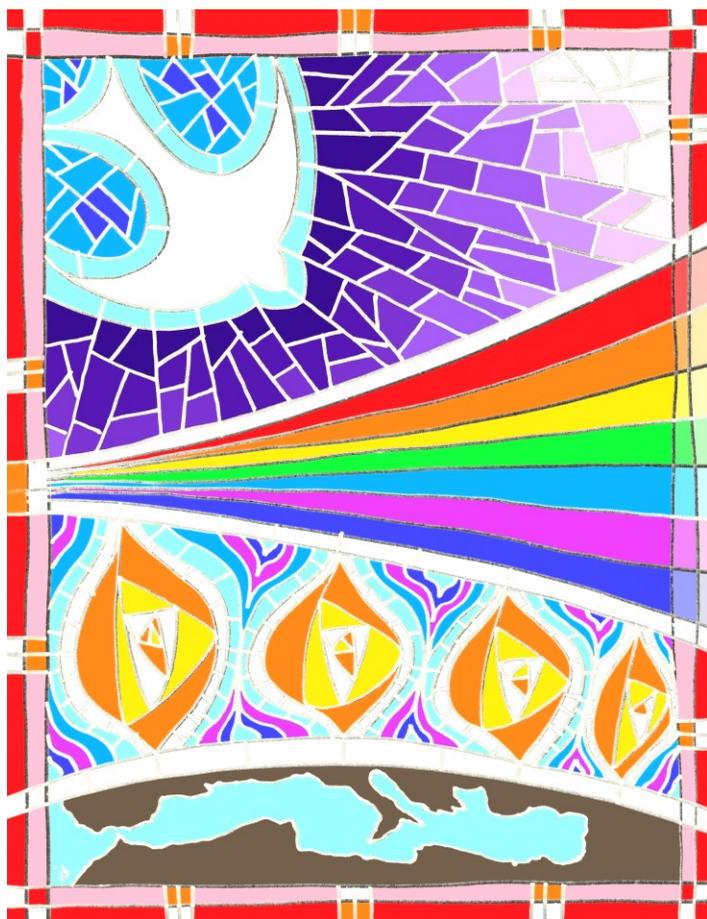


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Pentecost Sunday

June 9, 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!

Pentecost Sunday is a day to celebrate the breath and fire of the Spirit that lives and moves and acts among God's people. This Spirit of liberation and freedom poses an inevitable challenge to a spirit of domination so present in the world. The Spirit gives us a new identity, one infused by God's desire for the world. Pentecost Sunday celebrates the animating and sustaining presence of God's spirit within the church. Perhaps it is for this reason we celebrate the "birthday of the Christian church" on this day. The Spirit gives the church its mission and the power to undertake it.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Festival Alleluia — Dan Miller

✠Call to Worship

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

When the world divides us:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.

When the world calls us orphaned:

Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.

When the world leads us astray:

Come, Holy Spirit, call us home.

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Come and fill this place!

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Perplexing, Pentecostal God, you infuse us with your Spirit, urging us to vision and dream. May the gift of your presence find voice in our lives, that our babbling may be transformed into discernment and the flickering of many tongues light an unquenchable fire of compassion and justice. Amen.

†Hymn 226

Congregation

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow – ABERYSTWYTH

Scripture Lesson

Gillian Simeon & Many Voices

Acts 2:1-6, 12-21 (Pew Bible page 885 of the New Testament)

Mike Jones (Kiswahili)

Tim Schaefer (German)

Bruce Luedke (Spanish)

Daniel Solyom (Hungarian)

Rita Nsumbu (Lingala)

Donna Wood-Martin (French)

Sung Response

Breathe on me, breathe on me, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me;

take Thou my heart, cleanse ev - ery part, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

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 233

Congregation

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song — BRIDEGROOM

Call to Confession

Blake Miller & Congregation

How often this week have we pondered the manifold works of God? How have we cared for this amazing planet? What have we done to encourage life at its fullest and best? We violate God's purposes by our neglect as well as by overt acts. God invites our confession.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

O God, we have built cities for ourselves. We have sought fame and fortune. We have rushed through our days with unseeing eyes, stopped-up ears, and dulled emotions. We are more often enslaved by our fears than fed by your grace. We demand proof of your existence but ignore the work of your hands. We reject Jesus Christ as an impractical visionary. Your Holy Spirit is unreal to us because we insist on being in charge. Have mercy on us, holy God, and save us from ourselves. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

God promises to us an outpouring of the Spirit. We will see signs and experience wonders that we have not observed before. When we call out to God, our healing and our salvation will come. God approaches us with open hands filled with good things.

When we are ready to be taught, God grants new insights and a deep, abiding sense of peace. Praise God!

Anthem

Choir

Fanfare for Pentecost — John Purifoy
When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place;
*And suddenly a sound came from heaven,
like the rush of a mighty wind.*
*And all of a sudden, a sound came from heaven,
like the rush of a mighty wind.*
And there appeared to them tongues of fire,
and they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

Sermon

Melissa Walker-Luckett

“ Turning Points ”

†Hymn of Commitment 225

Congregation

On Pentecost They Gathered — ST. THEODULPH

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

Janet Schultz

Loving God, you quench our spiritual and emotional thirst through the lifegiving love of your son, Jesus Christ. This Pentecost, we immerse ourselves in the river of living water, your Holy Spirit. Receive and multiply our gifts so that all people may experience the security of your ever-lasting love. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

Hymn of Fire — Eugene Butler

Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, Now ignite us with Thy fire;
While the earth resists Thy burning, with Thy passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, Make us know our share of blame.
Baptize us with thy fiery Spirit, Crown our lives with tongue of flame!

Thou who in Thy holy purpose Wills that all should truly live.
Grant us grace to be Thy servants, Our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife.
Shame the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life.

Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace.
By Thy sharpened word disturb us, From complacency release!
Save us from our satisfaction When we personally are free
yet are undisturbed in spirit by our brother's misery!

Crown our lives with tongues of flame!

—text: D. Elton Youngblood

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Tim Schaefer

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth
Who are you?

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

**We are a people who never give up,
because the spirit of God fills us with a vision for the future.**

Who are you?

**We are a people who welcome young and old,
a rich tapestry of humanity with a multitude of differences.**

Who are you?

**We are a people who will never fall back into fear,
because we know the power of the peace Christ gives.**

Go forth living into your identity as Children of God, trusting that through you the Spirit will do even greater works of love and justice.

Amen.

Amen.

Sung Response
Hymn 241

Congregation

Sweet, Sweet Spirit — MANNA

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Fanfare on an Original Theme — Gilbert Martin

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Thank you to Dan Thompson for serving as worship music leader today.

Study for Wednesday Evening

IN FOCUS

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



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>



Worship Leaders

Mike Jones

Mike joined Royal Lane Baptist Church in August of 2011 and has been very blessed by the members. The varied positions he has held while being here has allowed him to know RLBC even better. Presently, Mike is enjoying the Sunday Morning class that Dennis Turnbull facilitates. He finds fulfillment in his volunteer work at a community hospital in Fort Worth. He is the grandfather of a beautiful granddaughter. Mike has had the privilege of living, working, and studying in several foreign countries. This experience has allowed Mike to have a heart and passion for those who come from other cultures. He enjoys teaching and being with people!

Bruce Luedke

Bruce has been a member of Royal Lane since 2011, coming from a Lutheran/Presbyterian background. He completed his first term as a Deacon in 2018, currently serves on the Faith and Arts Committee, tabulation team, and co-facilitates (with Mike) the Abundant Life group. Bruce is retired from the federal government and resides in Far North Dallas, within driving distance of his two daughters and five illustrious grandchildren. Bruce finds joy and fulfillment through participation in the worship, fellowship, and service opportunities afforded by membership in the Royal Lane community.

Blake Miller

It's funny how influential Royal Lane has been on my life. Not only was Royal Lane my first ministerial job after Divinity School, Royal Lane also became the place of my ordination. It was always special how quickly and intentionally Royal Lane folded me into the family. If that wasn't enough influence on my life already, it just so happened to be the place where I met my fiancé, Shannon Simmons. We are eagerly anticipating our wedding here at Royal Lane, naturally of course, later this summer. After a stint working at River Oaks Baptist Church down in Houston, or as Harry called it "being a missionary to the poor souls that call Houston home;" I made my return to Dallas. I currently serve as the Corporate Chaplain at First Rate Inc., (yep you read that correctly, corporations have chaplains too) and am loving being able to work in my ministerial calling while still being able to attend Royal Lane on Sundays.

Rita Nsumbu

Rita is a first-generation Congolese American born of Bob Mbambi and Angel Mata, Pastors of Mountain of Prayers in Euless, TX. She has been visiting Royal Lane for the last couple of years and serving in the choir. Rita is very excited to be taking part in the reading for Pentecost this year as she has always enjoyed this particular tradition at Royal Lane.

Gillian Simeon

Gillian was born in Guyana, South America. She immigrated to the US in 1980 and settled with family in New Jersey. After 9/11, a career opportunity prompted her to move to Texas with her children and her mom. She settled in Carrollton and currently works at Bank of America as an Applications Developer using Computer Mainframe Technology. Gillian has been a member of Royal Lane since 2017 and enjoys fellowship with her RLBC family. In her down time, Gillian enjoys traveling and visiting with her extended family in New York and New Jersey.

Janet Schultz

Janet and Laurence Schultz joined RLBC in 1979 and were married here on January 25, 1980. They relocated in 1986 and returned to Royal Lane in 2001 after living in Austin, TX, Boise, ID, and Orlando, FL. Janet enjoys her job in the Church Office as an administrative assistant.

Tim Schaefer

Tim began serving Royal Lane as Minister to Youth on July 1, 2015. He earned his B.A. in Political Science from Boston University and recently graduated with a Master of Divinity degree and a degree certificate of Sexual Gender Justice from Brite Divinity School of Texas Christian University. Tim and his husband John were married in December 2014 in Santa Barbara, CA. They relocated from Massachusetts to Texas in May of 2015 so that Tim could pursue his theological education. Shortly after relocating to Texas, Tim and John began attending worship at Royal Lane, and has served as Minister to Youth for four years and will continue in that position.

Daniel Solyom

Daniel joined RLBC in June of 2017 and is originally from Brazil. He is a classical music composer and pianist, and works for American Airlines.

Donna Wood-Martin

Donna was adopted in Japan and spent her childhood years in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; Knob Noster, Missouri; and Abilene, Texas, before getting her degree in Foreign Relations from Baylor. After a few years in the Washington D.C. area, she moved back to Texas. She and her husband, Scott, have been members of RLBC for about 14 years. Donna sings both with the RLBC chancel choir and Voices of Hope, a chorus of breast cancer survivors. She is currently the Faculty Coordinator in the Pathology Department at UT Southwestern Medical School.

Melissa Walker-Luckett Today's Preacher



Rev. Melissa Walker-Luckett has been a member of Royal Lane since 1986. Royal Lane ordained her to the gospel ministry in 1989 and she will celebrate 30 years of ordained ministry in November. She is a Certified Educator with the ACPE, The Standard for Spiritual Care and Education, and incoming Chair of the ACPE Board of Directors. She completed her ACPE certification while a Chaplain at Baylor Institute for Rehabilitation where she served the patients, families and staff during her twelve years with Baylor Health Care System (now Baylor Scott & White Health). Melissa holds a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort. Worth and a BA in Religion from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The Alliance of Baptists endorsed her as a Chaplain in 2001.

Melissa trained as a Chaplain immediately after seminary at Arkansas Children's Hospital, then at Children's Medical Center Dallas, Methodist Medical Center Dallas, and worked as a chaplain for VITAS hospice for five years. She managed the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program at VA North Texas Health Care System in south Dallas prior to her current position as Manager of CPE Programs at Children's Health, Children's Medical Center Dallas.

In addition to being an avid reader, Melissa also scuba dives with her husband, Jamie Luckett, and dotes on her children and five grandchildren. This year she and Jamie will celebrate their 28th wedding anniversary.

In 2015, Melissa completed The Writer's Path at SMU. She entered a writer's contest and was one of fourteen chosen to present her novel to agents and publishing representatives in New York City. With that consultation in mind, Melissa is rewriting/revising her story in hopes of publication in the future. She participates in writers' retreats and has two additional projects planned.

Schedule for the Week

Sunday June 9 – Pentecost Sunday

12:15 pm Child Protection Training for Adults & Youth — Vickrey Hall
(childcare & lunch provided)

Tuesday June 11

8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call

Wednesday June 12

3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202

5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Beef Sour Cream Noodle Bake, Salad, Bread, Coconut Cake

6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement

6:15 pm Wacky Wednesdays — Children's Building

6:15 pm Midweek Service – IN FOCUS: LGBTQ+ Pride Month — Vickrey Hall

7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Thursday June 13

6:30 pm Missions Committee — Library

Friday June 14

10:00 1m 2nd Friday at NDSM — 2875 Merrell Rd, Dallas, 75229 (10:00 – 11:30 am)

Saturday June 15

9:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Jake's Burgers and Beer
2422 N Henderson Ave., Dallas TX 75206

Sunday June 16 – Trinity Sunday

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

Sunday, June 16 – Friday, June 21 – Youth Camp

Schreiner University, Kerrville, Texas

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

Percy Parrish & Kelley Keith

Safety Shepherd – Jennifer Hammett

Godly Play

Dottie Brashear & Kelley Keith

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: our ministry team has staff development opportunities.

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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The Scripture this morning is Acts 2:1-6, 12-21, which may be found on page 885 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' (NRSV)

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