

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 26, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Mike Gregg

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

The eighth chapter of Romans offers strong words of comfort for all who suffer and who see little concrete evidence for hope. The encouragement is to never give up because even in our weakness the Holy One is there to strengthen us with a love from which we can never be separated.

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Toccata* — Eugene Butler

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Let us call on our God and give thanks.

Let hearts rejoice as we sing God's praise.

**Glory be to God in whose covenant we find life.**

**Let all the people tell of God's wonderful works.**

Let us open ourselves continually to God's presence.

Let us seek the strength that God alone provides.

**Surely the Spirit helps us in our weakness.**

**The Spirit searches our hearts and enlarges our prayers.**

Who can separate us from the love of God?

Will hardship, distress, or peril overcome us?

**Nothing can separate us from God's love.**

**We can face all things, knowing God's care.**

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Lord, in these times, when we fear we are losing hope or feel that our efforts are futile, let us see in our hearts and minds the image of your resurrection, and let that be our source of courage and strength. With that, and in your company, help us face challenges and struggles against all that is born of injustice. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Be Strong in the Lord* — STRENGTH  
(stanzas one and three)

Testimony of Joy

Martha Hatcher

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

We are on a journey of becoming and do not fully know how to pray. Yet the Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes with sighs too big for words. Therefore, let us offer our prayers, confident that the Spirit prays in us according to God's will. Holy God, you have blessed humanity with understanding and the ability to choose the good: give to all leaders and people a vision of your world made whole, the wisdom to pursue it, and the will to accomplish it.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

You have given your world the gift of Jesus to transform our suffering into healing and hope. Be with all who suffer hardship, distress, or need, and help us to honor you by serving together, as we grow in the mercy and compassion of Christ.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

Let us pray

We give thanks for the gift of hope that never ends and that we are more than victors through Christ who loved us. We remember all who have died and give thanks that nothing can separate us from you, Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter. Amen.

Response

Worshippers

*His Strength Is Perfect* — Stephen Curtis Chapman & Jerry Salley

Scripture Lesson

Jeff Marcum

Romans 8:26-39 [ see insert ]

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

Solo

Jonathan Greer

*On Eagle's Wings* — Michael Joncas

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ A Spirit of Strength ”**

Offertory

David Weigle

*Count Your Blessings* — Dan Miller

Communion

Worshippers

God is present, Christ is present, the Spirit is present and together we come to this place—a rare place of unique adventures, a place where we shall be changed. Just as many grapes come together to make a new thing—wine—so we are changed into a new creation. Just as many grains come together to make a new thing—bread—so now we are changed into a holy and beloved people.

Receive this bread as the token that Jesus loved you and died for you. Amen.

Take this wine and let Christ cleanse you and fill you with his love. Amen.

Communion Prayer

God is present, Christ is present, the Spirit is present, and a changed people is present. Amen.

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*I Am Thine, O Lord* — I AM THINE  
(stanza one)

Blessing

Michael Gregg

May God, who searches the heart,  
Jesus, whose love overcomes all division,  
and the Spirit, which helps us in our weakness,  
continue to lead you into life  
that you may serve with abandon and joy.  
Amen.

**Amen.**

Postlude

David Weigle

*The Strong-Tower-Postlude* — Matthias Nagel

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## Hymn Notes

### Be Strong in the Lord

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WHY IT'S SO HARD  
FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO  
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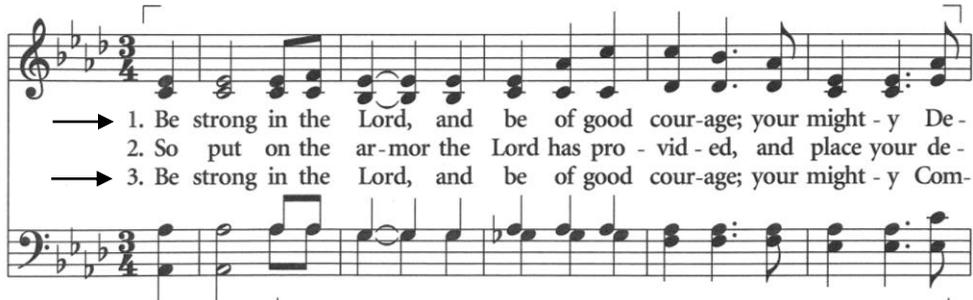
Save the dates in August and September for our virtual conversation about race and white fragility. Copies of *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo are available for purchase online and in the Church Office. Books may be purchased in the Church Office on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at \$12.00 per copy.

Registration is required, and space is limited. A Zoom link and instructions for joining will be emailed to you after you have completed the registration process.

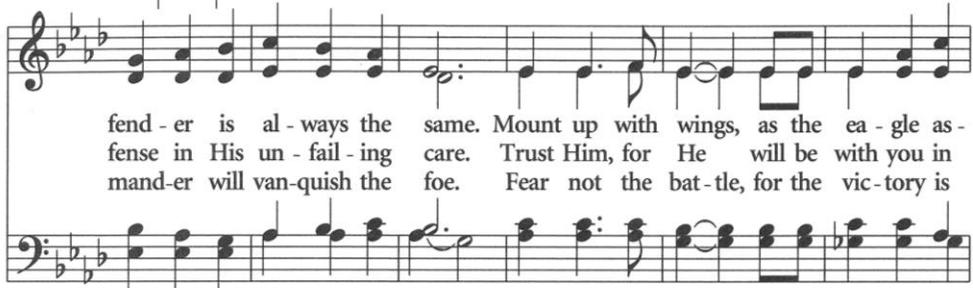
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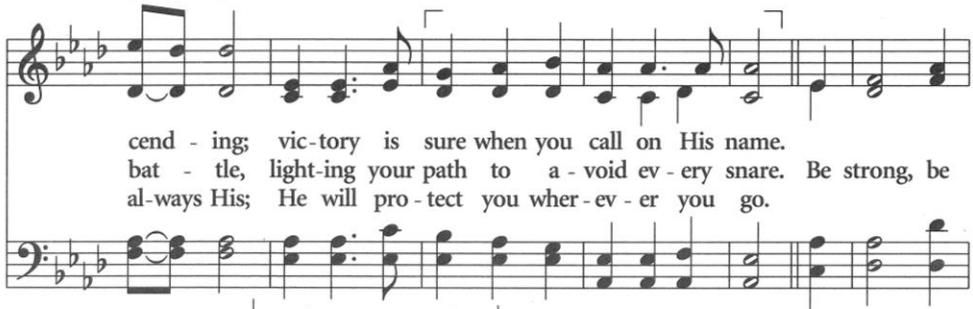
# Be Strong in the Lord



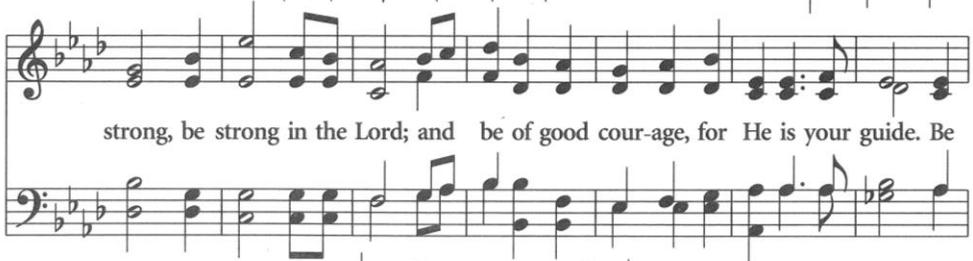
→ 1. Be strong in the Lord, and be of good cour-age; your might - y De -  
→ 2. So put on the ar-mor the Lord has pro - vid - ed, and place your de -  
→ 3. Be strong in the Lord, and be of good cour-age; your might - y Com -



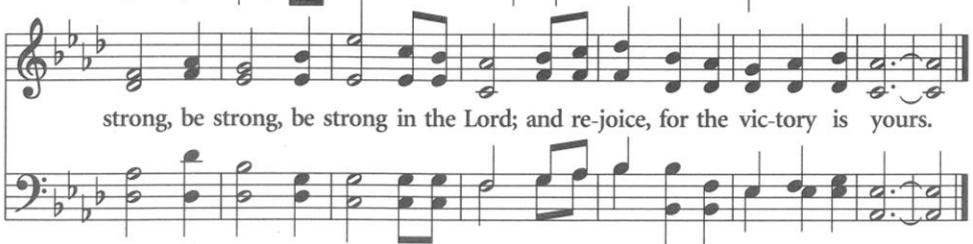
pend - er is al - ways the same. Mount up with wings, as the ea - gle as -  
fense in His un - fail - ing care. Trust Him, for He will be with you in  
mand-er will van-quisth the foe. Fear not the bat-tle, for the vic-tory is



ced - ing; vic-tory is sure when you call on His name.  
bat - tle, light-ing your path to a - void ev - ery snare. Be strong, be  
al-ways His; He will pro - tect you wher - ev - er you go.



strong, be strong in the Lord; and be of good cour-age, for He is your guide. Be



strong, be strong, be strong in the Lord; and re-joice, for the vic-tory is yours.

# His Strength Is Perfect

G *Unison* Am D C/D D G C/G

His strength is per - fect when our strength is gone;

G D/E Em Am7 Am/G D/F# Dm/F

he'll car - ry us when we can't car - ry on.

E7 Amsus Am/G D/F# B/D# Em Em/D

Raised in his pow - er, the weak be - come strong;

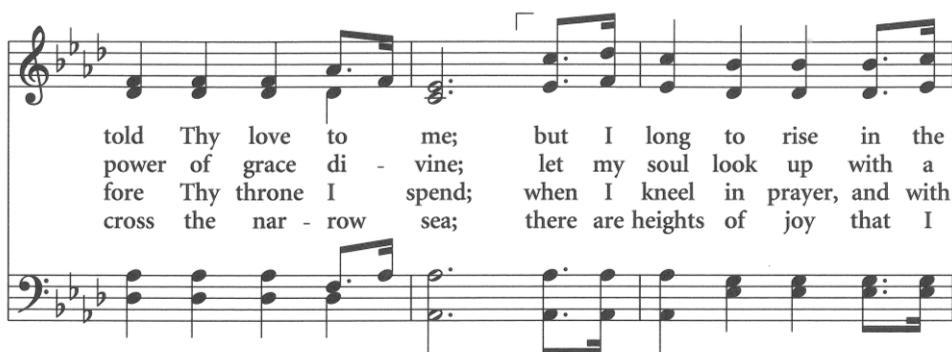
Em/C# Amsus Am/G D/F# D C/D D7 Am/G G

his strength is per - fect, his strength is per - fect.

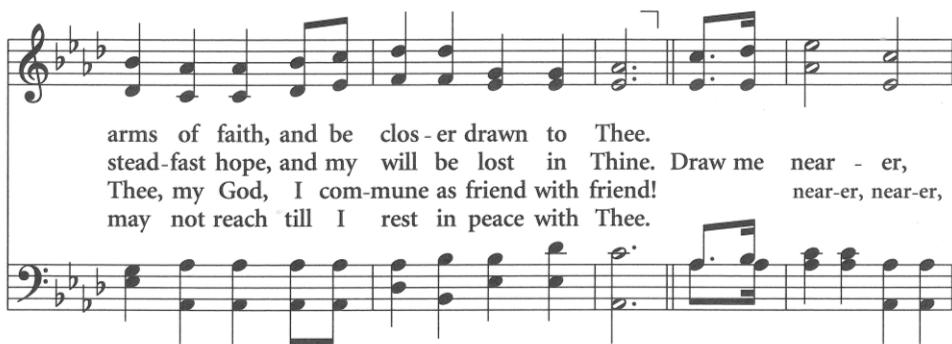
# I Am Thine, O Lord



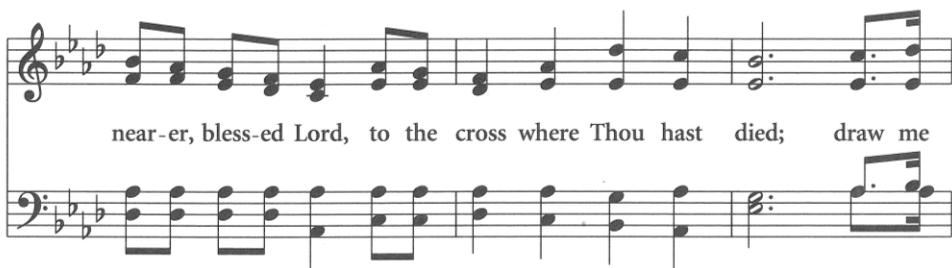
1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it  
2. Con - se - crate me now to Thy ser - vice, Lord, by the  
3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -  
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I



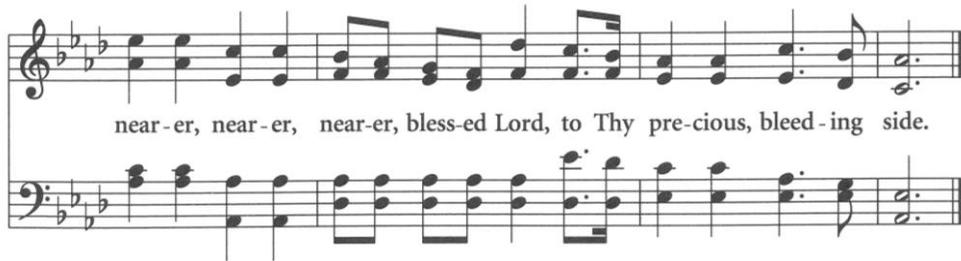
told Thy love to me; but I long to rise in the  
power of grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a  
fore Thy throne I spend; when I kneel in prayer, and with  
cross the nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I



arms of faith, and be clos - er drawn to Thee.  
stead-fast hope, and my will be lost in Thine. Draw me near - er,  
Thee, my God, I com-mune as friend with friend! near-er, near-er,  
may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.



near-er, bless-ed Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died; draw me



## Columbarium Garden

Royal Lane Baptist Church is blessed to have a Columbarium Garden available to its members and loved ones. The first phase of the Columbarium will have 80 niches and we will add an additional 80 in the second phase. Each niche holds two urns and the cost is \$3,000.00 per niche.

The RLBC Columbarium will be nestled in a lovely garden between the Cunningham Arcade, the Sanctuary, and the Library. It is a Spiritual Site that affords Church members, their families, and loved ones the opportunity to have their final resting place surrounded by their Church and faith community, which has been a central part of their lives. You can get more information on the Royal Lane website: click on Connect and scroll down to Columbarium.

To receive a Columbarium Garden Brochure and/or application, leave a message with the Church office at 214-361-2809, ext. 11 or email [info@royallane.org](mailto:info@royallane.org).



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## The Scripture this morning is Romans 8:26-39

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<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup>As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." <sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NRSV)

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

## *Schedule for the Week*

**Sunday**      **July 26 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Virtual Pride Event

3:00 pm    1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom

4:00 pm    Formations Class — Zoom

**Tuesday**    **July 28**

12:00 pm   Preacher's Book Group — Zoom

**Wednesday**   **July 29**

7:30 pm    Sanctuary Choir — Zoom

**Friday**        **July 31**

12:00 pm   Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

**Saturday**     **August 1**

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**        **August 2 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:45 am    Foundation Stones Class — Zoom

11:00 am   Morning Worship — Livestream

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**

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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