

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Michael Gregg

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

We live among neighbors who hunger for spiritual truth but do not know where it may be found. Paul's question is as true today as it was two thousand years ago: "How are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? . . . As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

Voluntary

David Weigle

Festival Prelude on OLD 113TH — Gilbert Martin

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

For hearing us when we cried for mercy!

Thank you, Jesus.

For feeding us when our hands were unclean!

Thank you, Jesus.

For welcoming us when we were strangers!

Thank you, Jesus.

For healing us when we were wounded.

Thank you, Jesus.

For sending us to do the same.

Thank you, Jesus.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

O Lord, calm us into a quietness that heals and listens, and molds our longings and passions, our wounds and wonderings into a more holy and human shape. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Great Is Thy Faithfulness — FAITHFULNESS
(stanzas one and three)

Testimony of Joy

Sarah & Greg King, Graham & Priscilla

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Sandy & Lindsey Washington

Oh God, visit us now in our mourning. Blood has been shed, precious lives have been lost, evil has had its say.

Guide our feet to good trouble, O God.

We acknowledge the hold racism and prejudice have on our national psyche. We acknowledge that violence has been matched with violence, and many are in pain and distress.

Guide our feet to good trouble, O God.

We pray now for your Church, part of the body of Christ on earth, that it may be a voice of peace, and a light of love, working for reconciliation, unity and justice.

Guide our feet to good trouble, O God.

We stand in solidarity with everyone, all races, all skin colors, all ethnicities. We stand against racism and injustice. We stand for love.

Guide our feet to good trouble, O God.

Accompany all who are lonely, hear the voices of those who cry out in anguish, and support those who are frustrated in their search for an affordable place to live. We pray for those suffering this day in the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love.

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

We offer these prayers to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Response

Worshippers

Guide My Feet — African-American spiritual
(stanzas one and three)

Scripture Lesson

Sadie W.

Romans 10:5-15 [see insert]

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

Solo

Jonathan Greer

Come Ye Disconsolate — arranged by Terre Johnson

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ A Spirit of Faith ”

Offertory

David Weigle

Cinema Paradiso — Ennio Morricone & Andrea Morricone

Communion

Harry Wooten & Worshipers

Let us gather around the table with the offering of bread and drink and the promise of the Living Christ among us. This is the welcome table of God where all who seek to be at peace with their neighbor and all who seek the mercy of God in Christ are embraced. Come, for we are invited into this holy mystery.

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty.

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving and said . . .

"Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said . . .

"Take, drink. This is my blood of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it in remembrance of me."

Communion Prayer

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Thank you for feeding our hunger and relieving our thirst. Now send us into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to find the lost and lonely, to heal the broken souls, to free the prisoners, and make the powerful care. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your good news in Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Here I Am, Lord — Daniel L. Schutte
(stanza one)

Blessing

Harry Wooten & Tim Schaefer

The word of faith is near you, on your lips and in your heart.
How shall others hear unless you proclaim it?

Go now in the generous grace and favor of our God.
How beautiful are the feet of you who bring good news!

Benediction

Michael Gregg

May the generous blessing and favor of our loving, abundant God
lift you, sustain you, and send you to the world with the gift of life!
Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus WEBB — James Mansfield

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Hymn Notes

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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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

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

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith - ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther, there is no
2. Sum-mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har-vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur-eth, Thine own dear

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with three numbered lines of text. Arrows point from the first two lines of lyrics to the corresponding notes in the treble staff.

White Fragility It's Not Too Late to Join the Conversation!

Let's talk about
WHITE FRAGILITY
WHY IT'S SO HARD
FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO
TALK ABOUT RACISM

VIRTUAL CONVERSATION
EVERY WEDNESDAY | 6:30-8:00 PM
AUGUST 5 - SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
*Space is limited. Registration required.

Logos for participating churches: FIRST CONGREGATIONAL, newchurch, ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH, and Greenland Hills UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

The poster features a background image of a diverse group of people at a community event, with their hands raised in the air. The text is overlaid on this image in white and black. The title "White Fragility" is in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, the subtitle "Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism" is in a smaller, all-caps font. The event details are in a clean, sans-serif font. The logos for the participating churches are arranged in a row at the bottom.

Join us 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. Contact Laura Keller, lkeller@royallane.org, to purchase books in the Church Office. \$12.00 per copy.

Registration is required. 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>.



shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee; Thou chang - est not, Thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed, Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Guide My Feet

1. Guide my feet
2. Hold my hand while I run this race,
3. Stand by me
4. Search my heart

yes, my Lord!

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note, followed by a half note, and then a series of quarter notes. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

guide my feet
hold my hand while I run this race,
stand by me
search my heart

yes, my Lord!

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

guide hold my feet
hold my my hand
stand by my me
search my heart while I run this race, for I

yes, my Lord!

The third system introduces the phrase "for I" at the end of the line. The melody and accompaniment continue as in the previous systems.

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

The final system concludes the piece with the phrase "don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)". The melody features a final cadence, and the bass staff provides a solid harmonic base.

Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Parts (optional)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

The Scripture this morning is Romans 10:5-15

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷"or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." ¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday August 9 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
7:30 pm Deacon’s Meeting — Zoom
- Tuesday August 11**
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Zoom
- Wednesday August 12**
6:30 pm Virtual Book Study – “White Fragility”
- Friday August 14**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday August 15**
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 16 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
10:00 am Women’s Share & Prayer — 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.
royallane.org

Prayer Requests

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

Deacons on Call

Charlotte Sewell & Amy Ward-Meier

When WE Give: we live out faith
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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