

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 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!

Jesus' mission included all people, and his authority extended to the casting out of demons. Some who witnessed Jesus' work were seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony of God's mercy and power. Let us worship in the freedom that breaks the chains that bind us and in the freedom of the Spirit's love.

Voluntary

Jonathan Merritt

Come, Christians, Join to Sing — arranged by David Lowe

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Come, all you whose souls thirst for the living God.

We come in search of help and hope.

Come, you who are acquainted with grief or oppression.

We come bearing our doubts, our wounds, and our fears.

Come, you who are in need of good news.

We come in search of joy, truth, and light.

Come and find refuge in God your rock.

Let us again praise the One who is our help and our hope.

—from Psalms 42 & 43

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Most holy and eternal God, you dwell in the heights of heaven, yet you walk among those who refuse to see you. Hold out your hand to those who rebel against you, and free us from the chains that bind us, that we may be healed by Christ and proclaim his saving deeds to all the world. Amen.

†Hymn 353

Congregation

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness — JUBILEE

Scripture Lesson

Janina Washington

Luke 8:26-39 (Pew Bible page 841 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

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit— EBENEZER

Call to Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Merciful and gracious God, we walk in a way that is not good. We follow our own devices. We ignore your image in ourselves and in our neighbors. Do not turn away from us, O God, but hear our cry for blessing. Lead us out of the tombs we inhabit. Guide us into your light so that we may walk in your way. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news:

In Christ God calls us forth from the tomb to the light of new life.

The healing power of God's forgiveness restores us to wholeness.

God releases us from the chains that bind us.

We are set free to be children of God.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Hymn 74

Congregation

There Is a Balm in Gilead — African-American spiritual

Prayers of the People

Charlotte Sewell & 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 ourselves and 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.)

Silence Is Kept

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

Grace — Carolyn Hamlin

Lord, as I see your guidance for the day,
I find my thoughts unyielding, confusion crowds my way;
But then when I bow to you, the challenges you guide me through,
your promises are ever new, I claim them for today.

*Your will cannot lead me where your grace will not keep me,
your hand will protect me. I rest in your care.*

*Your eyes will watch over me, your love will forgive me,
and when I am faltering, I still will find your there.*

Each new day's design is charted by your hand
and graciously revealed as I seek your Master plan.

Keep my steps faithful when from you I go.
Return me to the joy that your blessings can bestow.

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Going to the Opposite Side ”

†Hymn of Commitment 244

Congregation

Blessed Quietness — W. S. Marshall, arr. John Sharber

*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

Darlene Carpenter

Offertory

Jonathan Merritt

The Love of God — arranged by Carolyn Hamlin

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Go forth into the world with hope,

**for no chain can bind and no tomb can contain
the healing life Christ offers each of us.**

Go and make room for quiet, still places amidst the chaos of everyday life,

for there we will find God.

Go and dare to proclaim all that God has done for you,

for there are many who need our good news.

Go, knowing that the light of God shall lead you,

the presence of Christ shall guide you,

and the power of the Holy Spirit shall uphold you, this day and always.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

Jonathan Merritt

A Trumpet Air — Georg Philipp Telemann

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Cover Art — *Jesus, the Gerasene, and the Unclean Spirits*
from the Ottheinrichn Bible, 1425-1430

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Hymn Notes — *Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit*

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Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit



1. "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un - clean spir - it,"
 2. Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing
 3. Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it,



Cried God's heal - ing, ho - ly One.
 In the grey cells of the mind:
 In our mind and in our heart.



"Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't bear it.
 Ty - rant voic - es shrill and driv - ing.
 Speak your word that when we hear it



Flee as night be - fore the sun."
 Twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,
 All our de - mons shall de - part."

At Christ's voice the de - mon trem - bled,
 Doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic,
 Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing,

From its vic - tim mad - ly rushed,
 Fears dis - tort - ing rea - son's sight,
 Still the frac - tured, war - ring soul.

While the crowd that was as - sem - bled
 Guilt that makes our lov - ing fran - tic,
 By the pow - er of your heal - ing

Stood in won - der, stunned and hushed.
 Dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
 Make us faith - ful, true and whole.

Worship Leaders

Charlotte Sewell

Charlotte Sewell first came to Royal Lane as an infant, and grew up in the children's and youth programs, and was ordained as a deacon in 2014. She graduated from the University of Texas, and then UT Arlington with a Master's degree in Social Work. She and Brian Watson were married in 1998, and they have three very silly little girls who are now growing up at Royal Lane, just like their mother.

Janina Washington

Janina has been a member of RLBC since 1997. She returned to her home town of Dallas in 2007, after living in California for seven years. She is currently working as a Psychologist for Dallas ISD where she works with students pre-k through 12th grade. She is part of the internship faculty and the lead of her crisis team in the district. Janina is the proud mother of 9yr old Addison Washington and is so pleased with how the church has taken Addison in. This has become their second home.

Wednesday Evening Independence Day Celebration!

5:30 pm

Scriptures for Next Sunday
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

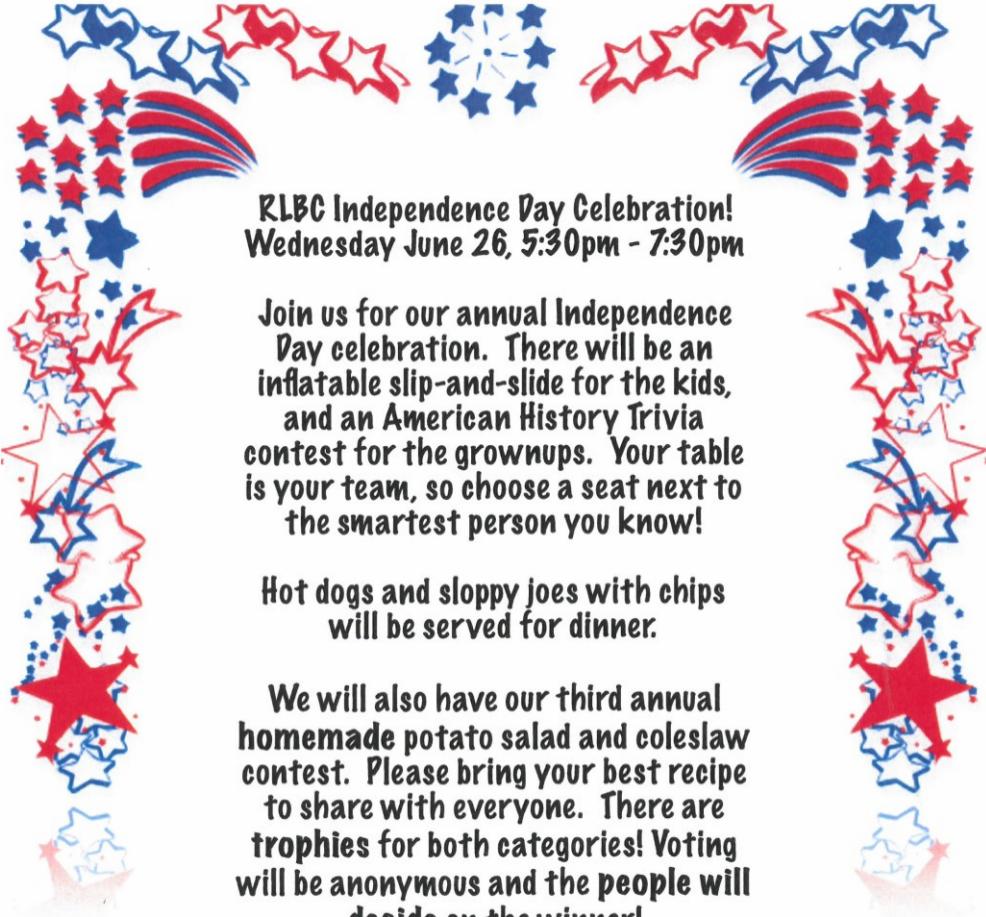
For the Children!

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.



RLBC Independence Day Celebration!
Wednesday June 26, 5:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us for our annual Independence Day celebration. There will be an inflatable slip-and-slide for the kids, and an American History Trivia contest for the grownups. Your table is your team, so choose a seat next to the smartest person you know!

Hot dogs and sloppy joes with chips will be served for dinner.

We will also have our third annual homemade potato salad and coleslaw contest. Please bring your best recipe to share with everyone. There are trophies for both categories! Voting will be anonymous and the people will decide on the winner!

Kickball: kids vs. grown-ups, who will claim the large beautiful trophy and bragging rights this year? Please come out and join us for this fantastic evening of fellowship!

TOGETHER WITH THEIR FAMILIES

Shannon Elizabeth Simmons

AND

Blake Alexander Miller

CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO SHARE IN THE CELEBRATION
OF THEIR MARRIAGE

SATURDAY, THE SIXTH OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN
AT FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reception immediately following in Vickrey Hall

RSVP: WWW.BLAKEANDSHANNON.COM

Schedule for the Week

Monday June 24

6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Room 206

Wednesday June 24

5:30 pm Independence Day Celebration! — Vickrey Hall & Church Grounds
Sloppy Joe's & Hot Dogs with Chips
Third Annual Homemade Potato Salad and Coleslaw contest
Bring your favorite recipe!

Sunday June 30 – Third Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery

9:45 am Royal Welcome Class Breakfast — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary

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

No Regular Wednesday Evening Activities in July

July 8-12 — Vacation Bible School

July 14-17 — Youth Mission Trip

July 22-26 — Children's Camp

Vacation Bible School – July 8-12



Children from Preschool through Grade 5 are invited to discover the wonder of God's universe at this year's Vacation Bible School.

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



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

Blake Vickrey & Charlotte Sewell

Safety Shepherd – Jennifer Hammett

Godly Play

Dottie Brashear & Kelley Keith

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: our children & youth attend camp and grow in faith.

May 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 315,526	\$ 273,761
Expenses	\$ 304,984	\$ 304,984
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 10,542	(\$ 31,223)

*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 8:26-39, which may be found on page 841 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

²⁶Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"— ²⁹for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. ³¹They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³²Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. ³⁶Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to

leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹"Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. (NRSV)

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