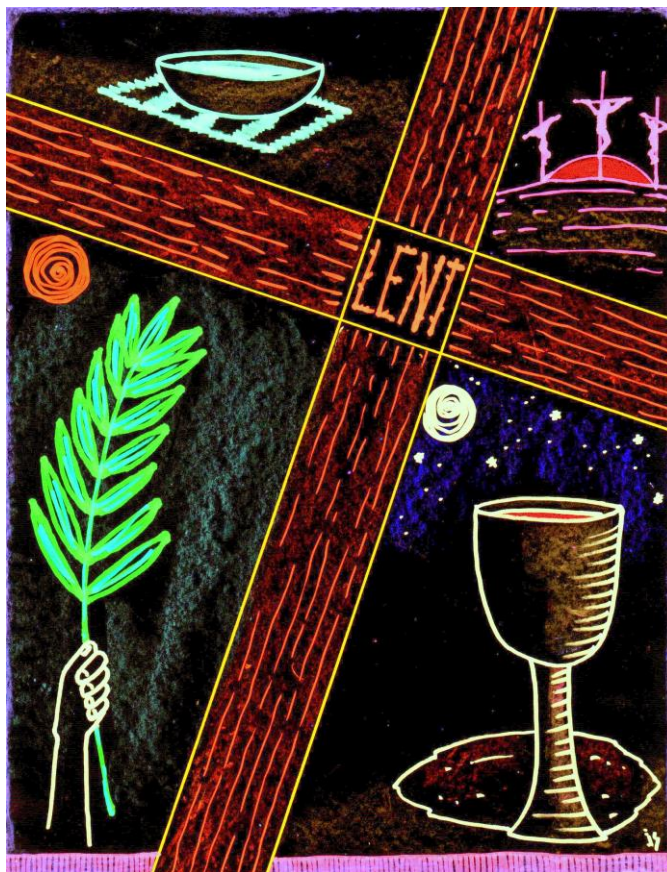


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



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

# *The Worship of God*

## *Second Sunday in Lent*

March 8, 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

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

*Lent*

*From ashes to “hosannas” we follow you.  
Walk with us through the desert, Lord,  
even as we stumble and fall on our journey to the cross.  
Create a holy pause in our cluttered lives.  
Empty us of all that would keep us from  
entering into your suffering for the sake of the world.*

*—Prayers & Litanies for the Christian Seasons,  
Sharlande Sledge, Smyth & Helwys, 1999*

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Aria on a Chaconne* — Joel Martinson

†Call to Worship

Congregation

We gather this day to worship our God, whose words and ways challenge us.

**God invites us to lose our selfishness to find ourselves.**

God calls us to be fools in the world to show forth the wisdom of Christ.

**God urges us to empty ourselves to discover life’s fullness.**

God bids us to be obedient to a divine will so we might know true freedom.

**We come to worship our Creator,  
seeking to have our faith challenged into growth.**

**We root our faith in worship,  
seeking to find nourishment for our spirits  
in this growing season of Lent.**

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Into a dark world a snowflake comes, a blessing of hope and peace, carrying within it a green heart, symbol of God's renewing love. Come to inhabit our darkness, Lord Christ, for dark and light are alike to you. May nature's unique candles of hope remind us of your birth and lighten our journey through Lent and beyond. Amen.**

—*The Pattern of Our Days, Worship in the Celtic Tradition from the Ioana Community*  
edited by Kathy Galloway, Paulist Press, 1996

†Hymn 71 Congregation

*Be Thou My Vision*— SLANE

Scripture Lesson

Daniel Solyom

Isaiah 55:1-11 (Pew Bible page 598 of the Old 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

*As Water to the Thirsty* — OASIS

The Confession of Sin

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Let us pray:

God, hear our confessions . . .

for our running away from your love

to avoid the tug of your call:

**. . . Forgive us, God.**

for preferring the safe, familiar and certain

to the risky, unknown and mysterious:

**. . . Forgive us, God.**

for failing to believe in the vulnerability of power

and the power of vulnerability:

**. . . Forgive us, God.**

*(continued)*

for taking no delight in variety  
and insisting on sameness and conformity.

**. . . Forgive us, God.**

for fearing those different from ourselves and projecting onto them what we  
cannot accept in ourselves:

**. . . Forgive us, God.**

for not noticing your presence in faces as well as in spirit,  
in feeling as in intellect,  
in darkness as in light,  
in pain as in healing,  
in the journey as in the resurrection:

**. . . Forgive us, God.**

**Set us free, we pray, Liberating Christ,**

**so we may live our lives graciously and without fear. Amen.**

Hymn 633

Congregation

*All the Way My Savior Leads Me* — ALL THE WAY

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

God our Helper, we thank you for keeping our lives always in your care and  
protection and pray for any and all who are in harm's way.

**For those walking in the midst of danger . . .**

**for those who are treading a slippery path . . .**

**for those exhausted and seeking relief . . .**

for those who face a mountain of worry or debt or any other obstacles . . .

**Be Guardian and Guide, we pray,**

**setting all our feet on your paths of righteousness and peace.**

Keep in your tender care and mercy, O God,

those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit . . .

those weighed down by depression or pain . . .

those recuperating from surgery or accident . . .

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*

*(continued)*

Let us pray:

**Where hope has grown tired and thin, lift our sights, so that we may see hope beyond hope, life beyond death, and you, lifted up before us. In the name of Christ, who gave himself for our sake we pray. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*First Song of Isaiah* — Jack Noble White  
Rita Nsumbu, Rebecca Rempert, soloists

*Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in hm and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.*

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
from the springs of salvation.  
And on that day you shall say,  
Give thanks to the Lord,  
and call upon his Name.

Make his deeds known among the people;  
See that they remember that his Name is exalted.  
Sing the praises of the Lord,  
for he has done great things,  
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, Ring out your joy,  
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ Empty, then Full ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 471

Congregation

*Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy* — RESTORATION  
*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

Wayne McClellan

Offertory

David Weigle

*Promised Land* — arranged by Joseph Martin

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

God of our past, God of our future. God of this present age.

As we leave this place, but not your presence — we pray that you

Take us not away from danger,

**but give us the courage to face it.**

Take us not away from difficulty,

**but give us strong hearts to bear it.**

Take us not away from evil,

**but give us the power to overcome it.**

May the love of God surround you,

the peace of God dwell in you,

and the justice of God compel you.

Go in peace.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above* — Paul Manz

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### Hymn Notes

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## Worship Leaders

### Wayne McClellan

Wayne has been visiting Royal Lane for several years. He works for Christian Care Communities and Services as the Director of Marketing.

### 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.

Thank you to Terry Berrier for serving as worship music leader today.

### Study for Wednesday Evening

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

Luke 13:1-35, The Nature and Warnings of Time,  
The coming of the Kingdom

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

### Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95**  
**Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42**

### For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.

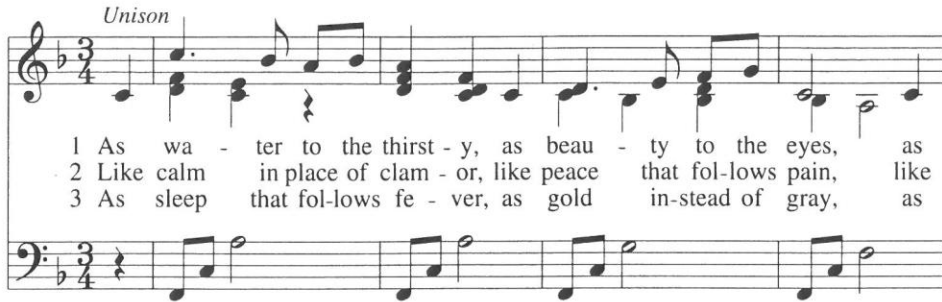
Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at [games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



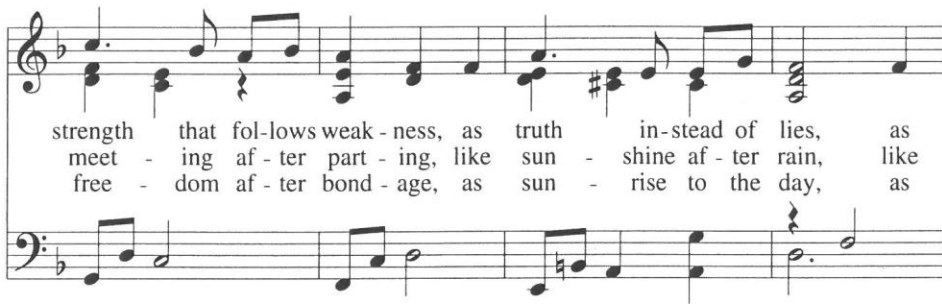
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# As Water to the Thirsty

*Unison*



1 As wa - ter to the thirst - y, as beau - ty to the eyes, as  
2 Like calm in place of clam - or, like peace that fol - lows pain, like  
3 As sleep that fol - lows fe - ver, as gold in - stead of gray, as



strength that fol - lows weak - ness, as truth in - stead of lies, as  
meet - ing af - ter part - ing, like sun - shine af - ter rain, like  
free - dom af - ter bond - age, as sun - rise to the day, as



song - time and spring - time and sum - mer - time to be, so  
moon - light and star - light and sun - light on the sea, so  
home to the trav - eler and all we long to see, so



is my Lord, my liv - ing Lord, so is my Lord to me.



# 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



# Support Congregation Tiferet Israel's Chili Cook Off – March 15 Wear Your Royal Lane T-Shirts!

See - [kosherchilicookoff.us](http://kosherchilicookoff.us) for more information.

Adults \$12; Children 10-3 years of age: \$6 (includes a free hot dog); Under 3: Free

Kid Rides Unlimited Wristband: \$15 (Additional to ticket price.)

The Chili Cook-Off at Congregation Tiferet Israel is an annual event – now in its 27th year. Proceeds are shared with not-for-profit agencies in the Metroplex.

The cook off offers you:

- An art show – new this year
- Dozens of teams competing for top honors for the best beef and veggie chilis
- Rides and games for children on the mini-midway
- Live Music
- Vendors showing off their products and services



## Faith & Film – March 15

2:30 – 4:30, Room 101

“It’s a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood”

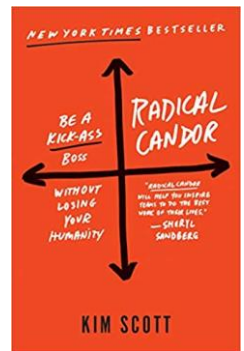
“This was a movie about forgiveness, but it’s also a movie about anger management.”

—Noah Harpster, screenwriter

## IN FOCUS: Building and Pursuing the Beloved Community – March 18

Building Beloved Community through Civil Conversation and Radical Candor. Kristen Warthen will be the presenter for the March IN FOCUS. All are encouraged to read *Radical Candor*, by Kim Scott, prior to this session.

*Radical Candor's* aim is to teach managers and bosses how to communicate, so their teams are both more efficient and healthy. What this book actually accomplishes, however, goes so much deeper. What Scott writes about the ability to candid and clear with one another moves far beyond the office or work team and into all parts of life because it speaks to both our desire to do well and to see and promote the best in others. It blends accountability and acceptance in ways that profoundly impact all areas of our life—and most definitely our church. What kind of transformation might occur if we could—as Scott suggests—care personally about one another while challenging each other directly? How might God move in the life of a church committed to the candor Scott presents in this book—the candor of Jesus



## *Schedule for the Week*

### **Tuesday March 10**

12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Room 202

### **Wednesday March 11**

3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202

5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Chicken Tortilla Bake, Salad, Tres Leches

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 13:1-35, The Nature and Warnings of Time,  
The Coming of the Kingdom

7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

### **Friday March 13**

7:00 pm Youth Lock-in — Youth Basement (through Saturday, March 14, 9:00 am)

### **Sunday March 15 – Third Sunday in Lent**

9:00 am Equity in Access — Library

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

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

10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary

12:15 pm Third Sunday Youth Lunch at Tiferet Israel (meet in Library)

12:15 pm Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall  
Lunch at Tiferet Israel Chili Cook-Off

Mission Project – Fill Easter Baskets for Hope Supply Company

2:30 pm Faith & Film — “A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood” — Room 101

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

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## **WOC May Retreat**

It is time once again to come together for fun and growth at the annual Women of the Church Spring Retreat at Prothro Conference Center on Lake Texoma, May 8 – 9.

So we will know if we need to reserve more rooms, please text or email Christine to let her know to reserve a space for you and if you want a single, double, or triple room.

Pricing—\$120 for one night in a shared lake view room with all meals and activities included, \$160 for one night in a single lake view room with all meals and activities included. Contact: Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez, 214-534-4447, scad4@sbcglobal.net

# 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

Melanie Ferguson & Blake Miller

**Safety Shepherd** – Phil Keith

## Godly Play

Amy Ward-Meier & Ed Meier

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

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David Weigle, Organist  
Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

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The Scripture this morning is Isaiah 55:1-11, which may be found on page 598 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible.

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**55**Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. (NRSV)

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