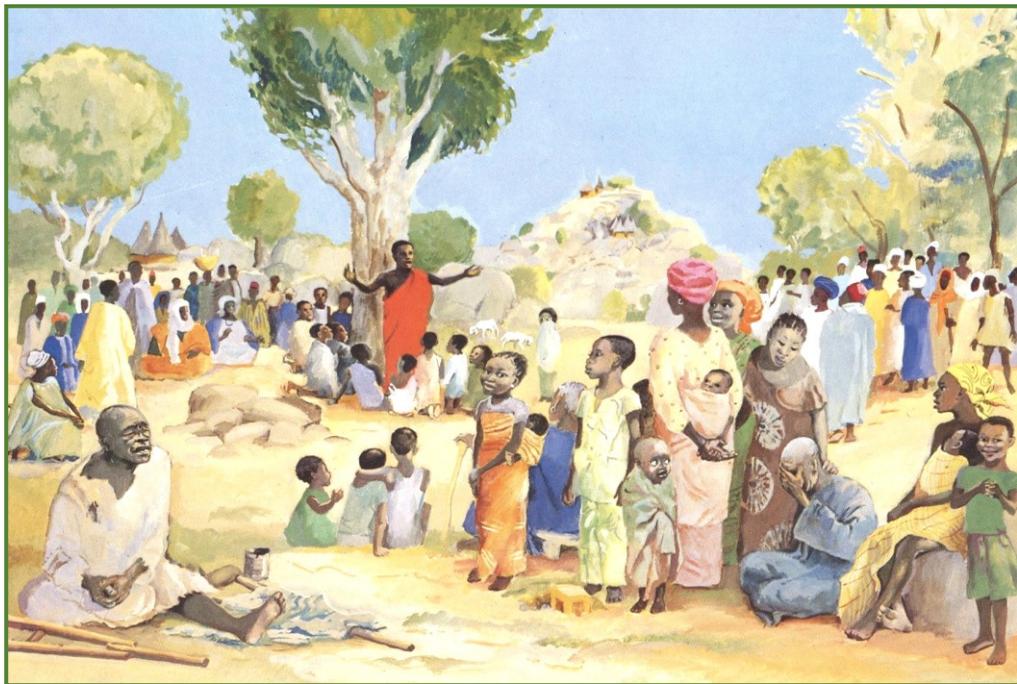


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Blessed are you . . .*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

February 17, 2019

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 in the blue booklet at the end of the pew, and pass it to others.*

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

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

Chiming of the Hour

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

*Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed are” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him and the power to heal us all.*

Voluntary

*The Rejoicing* — Charles Callahan

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Blessed are those who trust in God,  
who delight to meditate on God’s law.

**We long to hear the Word of God  
and let the Word shape our lives.**

Blessed are all who seek the realm of God,  
who hunger to find meaning in their lives.

**We intend to give our best to our Creator,  
bearing fruit in all we say and do.**

Blessed are the ones who serve God with joy,  
who risk all they have in faithfulness and hope.

**We come now to worship and find new life,  
to receive healing and empowerment for our journey.**

Congregation

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**God of blessings and woes, bless us this day with lives filled with love, caring, generosity, and deep, abiding hope. We pray that your kin-dom will dwell among all people, and that we may be instruments of your grace. Open our hearts to the joy of healing a world filled with brokenness and pain. In the name of the one who taught us the ways of light and love, be in our worship and in our very lives. Amen.**

†Hymn 312

Congregation

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* — MARION

Scripture Lesson

Third - Fifth Grade Sunday School Class

Luke 6:17-26 (Pew Bible page 838 of the New Testament)

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

*Children through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play,  
1st through 4th grade to Young Theologians.*

*You may collect your children in the Children's Building following the service.*

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*God, Your Knowing Eye Can See* — CAMARA

Call to Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Come with your troubled spirits to seek forgiveness. Come from your misplaced trust and limited vision to open yourself to the transformation God offers. Come from the parched places where doubt and cynicism block God's revelation.

## The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Merciful God, your call to discipleship is demanding. You call us to reorder our lives through the new reign you are bringing in Jesus Christ. Yet we still pass by the ones you especially notice: people who are poor and hungry; people who weep. We have not stood with those who are hated, bullied, and excluded. Comfortable with the way things are, we are too complacent, even complicit with injustice and prejudice. Forgive us, O God, and turn us back to your gospel. We pray this now, for our sake, and for the sake of your world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *Silence Is Kept*

#### Promise of Forgiveness

Because Christ has been raised from the dead,  
sin and death do not have the last word!

**Our faith is not in vain!**

**Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
we are forgiven and set free to live for God and neighbor.**

**Thanks be to God.**

#### Hymn 507

Congregation

*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* — I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

#### Prayers of the People

Rebecca Rempert & Congregation

When we sought healing O God, you sent a healer. When we continued to be lonely and confused, you stayed with us and sustained us with your spirit.

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*

We remember those who have asked us to pray for them.

For the poor and the outcast –

**teach us your divine hospitality.**

For the hungry –

**show us how to fill all in need.**

*(continued)*

For the weeping –

**give us laughter to share.**

For the despised –

**bring us acceptance.**

For the rich –

**reveal the true consolation of sharing.**

For the satisfied –

**spark desire for the company and well-being of others.**

For the happy –

**let them not fear loss.**

For the celebrated and revered –

**give them the grace of humility.**

**God, we take comfort that you are sovereign and steadfast in love. May we bless others with the power of this love. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* — Ken Medema, arranged by Joel Raney

Sermon

Tim Schaefer

**“ Blessed are . . . ? ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 259

Congregation

*Blest Are They* — David Haas

*Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess or reaffirm your faith or identify with this fellowship. A minister will greet and receive you.*

Offertory Prayer

Emma Watson

Offertory

David Weigle

*Soliloquy* — David Conte

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Show us, good Lord, how to be frugal,

**till all are fed;**

how to weep,

**till all can laugh;**

how to be weak,

**till all can stand in pride;**

how to mourn,

**till all are comforted;**

how to be restless,

**till all lie in peace;**

how to claim less,

**till all find justice.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*The Rejoicing* — G. F. Handel

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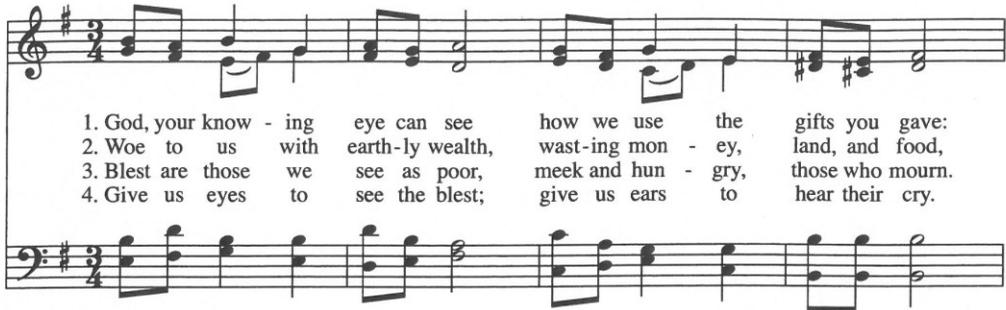
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Hymn Notes — *God, Your Knowing Eye Can See*

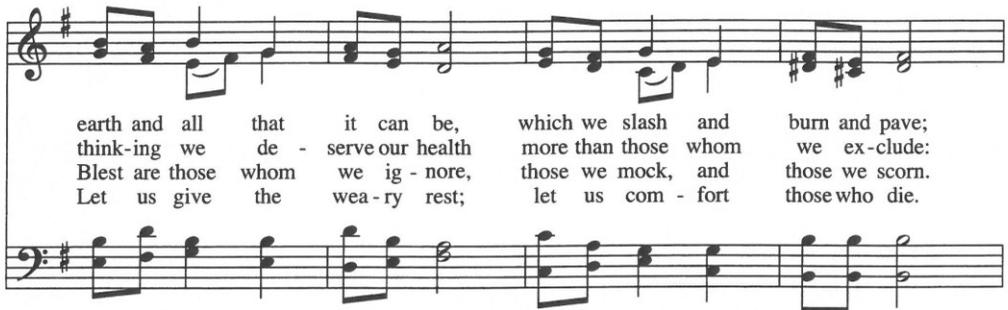
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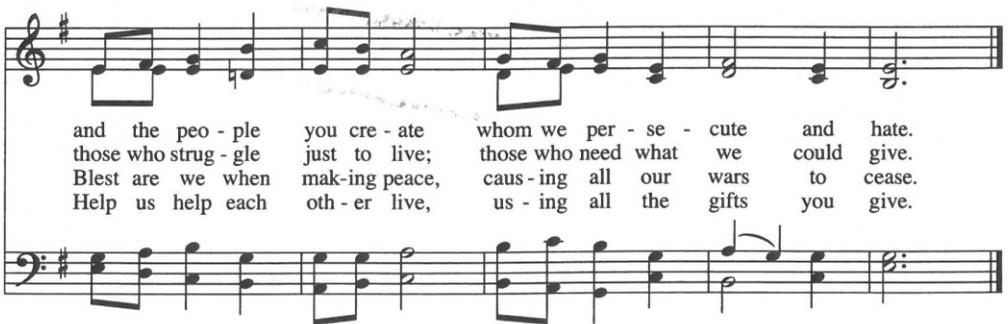
# God, Your Knowing Eye Can See



1. God, your know - ing eye can see how we use the gifts you gave:  
2. Woe to us with earth-ly wealth, wast-ing mon - ey, land, and food,  
3. Blest are those we see as poor, meek and hun - gry, those who mourn.  
4. Give us eyes to see the blest; give us ears to hear their cry.



earth and all that it can be, which we slash and burn and pave;  
think-ing we de - serve our health more than those whom we ex-clude:  
Blest are those whom we ig - nore, those we mock, and those we scorn.  
Let us give the wea - ry rest; let us com - fort those who die.



and the peo - ple you cre - ate whom we per - se - cute and hate.  
those who strug - gle just to live; those who need what we could give.  
Blest are we when mak-ing peace, caus - ing all our wars to cease.  
Help us help each oth - er live, us - ing all the gifts you give.

## Worship Leaders

### Third – Fifth Grade Sunday School Class

The children of the Third – Fifth Grade Sunday School Class, under the leadership of Cookie Stokes and Theresa Helms. **Ashley Fleenor**, 5th grade; **Annaleigh Gregg**, 3rd grade; **Brodie Keller**, 5th grade; **Mara Tiemann**, 5th grade; **Lillie Tiemann**, 3rd grade; **Addison Washington**, 3rd grade; and **Sadie Watson**, 4th grade.

### Emma Watson

Emma Watson has been attending at Royal Lane her whole life. She loves volleyball, her dog, musicals, and new school supplies. She was baptized at Royal Lane, and became a member in 2016.

### Study for Wednesday Evening

**Bible Study: Luke 1:1-25**

**The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold**

**with**

**Mike Gregg**

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

### Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40**  
**1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 Luke 6:27-38**

### For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.

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.

## Abundant Life Movie Time

Abundant Lifers (and their friends) are invited to attend a showing of the 2017 movie “Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World” in Room 101 (the Godly Play Room) on Friday, February 22. The screening will begin at 2 pm and should be over by 4 pm with a break and discussion about half way through. Narrated by Hugh Bonneville (Downton Abbey), this film brings to life the great adventure story of Luther's struggle, and particularly his ongoing drive to reform the Catholic church. Contact **Mike Jones** or **Bruce Luedke** with any questions or comments.

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## Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching February 24, 2019 – Tiffany Pittman

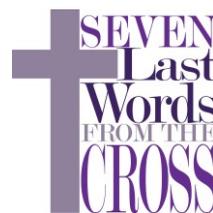


Tiffany Pittman is the Director of Admissions at Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and a member of the Alliance of Baptists board of directors, serving on the development and communications committees.

Beginning in 2007, Baptist Women in Ministry invited Baptist churches to participate in Martha Stearns Marshall Month of Preaching by having a woman preach during the month of February. This annual event has been a deeply significant source of joy and discovery for many churches as they have celebrated the giftedness of women. This annual preaching month is named for Martha Stearns Marshall, an eighteenth-century Separate Baptist woman. Royal Lane joins BWIM in this celebration on February 24, 2019, with Tiffany Pittman as preacher.

Q&A Luncheon will be held in Vickrey (Family) Hall following worship. (childcare provided)

# Lent & Holy Week



<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 3 – Fat Tuesday on Sunday</b>
5:00 pm	Royal Lane Mardi Gras & Karaoke — Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 7:00 pm) Fundraiser for Children’s and Youth Ministries
<b>Lenten Series</b>	<b>(March 6 – April 14)</b> 7 Last Words of Jesus
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 6 – Ash Wednesday</b>
6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service — Sanctuary
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday</b>
10:55 am	Morning Worship – Procession of Palms
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 17</b>
5:30 pm	Family Supper — Vickrey Hall
6:00 pm	Youth Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm	Midweek Service — Vickrey (Family) Hall
6:15 pm	Children’s Seder — Children’s Building
7:15 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 19 – Good Friday</b>
5:30 pm	Choir Dinner — Library
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
8:00 pm	Good Friday Service – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary ( <i>childcare provided</i> ) “The Seven Last Words of Christ” – Théodore DuBois
8:00 pm	Children’s Good Friday Service — Children’s Building
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 20</b>
2:00 pm	Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 21 – Easter Sunday</b>
8:00 am	Flowering of the Cross — Front Lawn Testimony of Joy
8:30 am	Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am	Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am	Morning Worship – “A New Word of Beginning” — Sanctuary

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **February 17 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**  
6:00 pm      Connections Care Group — Home of Larry Allen
- Thursday**    **February 19**  
6:00 pm      Personnel Committee — Library
- Wednesday** **February 20**  
3:30 pm      Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:00 pm      Faith & Arts — Room 206  
5:30 pm      Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey (Family) Hall  
                  Chicken Tacos, Rice, Salad, Cookies  
6:00 pm      Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm      Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building  
6:15 pm      Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg— Vickrey (Family) Hall  
                  Luke 1:1-25, The Birth of John the Baptist Foretold  
7:15 pm      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Friday**        **February 22**  
2:00 pm      Abundant Life — Room 101 (Godly Play Room)
- Sunday**      **February 24 – Seventh Sunday after Epiphany**  
**Martha Stearns Marshall Day of Preaching**  
9:30 am      Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box-Hawkins Gallery  
9:45 am      Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am     Morning Worship – Tiffany Pittman, Preacher — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm     Q&A Luncheon with Tiffany Pittman — Vickrey (Family) Hall  
                  *(childcare provided)*

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

## **You are invited** **Royal Lane Mardi Gras** & **Karaoke**

*aka Fat Tuesday on Sunday before Ash Wednesday*  
**Sunday, March 3**  
RLBC Vickrey (Family) Hall  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
Fundraiser for Children’s and Youth Ministries  
Pancake Dinner & King Cake!



# Prayer Cards

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. These may be placed in the offering plate or handed to a minister or deacon of the week.

## Deacons on Call

Rebecca Rempert & Karen Miller

**Safety Shepherd** – Bryan Chastian

## Godly Play

Jan Quesada, Don & Patsy Meier

**Young Theologians** – Laura Keller & Janet Schultz

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When WE Give: during times of joy our church family remembers.

### December 31, 2018 Financials

	YTD	Dec 2018
Budget/Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 702,660	\$58,554
Actual Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 702,965	\$83,957
Budget/Offerings & Revenues	\$ 800,880	\$63,188
Actual Offerings & Revenues	\$ 790,288	\$93,890
Expenses	\$ 800,196	\$58,532
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 9,908)	\$35,358

Text **Royallane** to **73256** to give to the General Fund.

*Standard text message rates apply.*

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Ray Vickrey, Pastor Emeritus  
David Weigle, Organist  
Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 6:17-26, which may be found on page 838 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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<sup>17</sup>He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup>They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

<sup>20</sup>Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup>"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

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