



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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While We Waited

We waited. Our Lenten and Easter theme this year was “I Wait.” We waited throughout as Jesus journeyed to the cross, was placed in the tomb, and rose from the clutches of death. We’ve also waited for an entire year to be back together for in-person church worship, if even for a moment. And we were finally able to do so as we gathered on the front lawn for the Flowering of the Cross Service on Easter morning.

The “waiting place” is often a difficult place to be as waiting lies in the uncomfortable “in-betweenness” of life. Often waiting is the agony before the coming of something tragic. Other times, waiting is the eager anticipation of an expected joy. Yet, waiting is usually not the moment we remember or cherish. It’s simply the hallway leading to the next room, the next destination. It’s sometimes difficult to feel the love of God surrounding us in the endless waiting.

Father Richard Rohr says, “Jesus did not come to change the mind of God about humanity (it did not need changing!) Jesus came to change the mind of humanity about God.” It is my hope that you will continue to experience God in the hallways and “waiting places” of your life. It is my deep prayer that in your waiting, you will know you are loved by the One who created you from the active particles and atoms of the earth. This Easter, seeing your faces, (at least your smiling and tired eyes) has reminded me that God’s unfailing loves surrounds us in our places of deep and intentional waiting.

So, what are we to do as we wait in hospital rooms with loved ones, by the bedside of the dying, in the long queues of vaccine lists? How are we to feel in the heaviness of grief, the volatility of job struggles, and the precariousness of the “not yet?” We actively wait. We actively and receptively acknowledge that we are already accepted by the Divine. We lean into the love that God has for us as we’ve experienced in the Gospel story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, knowing that we are loved just the way we are. This Easter proclaimed for me, while we were waiting, that God’s love has always surrounded us and will surround us still.

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for April 21 & May 5, 2021.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

Pictures, Pictures, Pictures!!!

Easter Baskets for Hope Supply Co.



RLBC Children & Palm Sunday Filming



Coming Events

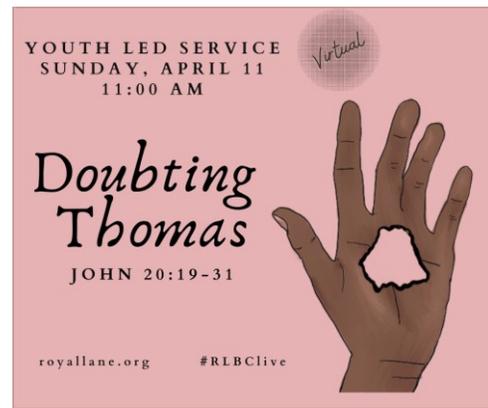
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| Friday | April 9 |
| 12:00 pm | Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom |
| Saturday | April 10 |
| 2:00 pm | Questers Class — Zoom |
| 3:00 pm | 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom |
| 8:00 pm | Non-Traditional Class — Zoom |
| Sunday | April 11 – Second Sunday of Easter / Youth Sunday |
| 9:30 am | Education Division — Zoom |
| 9:45 am | Foundation Stones — Zoom |
| 10:00 am | 4-6 Year Old Sunday School — Zoom |
| 10:00 am | Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom |
| 11:00 am | Morning Worship – Led by the Youth of RLBC — Royal Lane Baptist Church YouTube Channel |
| | Following Worship – Chat with the Pastor — Zoom |
| 12:00 pm | Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom |
| 3:00 pm | 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom |
| 4:00 pm | Formations Class — Zoom |
| 6:30 pm | Middle School Class — Zoom |
| 7:30 pm | Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm – Deacon Chat) |
| Tuesday | April 13 |
| 12:00 pm | Pastor's Book Group — Zoom |
| Wednesday | April 14 |
| 6:30 pm | IN FOCUS – Continuing the Discussion about Becoming an Anti-Racist Church — Zoom |
| 7:30 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom |
| Friday | April 16 |
| 12:00 pm | Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom |
| Saturday | April 17 |
| 2:00 pm | Questers Class — Zoom |
| 3:00 pm | 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom |
| 8:00 pm | Non-Traditional Class — Zoom |
| Sunday | April 18 – Sunday |
| 9:45 am | Foundation Stones — Zoom |
| 10:00 am | 4-6 Year Old Sunday School — Zoom |
| 10:00 am | Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom |
| 11:00 am | Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist Church YouTube Channel |
| 12:00 pm | Missions Division |
| 12:00 pm | Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom |
| 3:00 pm | 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom |
| 4:00 pm | Formations Class — Zoom |
| 6:30 pm | Middle School Class — Zoom |
| Tuesday | April 20 |
| 12:00 pm | Pastor's Book Group — Zoom |
| Wednesday | April 21 – Mosaic |
| 6:30 pm | Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom |
| 7:30 pm | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Zoom |
| Friday | April 23 |
| 12:00 pm | Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom |
| 7:00 pm | Ramadan Iftar Dinner — Zoom (<i>Register to pick up Dinner. No registration required for Zoom Event</i>) |
| Saturday | April 24 |
| 2:00 pm | Questers Class — Zoom |
| 3:00 pm | 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom |
| 8:00 pm | Non-Traditional Class — Zoom |

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

"Like" RLBC on Facebook or "Follow" RLBC on Twitter

April 11 is Youth Sunday!

Join us at 11:00 am as we worship
under the leadership of the
RLBC Youth.



Quarterly Church Conference

The quarterly Church Conference will be held on April 21, 6:00 pm — Zoom



Ramadan Iftar Celebration

Our good friends and faith partners from the Dialogue Institute Dallas would like to celebrate Ramadan with Royal Lane again this year. Due to pandemic safety concerns, we will share a Ramadan event and meal on Zoom.

Please REGISTER to reserve your meal through the link on the Royal Lane Website or at <https://bit.ly/2QDbU71>

If you do not need a meal, you do not need to RSVP. You can simply show up for the online portion of the event. A link to the Zoom room will be created nearer to the evening.

Dinner will be provided by our friends at the Dialogue Institute Dallas. You may pick up your reserved Turkish dinner at the church before the event. You will be able to eat after the Zoom time and at sundown. We thank the members of the Dialogue Institute for the generosity and hospitality.

When we give...

Have you taken a moment to read the very last page of the Order of Worship? On this page you will find the names of our Deacons of the Week, the report from your Finance Committee, the staff of Royal Lane who continue to work in a new environment (often remotely while juggling family needs), and a new “When we give” statement each week. January end of month reflected a surplus of \$10,287. At the end of February we went full circle to a deficit of \$11,828.

We need your support and your tithes and offerings to continue the many ministries of Royal Lane as we move towards a time when we can gather again. When we give, we support our church and our community.

We Receive Mail

Prayers for RLBC from Providence Church, Charleston, SC

Our pastor alerted us to your congregation’s recent problems resulting from the weather and power outages. We can only imagine the frustrations you are facing. Please know that we are praying for you and your congregation in the days ahead as you repair and rebuild.

Prayers to all – Providence Prayer Circle

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.



Easter Flower Dedications

*This year's list includes Dedications from 2020
that we were unable to honor due to
COVID-19 and suspension of on-site services.*

**Easter Flowers have been given
In Memory of**

Rev. George T. Sturch
I.J. & Marie Berrier
by JJ & Terry Berrier

Chad Edward Julian
*by Clay Bohannon &
Faith Julian*

Dan Bohannon, Terry Kahutek
My parents and Dan's parents
Chad Julian
by Shirley Bohannon

Rose Griffin
by Dottie Brashear

I.E. (Gene) Garrett
Nell & Ed Thomas
Emmy Lou & Otis Kerley
by Betty Garrett

Calvin James
Our Parents
Maybelle Raiza
by Shirley James

Oscar & Ruth Owens, my parents
Jacque Neatherlin
Babs Arnswald
by Susie Leinneweber

David Matthews
by Susan Matthews

Ruth & Ray Moore and sons
Lorraine & Zackey Meachum
Pauline Salazar
Gene Sprout
Richard Seib
by Bettie Meachum

Betty Blanck
by Betty Morchower

Laurence Ambler, father
Jewel Ambler, mother
Grant Ambler, brother
by Marilyn Munro

Richard George, Fumiko &
Edward Jones
Clifford & Emelda Schultz
by Laurence & Janet Schultz

Jim Sewell
Laura McFadyen
by Anne Sewell

Jim Sewell
by the Sewell Watson Family

Jimmy & Mary Strobel, special friends
Johnny & Coral Reiser, my parents
by Cookie Stokes

Dr. Raymond L. Vickrey
*by The Family of
Raymond Vickrey*

Roy King Luckett
Mary Walker
Mark Walker
Karrie Oertli
Rev. Ray Vickrey
*by Jamie & Melissa
Walker-Luckett*

Orville & Elnora Wisdom
Chuck & Linda Spear
Marilyn Ratliff
by Garey Wisdom

Donna & Billy Wood
Douglas Martin
*by Scott & Donna
Wood-Martin*

**Easter Flowers have been given
In Honor of:**

Louise Finke, mom
Shirley Bohannon, mom
*by Clay Bohannon &
Faith Julian*

Shirley Bohannon
Clay Bohannon, Faith, Hope,
Shelby & Blake
by Holly Bohannon

Holly, Clay & Faith
Shelby, Hope & Blake
Mel & Louise
Judy, Bonnie & T.D.
by Shirley Bohannon

The Hammett Family: Jeff, Jennifer,
Jonah, and Jacob
The Keith Family: Phil, Kelley,
Claire and Owen
by Paulette & Harold Harrison

Shirley Bohannon
Patricia McNutt
Karen Simmons
by Shirley James

The Hatcher Family (Martha &
Kathy)
by Susie Leinneweber

Kurt & Amy Meachum, Allie,
Kendall and Ben
Aubrey & Adam Connatser
Mary Katherine and Mac
Royal Lane Staff and Volunteers
who deliver Sunday Services
by Bettie Meachum

Pastor Laura Keller
RLBC Music Program
by Don & Patsy Meier

Entire Sewell/Watson Family
by Anne Sewell



Bob & Sue Watson
Anne Sewell
The Staff at RLBC
by The Sewell Watson Family

Jean Stokes Bilson, my aunt
Lou Ray & Carol Williams,
special friends
by Cookie Stokes

James C. Walker
Zadie Luckett
Amy, Aaron, Aidan, AJ, Avery Stewart
Amber, Kevin, Luke,
Rutledge Seymour
Mike, Amanda, Analeigh, Beatrice,
Ford Gregg
Joey & Rosa Belgard
*by Jamie & Melissa
Walker-Luckett*

Brad Carter
Linda Hueston
by Garey Wisdom

Jacquelyn Martin
*by Scott & Donna
Wood-Martin*

Women of the Church Picnic “Together Again” – Brown Bag Picnic Saturday, May 1, 11:00 am

We'll gather to reminisce about the past year, make plans for the coming year and enjoy each other's company.

Bring your own lunch, wear your mask and we'll visit outside under our beautiful trees.

For more information, contact Karen Miller,
kmiller238@sbcglobal.net

IN FOCUS

April 14 – 6:15 pm

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, April 14, at 6:15 pm for our April IN FOCUS. Beloved Community: Continuing the Conversation about Becoming an Anti-Racist Church. Engage with us as we discuss what it means to be an anti-racist community with breakout groups, discussion, and questions.



Friday, April 23 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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from the Dialogue Institute Dallas
would like to celebrate Ramadan
with Royal Lane again this year**

**TO HONOR COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS
Ramadan Event and Meal will be on ZOOM**

**Turkish Meal provided by our friends at the
Dialogue Institute Dallas**

RESERVE MEAL(S)

<http://royallane.org/event/2021-04-23-ramadan-iftar-event-reservation/>

PICK MEAL(S) UP AT THE CHURCH

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Reserve your meal(s) at <https://bit.ly/3cFO8Qt>
No reservation needed for Zoom event.

Deacons of the Week

April 11

Charlotte Sewell
Amy Ward-Meier

April 18

John Helms
Cathy Walling

Scriptures of the Week

April 11

Acts 4:32-35
1 John 1:1-2:2

Psalm 123
John 20:19-31

April 18

Acts 3:12-19
1 John 3:1-7

Psalm 4
Luke 24:36b-18

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

6:15 p.m. Wednesday

April 14

IN FOCUS

Continuing the Conversation on
Becoming an
Anti-Racist Church

6:00 p.m. Wednesday

April 21

Quarterly Church Conference

February 2021 Financials

| | YTD Actual |
|-------------------|------------|
| Revenues | \$93,029 |
| Expenses | \$104,857 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | (\$11,828) |

Text "GIVE" to 214-609-1200

Follow the prompts to complete the process.
Standard text message rates may apply.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/

Giving menu includes:

General Fund
Columbarium
The Lowe Scholarship Fund

Happy Birthday!

April

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| Megan Thompson Simpson | 7 |
| Brad Carter | 9 |
| Cynthia Kupres | 10 |
| Melissa Robinson | 10 |
| Erin Waters | 11 |
| Katie Faulkinbury | 16 |
| Oz Osbourne | 16 |
| Ron Abbe | 17 |
| Diana Stouffer | 17 |



The Box Gallery
is Temporarily Closed

To change mail or email preferences for *The Mosaic*, contact Barbara Merry, 214-361-2809, ext. 10 or bmerry@royallane.org.



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Monday - Friday: Open by Appointment

Wednesday Midweek: 6:30 pm - Zoom

Sunday School: Saturday & Sunday - Zoom

Sunday Worship: 11:00 am – Royal Lane YouTube Channel

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