

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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's gospel calls for an alternative way of being in the world that places love at the center—not money, power, validation, possessions, or even security. When the value of everything we thought we needed changes, we become free to do things we simply could not do while we were carrying the heavy weights of the economy to which we are accustomed. In love, we feel unweighted enough to share our resources with abandon; speak truth to power without worry for consequence; stand with the immigrant who is knocked down by oppressive systems; proclaim that all human beings are worthy just because God created them; and lay down our lives for causes of justice.

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on PISGAH —Dale Wood

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

God calls us to service,

rather than honor.

God calls us to love the unknown,

rather than the familiar.

We come to this time of worship,

trusting in the grace of Jesus Christ,

who is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Congregation

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Gracious and sustaining God, we are ready to listen and eager to hear. Speak to us through word and song, prayer and silence, community and communion. Offer us the spiritual sustenance that allows us to share with strangers and friends, that your love may prevail in every encounter. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Lord, you teach us to be humble – NETTLETON

Welcome to Worshipers

Harry Wooten

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

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at the end of the pew, and pass it to others.]*

Scripture Lesson

Jamie Luckett

Luke 14:1-14 (Pew Bible page 849 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 503

Congregation

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak — CANONBURY

Offertory Prayer

Kate Thompson

Offertory

Choir

Love Divine — Carl J. Nygard, Jr.

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Living Out Love ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Here in This Place — GATHER US IN

*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

May God be with you

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right and good, beautiful and holy
that we should, in ceaseless joy

Give our thanks and praise to you,

Holy and merciful God,

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise

With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,

We glorify you, joining this unending song:

Sanctus — Mark Snow



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are



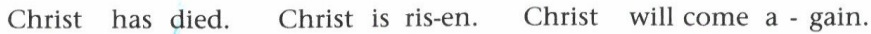
full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the — high - est! Bles - sed is



He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Michael Gregg

Life's greatest feast before us,
We excitedly proclaim:



This is a feast which delivers us
from our own times of deep darkness.

For all honor and glory are yours, O God,
Through Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation
Both now and forever.

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

Harry Wooten & Congregation

Rejoicing in the brightness of God's blessings, let us share signs of peace.

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

† Sung Response [see insert]

Congregation

Creatures Bound in Sacred Love — ST. BRENDAN'S
(stanza one, only)

Presentation of Decisions

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

† Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Go from this place,

we go, filled with the spiritual sustenance of God, our creator.

Go from this place,

we go, filled with the feast Christ shared with his disciples.

Go from this place,

we go, led by the Holy Spirit to share this feast with all.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

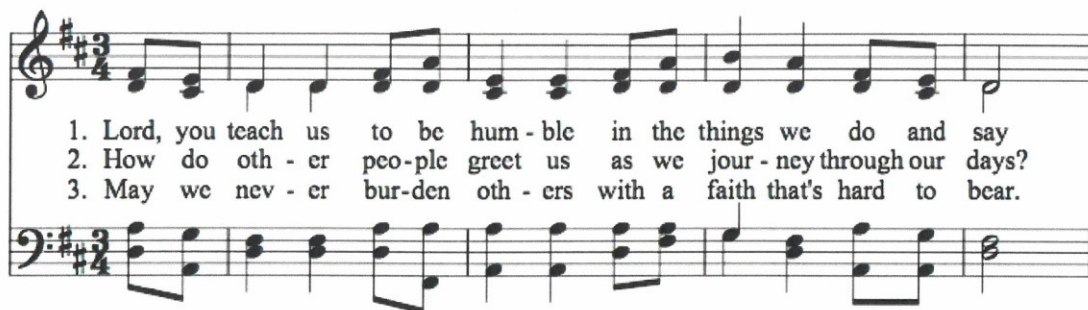
One in the Spirit — arranged by Lew Zailer

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

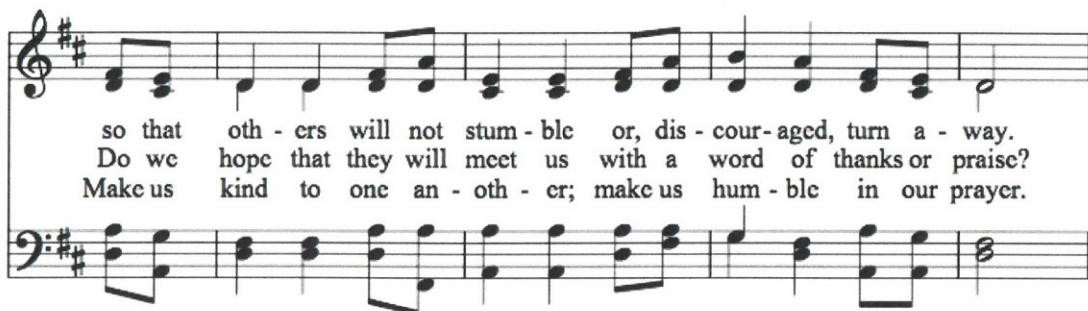
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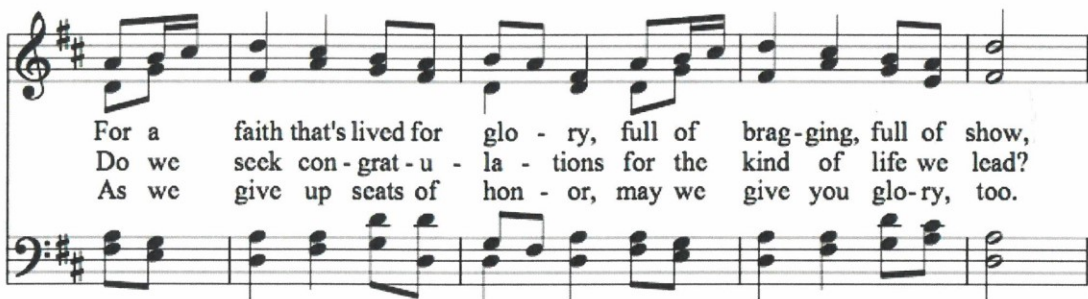
Lord, you teach us to be humble




1. Lord, you teach us to be hum - ble in the things we do and say
2. How do oth - er peo - ple greet us as we jour - ney through our days?
3. May we nev - er bur - den oth - ers with a faith that's hard to bear.



so that oth - ers will not stum - ble or, dis - cour - aged, turn a - way.
Do we hope that they will meet us with a word of thanks or praise?
Make us kind to one an - oth - er; make us hum - ble in our prayer.



For a faith that's lived for glo - ry, full of brag - ging, full of show,
Do we seek con - grat - u - la - tions for the kind of life we lead?
As we give up seats of hon - or, may we give you glo - ry, too.



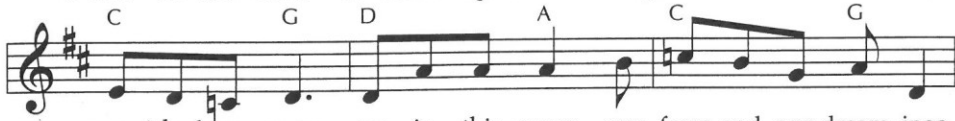
can - not tell the gos - pel sto - ry that your peo - ple long to know.
Do we want their ad - mir - a - tion for the things that we be - lieve?
Lord, you teach us to be hum - ble; may we hum - bly fol - low you.

Here in This Place

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Creatures Bound in Sacred Love

The image displays a musical score for the hymn 'Creatures Bound in Sacred Love'. It consists of five staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some lines having multiple verses. The first staff has three verses: '1. We are one hu-man fam-ily and we live on one earth.', '2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will fly, crawl, and creep.', and '3. For the earth is a bless-ing we will guard with our care.' The second staff has two verses: 'We are one hu-man fam-ily and we live on one earth.' and 'We will walk with each oth-er, we will fly, crawl, and creep.' The third staff has two verses: 'Here we live with all crea-tures in the home that we share.' and 'Ev-'ery one a cre-a-tion that pos-ses-ses sa-cred worth.' The fourth staff has two verses: 'And to-geth-er we'll save our earth by pro-mi-ses we keep.' and 'And we pledge to re-store the liv-ing wa-ter, land, and air.' The fifth staff has two verses: 'And we know we are crea-tures bound in love, bound in love.' and 'love. Yes, we all are crea-tures bound in sa-cred love.'

1. We are one hu-man fam-ily and we live on one earth.
2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will fly, crawl, and creep.
3. For the earth is a bless-ing we will guard with our care.

We are one hu-man fam-ily and we live on one earth.
We will walk with each oth-er, we will fly, crawl, and creep.
Here we live with all crea-tures in the home that we share.

Ev-'ery one a cre-a-tion that pos-ses-ses sa-cred worth.
And to-geth-er we'll save our earth by pro-mi-ses we keep.
And we pledge to re-store the liv-ing wa-ter, land, and air.

And we know we are crea-tures bound in love, bound in
love. Yes, we all are crea-tures bound in sa-cred love.

Hymn Notes

Lord, you teach us to be humble

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Living Out Love

In the Matthew's gospel, Jesus encountered an expert in religious and social law who tested him with this question, "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Then Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."



Royal Lane Baptist Church's giving and stewardship theme for September is "Living Out Love." Throughout this month we will learn how to live out our deep love of God and neighbor in the city of Dallas. We are called to love by giving our time, treasures, and talents to the ongoing and expanding work of Christ. Not only will we pledge our tithe for the coming year, but we must also purposefully and passionately invest in ourselves, the church, and our neighbors.

Stewardship month will culminate in a celebratory Sunday on September 29, with guest proclaimer, Amanda Tyler, from the Baptist Joint Committee in Washington, D.C. And that day will also include a "Community Rally" following worship in Vickrey Hall for you to sign up to volunteer for committees, ministries, and opportunities to serve. It will be a great day of fun, door prizes, food, boundless information, and ways for you to invest in Jesus' work of love in Dallas. Join us every Sunday in September to learn how you can "live out love."

Study for Wednesday Evening

Bible Study with Mike Gregg

Luke 8:1-21, Jesus Tells Parables

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **September 1 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
- Monday** **September 2 – Labor Day**
Church Office closed
- Wednesday** **September 4 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Member Resource Committee – Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Apple Pie
6:00 pm Youth 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 Hall
 Luke 8:1-21, Jesus Tells Parables
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Sunday** **September 8 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Understand Baptism, Youth Study — Youth Basement
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Second Sunday Youth Lunch — Meet in Library following worship

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

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



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 – Kirsten Fleenor

Godly Play

Phil Keith & Kathy Hatcher

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: we Live Out Love.

July 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 495,993	\$ 417,948
Expenses	\$ 436,882	\$ 366,840
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 59,111	(\$ 18,934)

*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 14:1-14, which may be found on page 849 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. ²Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. ³And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, "Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they were silent. So Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away. ⁵Then he said to them, "If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?" ⁶And they could not reply to this.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they

may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

(NRSV)

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