

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Ascension Sunday*

### *Graduate Recognition Sunday*

**June 2, 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

*In today's lesson, the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told not to gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

#### Opening Voluntary

David Weigle

*Be Still My Soul* — arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

#### ✠ Call to Worship

Laura Keller & Congregation

Clap your hands, all you people of God.

Sing praises to our God, sing praises!

**God reigns among us and far beyond us.**

**We celebrate the immeasurable greatness of God!**

We are called to be witnessing people.

Testify, then, to God's loving purpose in Jesus Christ.

**Christ is head over all things for the church.**

**We celebrate Christ's resurrection and ascension.**

Worship with eager anticipation of empowerment.

Give thanks for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit.

**This is the day for revelation and renewal.**

**We await the baptism of the Holy Spirit.**

—based on Psalm 47

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Risen and ascended Christ, you surround us with witnesses and send us the Counselor who opens our minds to understand your teaching. Bless us with such grace that our lives may become a blessing for the world now, and in the age to come. Amen.**

†Hymn 158

Congregation

*Jesus Shall Reign* — DUKE STREET

Welcome to Worshipers

Michael Gregg

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.]*

Scripture Lesson

Garland Hamic

Acts 1:1-11 (Pew Bible page 884 of the New Testament)

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Graduate Recognition

Tim Schaefer & Terry Berrier

*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 219

Congregation

*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise* — LLANFAIR

Offertory Prayer

Tom Fouse

O God, for the life you have offered, for the vision you have granted, for the ministry of Jesus Christ that empowers our witness, we give thanks. May these offerings of gratitude extend the positive influence of Christ's church into parts of the world that have not experienced good news. By the act of giving, may our own commitment be deepened. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

*Nearer My God to Thee* — arranged by Dan Forrest  
Walter Idol, cello

Sermon

Michael Gregg

## “ Are You Waiting or Witnessing? ”

†Hymn of Commitment 159

Congregation

*Fairest Lord Jesus* — CRUSADERS’ HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH)

stanzas 1-3

*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.*

Communion

All Believers

Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give our thanks to the Holy One.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is a right, good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
who pours out healing and hope,  
even in the presence of our enemies.

We give you thanks for clean water and good food,  
for shelter and comfort when life is hard,  
and for your promise of eternal life.

And so, with your creatures on earth and all the heavenly chorus,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Sanctus* — Mark Snow

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are  
full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the — high - est! Bles - sed is  
He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

## Blessing of Bread & Cup

Michael Gregg

### Response

And so, in remembrance of your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and cup.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,  
that we might live in him and he in us,  
for the sake of a broken and hurting world.

In the name of the one who gives us eternal life, we give our thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer (*using trespasses*)

### The Receiving of Communion

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake  
of communion by intinction\* or separate cups.*

*Gluten free bread is available in the center of the paten. Return via the outside aisles.*

### † Passing of the Peace

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

The glory of God reigns in each of us! Let the peace of Christ within you greet  
the peace of Christ in your neighbor.

The peace of Christ be with you. . . **The Peace of Christ be with you always.**

### † Sung Response

Hymn 159 (stanza four only)

Congregation

*Fairest Lord Jesus* — CRUSADERS' HYMN (ST. ELIZABETH)

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations,**

**Son of God and Son of Man!**

**Glory and honor, praise, adoration,**

**now and forever more be Thine!**

*\* - intinction, the administering of the elements of Communion  
by dipping the bread in the cup and receiving both together.*

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Christ is alive; share the good news!

Revelation and wisdom are given to us; pass on the gifts.

**We are witnesses to the difference Christ makes.**

**Daily life is changed; the earth is a better place.**

You will receive power from the Holy Spirit.

The eyes of your hearts will be enlightened by hope.

**We will not shrink from God's empowering spirit.**

**We will carry Christ's inclusiveness to all people.**

Amen.

**Alleluia!**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Gaudeamus Igitur* — arranged by James Mansfield

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Hymn Notes

*Sanctus* — music by Mark Snow

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## Worship Leaders

### Tom Fouse

Tom joined Royal Lane on Mother's Day of 2015 after searching for a new church home for quite some time. Tom was born and raised in the DFW area and enjoys his life as a specialized hair-colorist in Dallas.

### Garland Hamic

Garland has been a member of Royal Lane since January, 2000. He was ordained as a deacon in 2003. He currently serves on the social justice team and is an active participant in Royal Lane missions efforts.

Thank you to Terry Berrier for serving as worship music leader today.

**Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday!!!**

**Wear RED!**



**or Orange, Pink, Yellow, etc.**

**— the brightest color in your closet!**

The members and friends of  
*Royal Lane Baptist Church*  
extend our best wishes and hearty congratulations  
to our Graduates & Scholarship Recipients.  
May God bless you richly.

**Chloe Clark-Soles**

Chloe, daughter of Jaime and Thad Clark-Soles, graduated from Southern Methodist University on May 18th with a B.A. in History, a B.A. in Religious Studies, and a minor in Economics. During her time at SMU, she participated in Religious Studies club, Alpha Kappa Psi (a business fraternity), and the history ambassadors program. She is now working for an HR consulting firm here in Dallas and is pursuing teacher certification in social studies with hopes to teach high school AP History and Economics.



**Jaxson Hill**

Jaxson, son of Joe and Jill Hill and brother to Ryah, graduates as valedictorian of Wylie East High School. At Wylie East, Jaxson sang in the varsity mixed choir for three years, the first two years under the direction of Terry Berrier. He was on the robotics team and the solar car team all four years, and was named captain of the solar team his senior year. He was also on the inaugural Academic Decathlon team his junior year and captain of the team his senior year. Both years, his team advanced to state, where Jaxson received several first-place state medals in math, interview, and speech contests. The highlight of

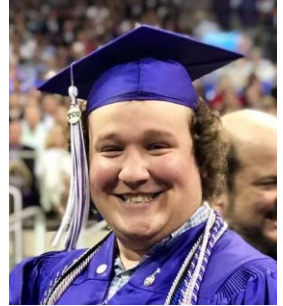
Jaxson's high school years was developing and running a free math tutoring program for students in the community. Over the last three years, it grew to serve 20-30 students weekly with 15 student tutors volunteering their time. This legacy will continue as Ryah and several other students will keep the program running. Jaxson will attend Harvard University in the fall, where he plans to study Mechanical Engineering with hopes of one day working in the space industry. Jaxson has attended Royal Lane since he was two months old and has made lasting friendships and memories. He is grateful to the Royal Lane family for being part of the village that helped raise him to be who he is today.





**Trent Juarez**

Trent graduated from Texas Christian University on May 11, 2019, with a Bachelor of Music Education (B.M.E.) degree. He will be attending Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, in the fall of 2019 to pursue a Master of Divinity (M.Div.) degree. Trent is a member of Royal Lane and a leader of the Young Adults (20/30 Ministry) group at Royal Lane.

**Erik Scott Tilden**

Erik, grandson of Dorothy Tilden, graduated May 11, 2019, from Texas A & M University in Galveston, with a B.S. in Offshore and Coastal Systems Engineering.

**Tim Schaefer**

Tim graduated in May with a Master of Divinity degree and a degree certificate in Sexual and Gender Justice from Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. He has served as Minister to Youth for four years and will continue to serve in that position.



Study for Wednesday Evening  
**Bible Study with Mike Gregg**  
**Luke 6:1-16**  
**Sabbath Conflicts and Choosing the Twelve**

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**  
**Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17 (25-27)**

**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.



**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 8 – 12, 2019, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Children from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 are invited to discover the wonder of God's universe at this year's Vacation Bible School.

Register online at <https://bit.ly/2Wletfc>



## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **June 2 – Ascension Sunday / Graduate Recognition Sunday**  
Following Worship – Graduate Recognition Reception — Library  
12:15 pm      Education Committee — Room 206
- Wednesday**      **June 5 – Mosaic**  
3:30 pm      Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:00 pm      Faith & Arts Committee — Room 206  
5:30 pm      Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
                 Shredded Barbecue Chicken Sandwiches,  
                 Roasted Potatoes, Coleslaw, Apple Pie  
6:00 pm      Youth Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm      Wacky Wednesdays – “Bucket Sundaes!” — Children’s Building  
6:15 pm      Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall  
                 Luke 6:1-16, Sabbath Conflicts and Choosing the Twelve  
7:15 pm      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Sunday**      **June 9 – Pentecost Sunday – Wear Red or Bright Colors**  
8:30 am      Deacons Meeting — Portable 1  
9:30 am      Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
9:45 am      Royal Welcome Class for New Members & Visitors — Library  
9:45 am      Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am      Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm      Child Protection Training for Adults and Youth — Vickrey Hall  
                 (*childcare & lunch provided*)

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

# 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

Scott Bryant & Kelley Keith

## Godly Play

Dottie Brashear & Kelley Keith

**Safety Shepherds** – Jeff & Jennifer Hammett

**Young Theologians** – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

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When WE Give: our children and youth have a safe place to grow in faith.

### April 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 276,286	\$ 228,554
Expenses	\$ 239,987	\$ 239,987
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 36,299	(\$ 11,493)

\*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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David Weigle, Organist

Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

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The Scripture this morning is Acts 1:1-11, which may be found on page 884 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (NRSV)

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