

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...*

# *The Worship of God*

## *First Sunday in Lent*

March 1, 2020

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

*The gift of release from the law empowers us to live into our identity as justified. The writer of Psalm 32 sings of the experience of this release, and we can sing along as we experience freedom from condemnation. The result of confession is happiness. We are happy because we experience the fullness of forgiveness and release from the fear that causes us to hide our true identity as empowered individuals. It's important to remember though that we are individuals in service to our community, which aches to hear this very song. One voice, one choice has a lasting impact. This is precisely why we must use every choice in service of God and lift our voices in concert for those who cannot speak for themselves.*

### Choral Introit

Choir

*God so Loved the World — John Stainer  
from The Crucifixion*

### ✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

**Happy are those who receive God's mercy.**

Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

**Shout for joy, you people of God.**

We worship the one who gives us strength  
to resist temptation in the wilderness of our lives.

### ✠ Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**We pray to the One God of the many: Grant us the courage to intervene when we sense injustice. May we speak generosity into scarcity and use the power of our presence for those who cannot speak for themselves. Remind us of the privilege it is to know who we are and our place in the order of your creation. Amen.**

*How Firm a Foundation* — FOUNDATION

Stanza one — All  
Stanza two — Choir  
Stanza Three — Men  
Stanza Four — Women  
Stanza Five — All

Welcome to Worshipers

Michael Gregg

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

Ray Cox & Congregation

Psalms 32:1-11 (Pew Bible page 440 of the Old Testament)

Response

Lord, I — call — to you for help; In your mer-cy hear my prayer.



Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,  
whose sin is covered.

**Happy are those to whom God imputes no iniquity,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

While I kept silence, my body wasted away  
through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to God,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

R

*(continued)*

Therefore let all who are faithful  
offer prayer to you;

**at a time of distress;**

**the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

You are a hiding place for me;  
you preserve me from trouble;

**you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;

I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

**Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle,  
else it will not stay near you.**

Many are the torments of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in God.

**Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

**R** (*on previous page*)

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 169

Congregation

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* — ST. FLAVIAN

Offertory Prayer

Michael Estill

Offertory Anthem

Choir

*Meditation for Communion* — Jay Althouse

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ Out of Control ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment 455

Congregation

*Here, at Your Table, Lord* — BREAD OF LIFE

*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 our thanks to you,  
who hears the cries of the oppressed and afflicted.

As our ancestors in faith were wanderers,  
making their home wherever they were welcomed,  
you call us to celebrate the bounty we receive,  
and to share it with those who wander in need of your grace.

We give you thanks for milk and honey,  
for clean water and blue skies,  
for the yeasty fragrance of fresh bread,  
and for the power to resist the evils that tempt us.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power— and might,  
Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-



heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est.  
san - na in the high - est,— ho - san - na in the high-est.

## Communion Prayer & 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 our gathering,  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Make them for us the body and blood of Christ,  
That we may be the body of Christ  
to a world that is filled with temptations.

**God of signs and wonders, God of power and love,  
God of breath and life, we praise your saving, gracious name.**

And now praying as Jesus taught his disciples to pray, saying boldly:

### **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

Christ's justifying love brings peace to those who love God.  
Turn to one another and share the wondrous gift.  
Peace be with you. . . **And also with you.**

### ✠Sung Response

Hymn 707

Congregation

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* — OLD 100TH

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

Presentation of Decisions

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Though life is full of temptation,  
God will see us through.

**We rejoice in the one who strengthens us.**

Though life is full of times of trial,  
Christ walks with us every step of the way.

**We rejoice in the one who shares our journey.**

Though life is full of obstacles to faith,  
the Spirit eases our burden.

**We rejoice in the one who leads us home.**

Go with God.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Choral Amen

Choir

*“Amen” from The Lord Bless You and Keep You — Lutkin*

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## A Capella Sunday

This Sunday we are celebrating the first Sunday in Lent. To mark the beginning of this important season of penitence and preparation, we are joining with congregations around the country in singing congregational songs a capella (without instrumental accompaniment). By singing a capella, we are offering to God our selves in its most basic form. Soli Deo Gloria. To God alone be the glory.

*“A Capella Sunday” is a ministry of The Center for Congregational Song.*  
[www.congregationalsong.org](http://www.congregationalsong.org)

## Worship Leaders

### Ray Cox

A musician since the cradle, Ray Cox began service as a church music director his senior year in high school and spent most Sunday mornings in front of a congregation until joining Royal Lane Baptist Church in 2016. Along the way, there's been twenty years of service as a music educator, two wonderful boys and a granddaughter, six years in the Turtle Creek Chorale, and eight years of marriage with the love of his life, Bryan Tomes. Ray is blessed to be part of such a fine church family.

### Michael Estill

Michael has worked for JCPenney Corporate in the Marketing/Advertising Department for 17 years and lives in far north Carrollton. He joined Royal Lane Baptist Church in July of 2017.

## Study for Wednesday Evening

### **Bible Study with Mike Gregg**

Luke 12:35-39, Being Ready

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121**

**Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17**

## 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.



## Beloved Community Mission Trip June 3-7, 2020

The Missions Committee is planning a trip to Brownsville, TX in June. We will work alongside faith communities at the border. We have planned for about 20 people from Royal Lane to travel there by bus. We hope you can join us. Details and registration to follow. Contact Barbara Gunnin or Karen Miller for further information.



**THEN I HEARD THE VOICE OF THE LORD SAYING,  
"WHOM SHALL I SEND? AND WHO WILL GO FOR US?"  
AND I SAID, "HERE AM I. SEND ME!" ISAIAH 6:8**

**06.03.2020 - 06.07.2020**

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**RLBC MISSION TRIP**  
working along side faith communities at the border

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# *Lent & Holy Week*



## *Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...*

- Sundays**      **March 1 – March 29 – First thru Fifth Sundays in Lent**
- Sunday**      **April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday**  
10:55 am      Morning Worship – Procession of Palms — Sanctuary
- Wednesday**      **April 8**  
6:15 pm      Children's Seder — Children's Building
- Friday**      **April 10 – Good Friday**  
5:30 pm      Choir Dinner — Library  
6:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary  
8:00 pm      Good Friday Service – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)  
                    A service of solemn remembrance & Communion  
8:00 pm      Children's Good Friday Service — Children's Building
- Saturday**      **April 11**  
2:00 pm      Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)  
                    For children and families to recount the events of Holy Week
- Sunday**      **April 12 – Easter Sunday**  
8:00 am      Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn  
                    Testimony of Joy – Steve Sumter & Leonard Gresham  
8:30 am      Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall  
9:45 am      Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am      Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
                    Featuring Classic Brass & Percussion



## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **March 1 – First Sunday in Lent / The Gathering**  
12:15 pm    Education Committee — Room 206
- Tuesday**    **March 3**  
12:00 pm    Pastor's Book Group — Room 202  
1:00 pm    Missions Committee — Library
- Wednesday** **March 4 – Mosaic**  
3:30 pm    Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm    Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
             Meatball Sub/Sandwich, Rosemary Garlic Potatoes, Salad, Vanilla Cake  
6:00 pm    Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm    Children's Activities — Children's Building  
6:15 pm    Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall  
             Luke 12:35-59, Being Ready  
7:15 pm    Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday**    **March 5**  
9:00 am    First Thursday At Healing Hands Ministries
- Sunday**      **March 8 – Second Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings Time Begins**  
8:30 am    Deacon's Meeting — Portable (childcare provided)  
9:30 am    Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
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.*

***Daylight Savings Begins next Sunday,  
March 8  
Spring Forward . . .***



## 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

Ray Cox & Margaret Darden

**Safety Shepherd** – Kirsten Fleenor

### Godly Play

Amy-Ward Meier & Ed Meier

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

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When WE Give: we have loving care for our nursery age children.

### January 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 134,847
Expenses	\$ 61,462
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 73,385

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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