrey Hall  
or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

*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 placed in the offering plate.



## Deacons on Call

Nate Green & Cheryl Robinson

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When WE Give: our worship resounds with overflowing hearts!

### June 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 333,700
Expenses	\$ 393,609
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (59,909)

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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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