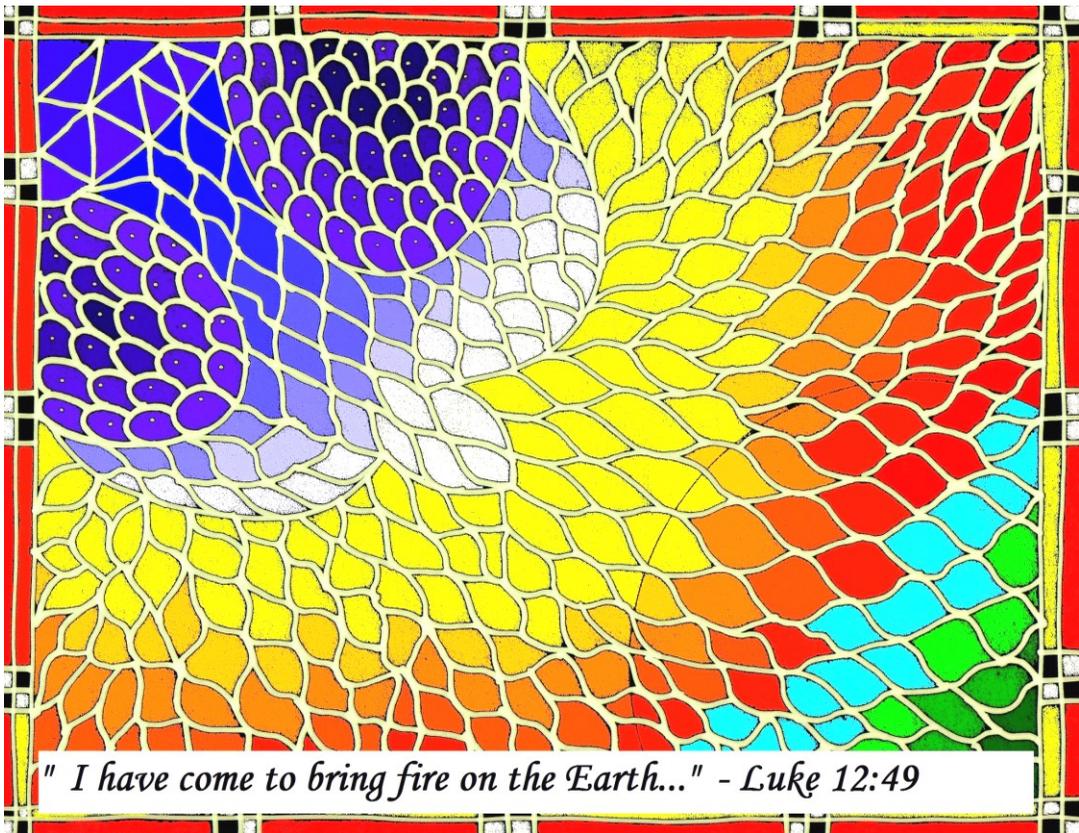


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



" I have come to bring fire on the Earth..." - Luke 12:49

The Worship of God

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 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!**

In the gospel lesson from Luke, Jesus yearns to bring fire to the earth to bring true judgment to all. God is not just the one who plants us like a vineyard, God is the one who destroys the vineyards that bear bad fruit. Jesus came to bring the fire to the earth—the fire of the Holy Spirit. We will either be baptized by this fire or be consumed by it. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear.

Voluntary

Toccata — Eugene Butler

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

This is the place where saints worship.

**This is the place where we are baptized
with the fire of the Holy Spirit.**

This is the place where faith abounds.

This is the place where doubts are welcome.

This is the place where Christ perfects us.

This is the place where the Spirit completes us.

Come worship with the saints

and be baptized by the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation

✠Invocation

Let us pray:

**God of Peace, your call, at times, appears to divide us from one another.
Help us to overcome our fears and respond in courage. Give us faith to
trust the unity that is beyond our sight. Give us your eyes to recognize
the signs before us. We ask this in the confidence of your Son, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Congregation

†Hymn 425

Congregation

How Firm a Foundation — FOUNDATION

Scripture Lesson

Brodie Keller & Mara Tiemann

Luke 12:49-56 (Pew Bible page 848 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 226

Congregation

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow — ABERYSTWYTH

Call to Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Let us confess our sins, for God is gracious and strong to save.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

O God, after all you have done for us, we have failed to bear fruit for you. We have turned away from your Word and have forgotten to call on your name. People who are weak, lonely, and destitute receive little help from our hands because we are preoccupied with our own concerns. Lift us from the shadows of our own deceits and let your face shine on us so we may walk once more in your truth. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

When we are penitent, God restores us to our rightful identity as children of the Most High.

God lights a fire within us so we can change our world for the better in the name of Jesus Christ, who endured the cross for us, we dare to come out of hiding to speak up for justice and peace.

Breathe on Me, Breath of God — TRENTHAM

Prayers of the People

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Gathered as your people, we offer the concerns of our life and the world saying,
God of mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the universal church. May discord among peoples of faith yield to unity,
and a common commitment to share the good news of Christ.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the world. Prod us to engage in acts of mission and service that further
the kingdom and honor the care that God has given us.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who hold authority in government. Enable policymakers to enact
justice, transforming places of violence and conflict into havens of respite and peace.

God of mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all those in our community who are suffering the burden of illness,
distress, and any kind of pain.

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:

**Heavenly Creator, you inspire us to trust in the things we cannot see and
to ground our faith in your promises to us. Give us the clarity of your
vision, and make us ready to serve you as we await your return. We ask
this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

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

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ The Fire of the Gospel ”

†Hymn of Commitment 592

Congregation

How Can I Keep from Singing — ENDLESS SONG

*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

Ashley Fleenor

Offertory

David Weigle

Vigil — Eugene Butler

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†A Blessing as School Begins

Laura Keller, Tim Schaefer
Penelope Meier, & Congregation

To Educators

The call to be involved in education is a high calling. Those who teach our children help shape the future. We give thanks to a gracious God for the teachers, administrators, counselors, volunteers, support staff, and all others in our congregation who work in education.

We celebrate your calling and pledge to support you and others in our communities who are involved in the education of children and youth.

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To Parents and Guardians

Education involves a partnership between school, home, and community. The support of parents and guardians is essential to a student's success. This morning we recognize the support you give the students in your homes. We hold in prayer all those in this congregation who have students in school and pray that all homes will be a place where learning is valued and encouragement offered.

We pledge our support to parents and guardians. We pray that our ministries will encourage and strengthen those in our church families who provide care for children.

To Students

Your church family believes that each student is a gift from God filled with potential and possibility. We pray that as you learn and grow you will develop caring hearts and minds that think clearly. We believe in you and care about your education.

As your faith community, we pledge our support to you on your educational journey. We affirm that each of you is a precious gift from God. We will do all that we are able to ensure that your schools are positive places filled with hope and the resources necessary for learning.

Let us pray.

At the beginning of this academic year, O God of wisdom, we offer thanks and praise for the gift of new beginnings and for the opportunities to learn and to wonder. We pray for teachers, students, and staff that this year might be rewarding for all. Be with us as we face the challenge of new tasks, the fear of failure, the expectation of parents, friends, and self. In our learning and our teaching, may we grow in service to others and in love for your world, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Joyful Praise — Eugene Butler

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Schedule for the Week

Wednesday August 21 – Mosaic

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Beef Stuffed Peppers, Rice, Salad, Lime Pie
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Wacky Wednesdays — Children's Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall
Luke 7:1-17, Jesus Heals Centurion's and Widow's Sons
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Sunday August 25 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am Adult August Sabbatical — Vickrey Hall
Sing-a-Long with Harry & Garey
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- 4:00 pm Ordination of Reann Tiemann — Sanctuary
Reception following service — Library

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

Worship Leaders

Ashley Fleenor

Ashley will be going into the sixth grade at Sidney Lanier Expressive Arts Vanguard middle school. Ashley is a great athlete. We hope to see her play professional baseball with the Texas Rangers.

Brodie Keller

Brodie is starting sixth grade at Dealey (right next door). Brodie loves playing sports - his favorite is tennis. He also loves reading, climbing mountains and collecting rocks.

Penelope Meier

Penelope is a sixth grader at Irma Rangel Young Women's Leadership School. She loves musical theater, reading, and any opportunity to lead. She hopes to be on Broadway or in the White House one day!

Mara Tiemann

Mara is 11 and starting sixth grade at White Rock Elementary. She loves spending time practicing gymnastics, listening to music, and playing with her dog, Cocoa.

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 & Karen Miller

Godly Play

Phil Keith & Cookie Stokes

Safety Shepherd – Bryan Chastain

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 12:49-56, which may be found on page 848 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

(NRSV)

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