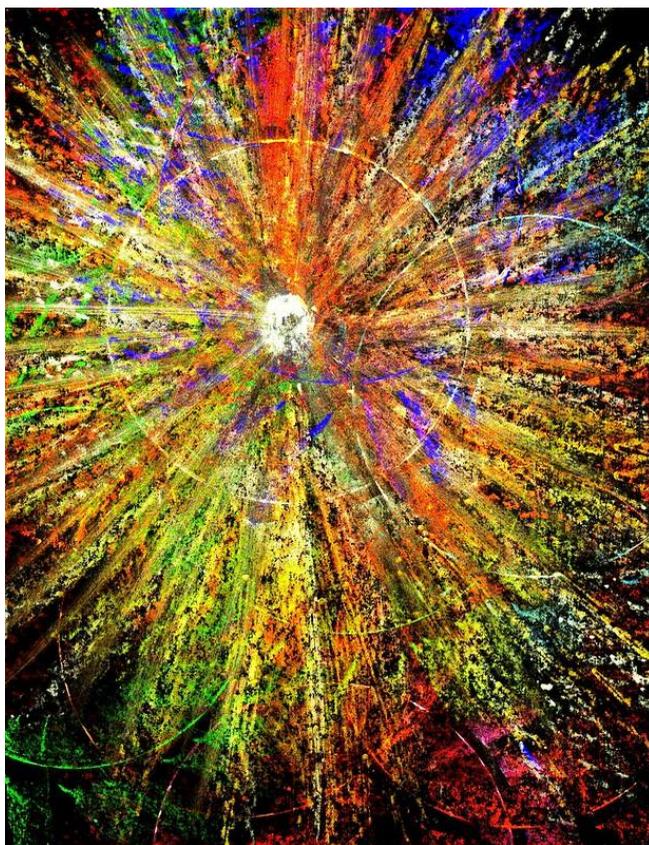


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.
And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.*

The Worship of God

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Michael Gregg

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

Human beings enjoy a special relationship with God and to the rest of the created order. Unlike all other elements of creation, human beings are made in God's image and are bestowed with authority and stewardship over the earth.

"If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beast also happens to man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth."

—attributed to Chief Seattle (Suquamish and Duwamish chief)

Voluntary

Jordan Stubblefield & David Weigle

All Creatures of Our God and King — arranged by Gary Lanier

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

God created the world out of a formless void.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God made every animal and plant, bird and fish.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God created people in the image of God.

Let us remember what our God has done!

God has made us caretakers of the earth.

Let us remember what our God has done!

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Eternal God, your Spirit moved on the waters— and there was light, your first creation. Your Spirit moved on the water of our baptism—and again, there was light in our souls and hearts. Let your holy light shine on us today, as we remember your creation and our special part in it. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

God of Creation, All-Powerful — SLANE

Testimony of Joy

J.J. & Terry Berrier

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Michael Gregg

God, we are besieged. The numbers of ill and dying are mounting up. The emotional rollercoaster is taking its toll. The disruption to every aspect of life is undeniable.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We lift to you those most affected: the sick, and their caregivers; those doctors, nurses and support people doing all they can with what resources they have, to save lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask for your mercy to be upon them, that they may be kept safe from disease, filled with professional wisdom, given bodily nourishment and rest, provided with adequate equipment, energized by supernatural means, supported by prayers of the people, relieved by more hands joining the work, resourced by state and federal leadership, and that this crisis would come to a swift end.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We know many caring professionals are at the end of their strength, so we pray that your spirit would meet them, that your strength would become theirs, that your love would bolster them.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud, or place in the comment section of the livestream. . .

We pray for the awakening of all people so that each may do their part to stop the spread. We pray for our country and our world, that we may come into a more Christ-like consciousness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

God Whose Will is Health and Wholeness — HYMN OF PROMISE

Scripture Lesson

Laura Keller

Genesis 1:24-31 [see insert]

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

Solo

Sharon Vickrey

The Lord is My Light — Frances Allitsen

Sermon

Tim Schaefer

“ Then God Created Humankind ”

Offertory

Jordan Stubblefield & David Weigle

What Wondrous Love Is This — Raymond H. Haan

Communion

Michael Gregg

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyous thing, always and everywhere to give you praise, Creator of heaven and earth. You took the formless chaos swept across it with your mighty Spirit, and said, “Let there be light!” And there was light. You separated the heavens and earth, and brought forth trees and plants. You set sun, moon, and stars in the heavens, and called forth fish, birds, and all living creatures. You made us, creatures of your own image, to live in communion with you.

We long for relationship with you, but in our humanness, we turn away. Yet you remain steadfast, calling us again and again to turn to you. For your grace and for all your mercies toward us, we join your people on earth and all the company of heaven in proclaiming your praise.



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.

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Your Spirit flowed through his life as he became the bridge for our reconciliation. In this time we remember his life and work. We remember your gift of Baptism. We reflect on the mystery of the cross. We dare to ponder resurrection.

Especially we recall how Jesus took grain grown by your sunshine and rain, ground by human hands into flour, mixed with water and made into bread, in honor of him who is the Bread of Life. We recall how Jesus took the cup, with grapes grown in your sunlight, trod into juice for drinking, that we might know you and never thirst again.

And taking bread and cup, blessing and breaking them, Jesus gave them new meaning as he said:

Take, eat, this is my body.”

“Drink from this cup, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for the forgiveness of sins.”

In remembrance of all your mighty acts on our behalf, we bring our whole selves to you, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Communion Prayer

Pour out your Spirit on these, the gifts of your creation: grain, grapes, and us your children. Make us see your touch in all of creation and let us bring your light into every darkened shadow. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God. Now and forever **Amen.**

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures, high and low. Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Blessing

Tim Schaefer

God has accomplished marvelous things!

We are part of creation's fulfillment.

Let us close our time together in new appreciation for the works of God's hands.

We are part of creation's fulfillment.

Let us work to restore the earth's perfect balance and beauty.

We are part of creation's fulfillment.

Let us live as faithful disciples, telling all what God has done.

We are part of creation's fulfillment.

And remember that Jesus is always with us, to the end of the age.

We are part of creation's fulfillment.

May the God who made heaven and earth, whom death could not contain, who lives to disturb and heal us, bless you with power to go forth and proclaim the gospel. The grace of God be with you all, now and always.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

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Hymn Notes

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God of Creation, All-Powerful

Unison

1. God of cre - a - tion, all - power - ful, all - wise,
2. God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years
3. God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth,
4. God of Your peo - ple, Your Word still stands fast —
5. God of our now, all our trust is in You,

Lord of the u - ni - verse rich with sur - prise,
You are the One in whom his - tory co - heres;
called out Your church from the ends of the earth,
do for us now as You've done in the past!
Cov - e - nant God, ev - er faith - ful and true;

Mak - er, Sus - tain - er and Ru - ler of all,
na - tions and em - pires Your pur - pose ful - fill,
still You are Sav - ior — put dark - ness to flight;
Yours is the King - dom — Your tri - umph we claim,
Sov - ereign Cre - at - or, Re - deem - er and Lord,

we are Your chil - dren — You hear when we call.
mov - ing in free - dom, yet work - ing Your will.
o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!
chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.
now and for - ev - er Your name be a - dored!

God Whose Will is Health and Wholeness



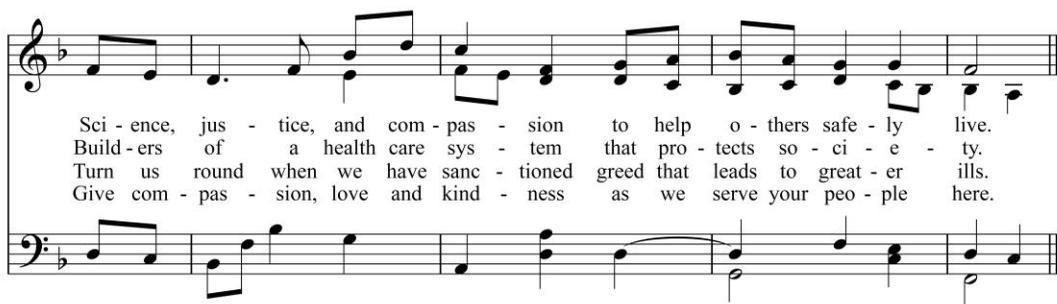
1. God whose will is health and whole - ness, hear your peo - ple as we pray:
2. Jes - us taught that your com - mand - ments call for us to use the mind.
3. God, you call for love and jus - tice, yet our laws are far from wise:
4. Lov - ing God, we ask your bles - sing on the sick and those they love,



Ma - ny now are fa - cing ill - ness; more face sick - ness ev' - ry day.
May we use the gifts of sci - ence to seek health for hu - man - kind.
Ma - ny don't have good in - sur - ance; lack of health care threa - tens lives.
And we pray for those now griev - ing as they lift their cries a - bove.



As we lift our song t'ward hea - ven, may we use the gifts you give
Bless the ones who work for heal - ing; bless the ones who seek to be
Ma - ny work - ers must keep work - ing, sick or not, to pay the bills.
There is trou - ble all a - round us; ill - ness cau - ses pain and fear.



Sci - ence, jus - tice, and com - pas - sion to help o - thers safe - ly live.
Build - ers of a health care sys - tem that pro - tects so - ci - e - ty.
Turn us round when we have sanc - tioned greed that leads to great - er ill.
Give com - pas - sion, love and kind - ness as we serve your peo - ple here.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and

low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly

known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.

See the website for information and resources.

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Quarterly Church Conference will be held at 6:00 pm, Wednesday, April 22.

Zoom: Meeting ID 828 952 886

Deacons on Call

Jeff Hammett & Blake Miller

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The Scripture this morning is Genesis 1:24-31

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."

²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

(NRSV)

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