

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

May 24, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Michael Gregg

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather much like the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. Amid religious, social, economic, and health divisions, we seek unity with God and one another. Made one in baptism, we pledge to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Gigue from French Suite #5* — J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Let the righteous be joyful!

Let them rejoice before God.

**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

Sing to God, all peoples of the world.

Sing praises to God most high.

**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

From the sanctuary of heaven,

God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

**Let us all be jubilant with joy!**

—*Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35*

Invocation

Harry Wooten

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Blessed Assurance* — ASSURANCE  
(stanzas one & three)

Testimony of Joy

Anne Sewell

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Michael Gregg

For all who have contracted coronavirus,

We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,

We pray for safety and protection.

**Christ in Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

For all who experience fear or anxiety,

We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

**Christ in Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions

between food on the table or public safety,

We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

**Christ in Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

**Christ in Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God given dignity of all.

**Christ in Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

For our fellow pilgrims around the world,

We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers,

We pray for wisdom and guidance.

**Christ in Mercy, Hear our Prayer.**

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

O God, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort, and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Response [ see insert ]

Worshipers

*For Such a Time as This* — MELITA  
(stanzas one)

Scripture Lesson

Laura Keller

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 [ see insert ]

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

Solo

Dan Thompson

*Find Us Faithful* — Jon Mohr

Sermon

Tim Schaefer

**“ Strong in Faith ”**

Offertory

Scott Green & David Weigle

*Piano Concerto No. 2, Andante* — Dimitri Shostakovich

Communion

Laura Keller & Worshipers

Alleluia, Holy God — the bread that sustains us in sorrow has become a leavening of joy, and the cup of the new covenant given in grief, doubt, loss, fear, denial, and even betrayal, has become a chalice of celebration.

We break the loaf and between its edges see an empty tomb.

We pour the cup and know there is a well in the garden.

We rejoice — in this sacrament of blessing, and yet we do this, remembering always for those who sit at the table of a personal sadness — that our shared Communion is the Easter gift in all our seasons.

Communion Prayer

Bread is risen, cup is poured indeed — come alive in us that we may live in you.  
Amen.

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshipers

*Blessed Assurance* — ASSURANCE  
(refrain only)

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

Blessing

Tim Schaefer

Children of God, God loves and cares for each of us. Therefore, cast all anxiety on God, and keep alert, so that we may remain steadfast in faith with Christ, who supports and strengthens us in all things.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Postlude

Robyn Watson

*Automne* — Jean-Michel Damase

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**Hymn Notes**

**Blessed Assurance**

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**For Such a Time As This**

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# Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine

→ 1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! Oh, what a  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of  
 → 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight: an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a -  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest: watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

God, born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood.  
 bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 bove, filled with His good - ness, lost in His love.

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

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# For Such a Time As This

1. For such a time as this, O Lord, we seek the gift of  
2. For such a time as this we ask for strength that's e - qual  
3. For such a time as this, O Lord, we pray for guid - ance  
4. For such a time as this a - bide, be ev - er with us

grace out - poured, up - on Your peo - ple ev - ery - where, bowed  
to our task, that we may bear our cross of pain, and  
from Your Word; Your truth re - vealed from by - gone age still  
at our side, to heal our hurts, to give us peace, and

down with sor - row, filled with care; now bless us, Lord, we  
through our suf - ferings tri - umph gain. Our trou - bles then shall  
shines from ev - ery sa - cred page. Its light for this day  
from our bur - dens grant re - lease. Your pres - ence guides us

hum - bly plead, with grace suf - fi - cient for our need.  
not bring shame but glo - ry to our Sav - ior's name.  
we would see; from dark - ened minds, Lord, set us free.  
through the day and leads us on our home - ward way.

## *Schedule*

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.  
See the website for information and resources.  
royallane.org

## **Prayer Requests**

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,  
available on the website at royallane.org.

## **Deacons on Call**

Dennis Turnbull & Cathy Webb

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Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

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The Scripture this morning is 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

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**4**<sup>12</sup>Don't be surprised my dear friends, that a trial by fire is occurring in your midst. It is a test for you, but it shouldn't catch you off guard. <sup>13</sup>Rejoice, instead, insofar as you share the Savior's sufferings, so that when the glory of Christ is revealed, you will rejoice exceedingly. <sup>14</sup>Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God's Spirit in her glory has come to rest on you.

**5**<sup>6</sup>Therefore, humble yourselves before God's mighty power, that you may be exalted by God on the appointed day.

<sup>7</sup>Cast all your cares on God, who cares for you. <sup>8</sup>Be sober. Be watchful. For your adversary the Devil roams about like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Stand up to the Devil as one strong in faith, fortified with the knowledge that our sisters and brothers throughout the world share the same afflictions.

<sup>10</sup>But the God of all grace, who called you to eternal glory through Jesus Christ, will fulfill, restore, strengthen and establish you after you have suffered a little while. <sup>11</sup>To God be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen.

*(The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation by Priests for Equality.)*

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