

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 2, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Welcome & Centering Words

Michael Gregg

Our scripture lesson today from Romans reminds us that living in a covenantal relationship is no assurance of a life free from grief and sadness. On the contrary, refusing to cut ourselves from those with whom we are at odds can be painful, as it was for Paul. Paul could do no less because his faith is in the one who is “overall.”

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Trumpet Intrada* — John S. Dixon

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

When we are uncertain,

**You are with us.**

When we have lost things or people precious to us,

**You are with us.**

When sickness overtakes us,

**You are with us.**

When we are overwhelmed with grief,

**You are with us.**

When we are exhausted from our labors,

**You are with us.**

When enemies rise up against us,

**You are with us.**

When our souls are in the dark night,

**You are with us.**

We take comfort in Christ, who is a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief; and we are consoled by his having walked the road of suffering ahead of us.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

When we despair from the difficulties of our entrusted tasks, guide our thoughts toward your blessing, O God. When discouragement overwhelms us, show us again the signs of your promises and the evidence of your having adopted us as your own. Through Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*If You Will Only Let God Guide You* — NEUMARK  
(stanzas one and three)

Testimony of Joy

Rosa & Joey Belgard

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

Compassionate God, you are good to all. We pray for your church that our relations with other religions may be respectful and abounding in steadfast love. Enable us to join with people of all faiths to work for the well-being of all your children.

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

We pray for the earth and all the creatures who look to you for their food in due season. May we do our part in restoring the balance of your creation and deepen our commitment to follow Jesus in ministries that feed and serve others.

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

We pray for all the people of the world, for their ethnic groups, nations, and leaders, that wars will cease, that the hungry will be fed, and that refugees will return home in safety and peace.

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

We pray for all those who suffer from physical ills and for all who wrestle with you for personal identity and spiritual peace. May they find their truth without money and peace without cost.

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

Let us pray:

Gracious and merciful God, abounding in steadfast love, we join our voices with all that you have made in speaking your praises and blessing your name, for, with Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you are just in all your ways and kind in all your doing. Amen.

*Day by Day* — BLOTT EN DAG  
(stanzas one and three)

→ 1. Day by day and with each pass - ing mo - ment, strength I  
 → 2. Ev - ery day the Lord Him - self is near me with a  
 → 3. Help me then in ev - ery trib - u - la - tion so to

find to meet my tri - als here; trust - ing in my Fa - ther's wise be -  
 spe - cial mer - cy for each hour; all my cares He glad - ly bears and  
 trust Your prom - is - es, O Lord, that I lose not faith's sweet con - so -

stow - ment, I've no cause for wor - ry or for fear.  
 cheers me, He whose name is Coun - sel - or and Power.  
 la - tion of - fered me with - in Your ho - ly Word.

He whose heart is kind be - yond all mea - sure gives un -  
 The pro - tec - tion of His child and trea - sure is a  
 Help me, Lord, when toil and trou - ble meet - ing, e'er to

→ to each day what He deems best — lov - ing - ly, its part of pain and  
 charge that on Him-self He laid; “As your days, your strength shall be in  
 → take, as from a fa - ther’s hand, one by one, the days, the mo - ments

plea - sure, min - gling toil with peace and rest.  
 mea - sure,” this the pledge to me He made.  
 fleet - ing, till I reach the prom - ised land.

Scripture Lesson

Alan Greider

Romans 9:1-5 [ see insert ]

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

Solo

Rita Nsumbu

*Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child* — Moses Hogan

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ A Spirit of Truth ”**

Offertory

Robyn Watson & David Weigle

*No. 5 Frassino (Ash)* — Roma Cafolla

from Cantare Songs for Bassoon and Piano

*A powerful and solid tree with feature bark. It stands proudly in its simplicity.*

Communion

Laura Keller & Worshipers

When our faith faltered and we rejected your guidance, you spoke to us of love and compassion, through the law and the prophets. Always, your love remains steadfast. Always, you deliver us from death and despair, and call us to return and follow you.

On his last night, before meeting death, at a last supper,  
Jesus blessed and broke bread one last time,  
feeding his disciples,

The bread of life, to feed your soul.

After supper, he took the cup, giving thanks yet again,  
and gave it to his disciples,

The living water, to nourish your life.

Communion Prayer

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world, until Christ comes again and we feast at the heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Worshipers

*Standing on the Promises* — PROMISES  
(stanza one)

Blessing

Laura Keller & Michael Gregg

In these moments draw us to yourself, Lord,  
and make us aware not so much of what we've given  
as of all we have received and so have yet to share.

Send us forth in power and gladness and with great courage  
to live out in the world what we pray and profess,  
that, in sharing, we may do justice,  
make peace, grow in love,  
enjoy ourselves, other people,  
and your world now, and you forever.

Amen.

**Amen.**

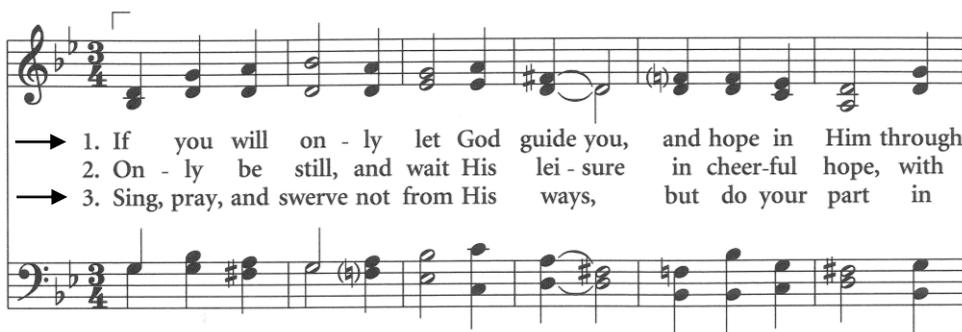
Postlude

David Weigle

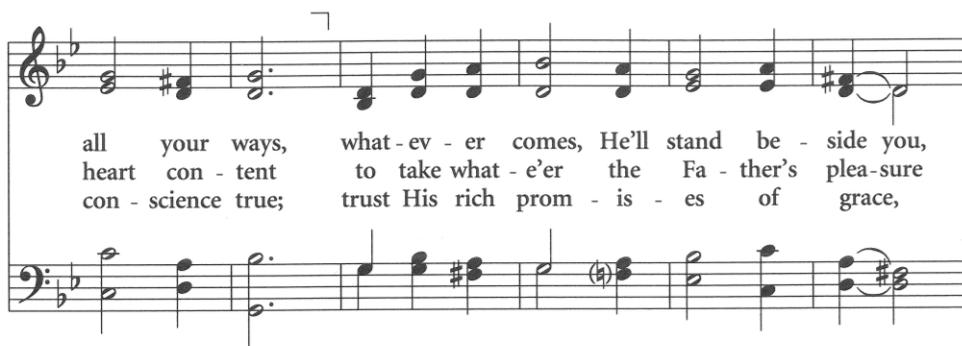
*Let the Heavens Resonate* — Colin Mawby

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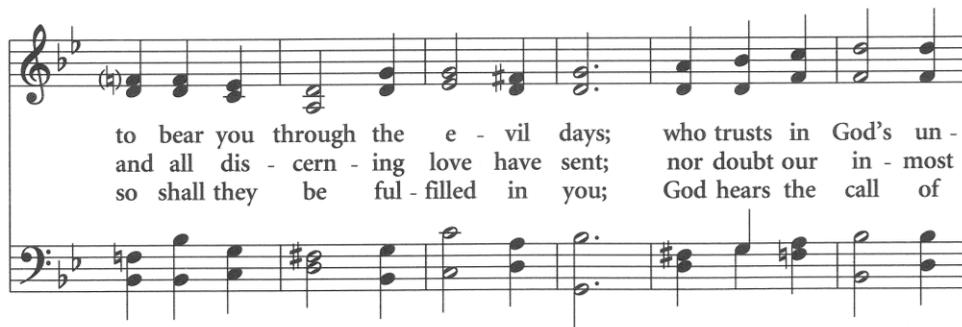
# If You Will Only Let God Guide You



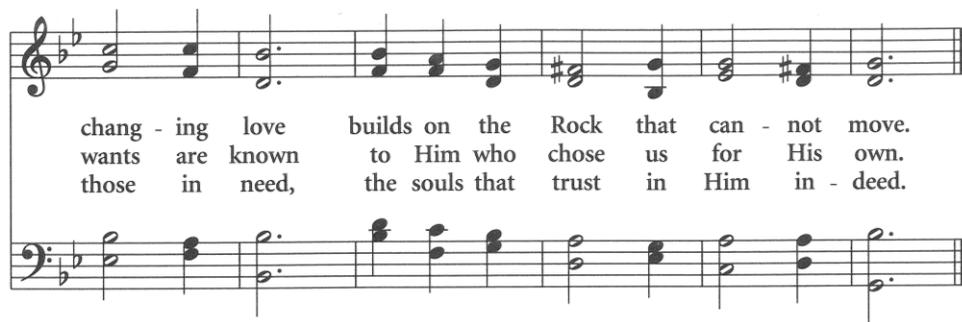
→ 1. If you will on - ly let God guide you, and hope in Him through  
→ 2. On - ly be still, and wait His lei - sure in cheer - ful hope, with  
→ 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways, but do your part in



all your ways, what - ev - er comes, He'll stand be - side you,  
heart con - tent to take what - e'er the Fa - ther's plea - sure  
con - science true; trust His rich prom - is - es of grace,



to bear you through the e - vil days; who trusts in God's un -  
and all dis - cern - ing love have sent; nor doubt our in - most  
so shall they be ful - filled in you; God hears the call of



chang - ing love builds on the Rock that can - not move.  
wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.  
those in need, the souls that trust in Him in - deed.

# Standing on the Promises

1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my King,  
 2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let His prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail;  
 bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail, stand - ing on the prom - is - es of  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior; stand - ing,  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es,



## Virtual Conversation – Starts this Wednesday, August 5 Register Today!



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.

Register Online at <https://bit.ly/3fNJ0c4>.



## Deacon Recommendations

In October, the church will elect six (6) deacons to serve a three (3) year term, and two (2) Deacons to serve a one (1) year unexpired term. They will take office in November.

### By-Laws Provisions

Article VIII, 3) "No one shall be eligible for election to the Board of Deacons unless such person has been a member of this Church for at least one (1) year prior to his or her election. Upon completion of a term on the Board of Deacons, no one shall be eligible for re-election to the Board of Deacons until the expiration of one (1) year, provided that this restriction shall not be applicable to any Deacon who has been elected to fill the unexpired term of another Deacon and who has served less than one year of such unexpired term. In order that there not be a conflict of interest (or the appearance of a conflict of interest), no member of the Board of Deacons shall also be a full-time or permanent part-time paid member of the staff of this Church. Only one member of an immediate family of the same household shall be elected to serve on the active board of deacons at the same time. Immediate family includes spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling.

Listed below is the active Board of Deacons. The dates indicate when they will rotate off the Board. *\*Resigned or moved to reserve status.*

#### November 2020

Ray Cox  
Melanie Ferguson  
Paulette Harrison  
Harry Hunter  
Cathy Webb  
Garey Wisdom

#### November 2021

Margaret Darden  
\*Jeff Hammett  
Karen Miller  
Charlotte Sewell  
Karen Simmons  
\*Dennis Turnbull

#### November 2022

Terry Berrier  
Alan Greider  
Blake Miller  
Sarah Fuller Phillips  
Cathy Walling  
Amy Ward-Meier

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Please consider carefully and prayerfully your recommendations for deacons. Use the spaces below to suggest to the Member Resource Committee your recommendations for deacons.

### ***Your Deacon Recommendations***

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**Nominations are due in the church office by noon on Friday, August 28th.**

If you have any questions regarding the recommendation of deacon, please contact either Charlotte Sewell (214-533-7326) or Paulette Harrison (214-577-8058).

## **Qualifications and Characteristics of a Deacon**

When accepting a call to serve as a deacon, the person is accepting a call from the congregation and from God. And so, a deacon is ordained because the ordination of deacons indicates that those serving in this capacity should be believers who are Christ-like, mature in faith, and exercise their office with prayer, patience, trust, and humility. Additionally, serving as a deacon puts that person in a leadership role within the congregation, one that should be modeled as that of a servant. The heart of a deacon's calling is to "lead by serving others" in the church and community, as well as to "lead by equipping church members" to serve in the ongoing ministries of the church.

As a believer in God as revealed through the life and works of Jesus Christ, the deacon must care about the members of Royal Lane, be committed to and support the work of the ministries of the church, and appreciate and embrace the diversity of the congregation. This is achieved through careful listening, a humble attitude, and fervent prayer.

## **Duties and Responsibilities of a Deacon**

- Accepts a 3-year commitment to serve on the Board of Deacons
- Faithfully attends each in person or virtual monthly deacons meeting and participates in discussions honestly and with openness to differing opinions
- Supports Royal Lane financially through pledging and regular giving
- Conscientiously fulfills her/his Deacon of the Week duties (on the assigned week):
  1. Greeting visitors in the narthex following worship
  2. Attend Wednesday evening Midweek Meeting and offering a prayer
  3. Contacting visitors by phone, card, or email to answer any questions they may have about Royal Lane
- Leads a Deacon Ministry Group (DMG) consisting of a small group of congregation members:
  1. Regularly check in with assigned DMG through text, email, phone call, or note.
  2. Let the DMG know of upcoming church events and activities
- Prays for the members of the DMG and shares needs with church staff
- Assists with the introduction and engagement of new members into the life and ministries of Royal Lane
- Actively participates as a member of at least one church committee
- Assists the pastor with the preparation and administration of the church ordinances: communion and baptism

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The Scripture this morning is Romans 9:1-5

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I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit— <sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

(NRSV)

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

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### Hymn Notes

#### **If You Will Only Let God Guide You**

*Text and Music: Georg Neumark, 1675, Public Domain*

#### **Day by Day**

*Text: Caroline V. Sandell-Berg, 1866, Public Domain*

*Music: Oscar Ahnfelt, 1872, Public Domain*

#### **Standing on the Promises**

*Text and Music: R. Kelso Carter, 1886, Public Domain*

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday August 2 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom  
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- Tuesday August 4**  
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Zoom
- Wednesday August 5 – Mosaic**  
6:30 pm Virtual Book Study – “White Fragility” – Register Today!  
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Thursday August 6**  
6:30- pm Reopening Task Force Q&A — Livestream  
Panel Members: Alan Greider, Bettie Meachum, Sandy Washington
- Friday August 7**  
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday August 8**  
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 9 – Tenth 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  
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom

### **Reopening Task Force Q&A**

Join us on August 6, 6:30 pm, for the third and final Reopening Task Force Q&A. Panel Members: Alan Greider, Bettie Meachum, and Sandy Washington. Add it to your calendar and view this session any Reopening Q&A sessions you may have missed on the Royal Lane YouTube Channel.

<https://bit.ly/2CVOC5O>



## *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**

Alan Greider & Harry Hunter

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### June 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 422,803
Expenses	\$ 383,134
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 39,669

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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