

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Harry Wooten

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

This week's readings ask us to consider what it means to stand in solidarity with those who are marginalized. Solidarity may mean providing means of survival and support as God provided Hagar in the wilderness. But as Jesus shows, solidarity may also require us to enter uncomfortable, disruptive spaces in our pursuit of justice. God models for us how to stand in solidarity with those who are suffering. Solidarity requires that we not only listen for those suffering injustices but that we act. As followers of Christ, we enter uncomfortable spaces that disrupt our relationships to power and disrupt relationships, even with those closest to us. In doing so, we make God's love and justice more fully present in the world.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty LOBE DEN HERREN — setting by Paul Manz

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Into our wilderness, God comes and says,
"Do not be afraid for I have heard your voice."

**Out of the shadows of fear
and into the light of faith, we come, O God.**

When we ask for a sign of love,
God comes and provides all that we need.

**Out of the shadows of fear
and into the light of faith, we come, O God.**

Old ways are discarded
and we are made alive with Christ.

**Out of the shadows of fear
and into the light of faith, we come, O God.**

Jesus says, "Those who find their life will lose it,
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

**Out of the shadows of fear
and into the light of faith, we come, O God.**

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Let us pray:

Gracious God, you are with us in times of great joy and in our wilderness moments. Help us to stand fearlessly in solidarity with those who are marginalized, just as you have been present with us. Grant us the courage to seek justice in your name. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Be Still My Soul — FINLANDIA
(stanzas one and two)

Testimony of Joy

Nate & Deanna Green

Time for Young Disciples

Tim Schaefer

Prayers of the People

Harry Wooten

Divine Caregiver, you have counted the hairs on our head and your loving eye is always upon us. Show us where we might move out with confidence to speak bravely of your way, even if the consequences are hard to bear.

We pray to you, O God,

grant us the courage and compassion to live for you.

Holy Creator, you take delight in the smallest creature and your compassion sustains all of Creation. Conceive your selfless love within our hearts and birth within us the desire to give voice where the voice has been silenced.

We pray to you, O God,

grant us the courage and compassion to live for you.

Eternal God, we have no reason to fear for we know that, in life or in death, we will always belong to you. Mindful of your presence, help us to live out of this truth, even when the future seems cloudy and uncertain.

We pray to you, O God,

grant us the courage and compassion to live for you.

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

We pray for your promised kingdom to come, when all wars will cease, and there will be no disease; when courageous faith, hope, and love cast out hatred and poverty. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our savior, redeemer, and friend. Amen.

Response

Worshippers

Children of the Heavenly Father — TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA
(stanza one only)

The musical score is written for a two-part setting in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in three lines, with the first line starting at the beginning of the first system and the second and third lines starting at the beginning of the second system. The lyrics are: 1. Chil - dren of the heaven - ly Fa - ther safe - ly; 2. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the; 3. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His in His bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in Lord His chil - dren sev - er; un - to them His grace He chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en. show - eth, and their sor - rows all He know - eth. sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Scripture Lesson

Barbara Gunnin

Genesis 21:8-21 [see insert]

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

Solo

Rita Nsumbu

My Good Lord's Done Been Here — arranged by Moses Hogan

Sermon

Laura Keller

“ The God Who Sees and Hears ”

Offertory

David Weigle

Do Lord— arranged by Chuck Marohnic

Communion

Laura Keller & Worshipers

As we receive this holy meal, forgive our sins, renew in us the power of our baptism, and strengthen us for our ministry in the world. Use us, we pray, for the restoration of the earth and the healing of the nations, until the coming of your holy Kin-dom. And all this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life: those who come to me will never grow hungry, and those who believe in me will never be thirsty.

Lord, give us this bread for ever.

Jesus said, “I am the true vine...remain in me and I will remain in you.

Communion Prayer

Creator God, we bless you for making all things and pronouncing them good. We thank you that when we have misused your gifts, you have not left us alone, but sought us out in Jesus Christ. The bread and the cup remind us that Christ, though crucified, lives. By the gift of your Holy Spirit make Christ known again to us that we may take fresh hope and live in his presence each day. Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshipers

His Eye Is On the Sparrow — SPARROW
(stanza one only)

Blessing

Laura Keller & Tim Schaefer

God tells us, “Do not be afraid!”

Jesus tells us “Have no fear!”

Paul tells us, “God is abounding in steadfast love.”

Let us go out to our work unafraid.

Let us go out to our ministries, confident that God is with us.

Let us go out to our discipleship in newness of life.

Let us go out to our service with grace and peace.

Where God leads, we go with confidence.

Where God sends, we go out with faith.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Just As I Am, Without One Plea — arranged by Dale Wood

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Hymn Notes

Be Still My Soul

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Be Still, My Soul

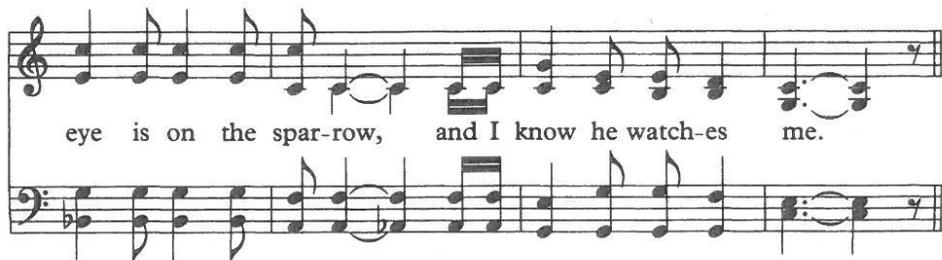
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on

Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
to guide the fu - ture as in a - ges past. Your hope, your
when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -

God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - ery change God
con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's

faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heav - en - ly
shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are

friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
know the Christ who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.



Guest Preacher, June 28

Laura Mayo

Reverend Laura Mayo is the Senior Minister of Covenant Church, Houston, Texas. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee and Wake Forest University Divinity School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She completed a year-long CPE chaplaincy program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Laura also studied at Regent's Park College of Oxford University.



Laura is active in Houston interfaith work including membership in American's United for the Separation of Church and State clergy advisory group, The Coalition for Mutual Respect (of the Anti-Defamation League), The Faith Leaders Coalition, and Interfaith Ministries' Multi-Faith Council. She is a clergy surrogate for Memorial Herman Hospital.

Laura has been part of many panel discussions including a panel hosted by The University of Houston Law School about what the Bible says about LGBTQ+ relationships, a panel hosted by Project Lifeline concerning the treatment of people at our borders, and panels hosted by The Alley Theatre, The Foundation for Contemporary Theology, Lifeline Chaplaincy, and PFLAG.

Laura is regularly published in the Belief section of the Houston Chronicle, and has been interviewed several times on Houston Public Media's "Houston Matters" radio show.

Laura and her partner, Nicholas Stepp, have two sons, Owen & Grayson, who bring them such joy. Laura, Nick, Owen, and Grayson enjoy sailing, camping, projects, and cooking together.

The Scripture this morning is Genesis 21:8-21

⁸The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac."

¹¹The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹²But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." ¹⁴So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away.

And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept.

¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt. (NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday	June 21 – Third Sunday after Pentecost / Father’s Day
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom
Friday	June 26
12:00 pm	Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
Saturday	June 27
10:00 am	Women’s Share & Prayer — Zoom
2:00 pm	4-6-Year-Old Saturday School – Zoom
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm	3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
Sunday	June 28 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
9:45 am	Foundation Stones Class — ZOOM
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Livestream Guest Preacher, Laura Mayo
3:00 pm	1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm	Formations Class — Zoom

Schedule

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

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available on the website at royallane.org.

Deacon on Call

Harry Hunter & Blake Miller

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