

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Words of Welcome

Michael Gregg

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Tim Schaefer

God gives us grace to think with thoughtful judgment and to act with confident faith. By that grace, we have unique gifts to use within the body of Christ. God forgives and heals and empowers us with new insights and expanded capacity to serve. In humble obedience, we learn the joy of following Jesus and living for the highest good for all.

Voluntary

David Weigle

In Thee Is Gladness (Afro-Cuban) — Johannes Matthias Michel

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten & Worshippers

Our help is from God, who made heaven and earth.

Come to worship the One who answers our prayers.

If God were not on our side, we could not live.

If God were not for us, we would be swept away.

God has gifted each one of us in unique ways.

In our variety, we complement one another.

We rejoice in God's love and faithfulness.

Blessed be our God, whose word is true.

In thankfulness, we bring our joyous songs.

We are here to pay attention to God's instructions.

We are here, seeking to discern God's will.

We are open to God's transforming Spirit.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

All your gifts are welcome here, God.
Set your Spirit free in your people.
Let no one hold back their gifts.
They are given for the good of all!
Pour forth your wisdom and knowledge!
Let faith soar like an eagle!
Bind your broken children with healing!
Let the working of miracles begin!
Loose the tongues of your prophets!
Free your children to discern the spirit!
Set our tongues singing your praise!
All your gifts are welcome here, God! Amen.

—Robert D. Ingram

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

In Unity We Lift Our Song — EIN' FESTE BURG
(stanzas one and four)

Testimony of Joy

Leslie Cechan

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

God of all, thank you for hearing these prayers: For the human family with whom we share this world—those closest to us and those whose names we will never know—we give you thanks and ask your help in living into our identity as your children.

Lord, hear our prayer.

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

Let us pray:

Gracious God, help us to live as Christ taught us: loving you, loving neighbor, unified in Christ, using our varied gifts and skills to the service of ministry, until all things are transformed into what is good and acceptable and perfect. In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.

Response

We Are Travelers on a Journey — BEACH SPRING
(stanzas one and three)

Worshippers

Scripture Lesson

Romans 12:1-8 [see insert]

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

Harry Hunter

Solo

Many Gifts, One Spirit — Allen Pote

Harry Wooten

Sermon

“ A Spirit of Unity ”

Michael Gregg

Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer — arranged by Mark Hayes

Garey Wisdom

Communion

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ. Around this table, we enact our faith. The body broken is restored to wholeness; lifeblood poured out brings healing to our world.

The body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

The blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. Amen.

Worshippers

Communion Prayer

How very good and pleasant it is

For kindred to live together in unity!

Help us to remember in the midst of conflict and dispute:

We are one.

We are the betrayer,

And we are the betrayed.

We are the poor,

And we are the oppressor.

(continued)

We are the sinner,

And we are the sinned against.

We are the weepers,

And we are the wept upon.

You, God have welcomed all to your table;
every human being, your own child.

Let us dwell together in unity. Amen.

—*Fran Pratt*

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Christ has Broken Down the Wall — BROKEN WALLS

Blessing

Tim Schaefer & Michael Gregg

Daily, God renews our energy and confirms our gifts.

In Christ we are drawn away from conformity to the world.

Our agenda is to discern and do God's will.

We aim to use well the gifts God has given.

Remember that God is on our side.

God calls us into community with one another.

In Christ, there are no enemies.

We recognize all people as God's children.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Carol of Praise on MCRAY — David Lowe

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Deacon Recommendation Procedure

This year, because we cannot safely meet in person, we will be suggesting members for nomination to the deacon board in a different way.

On Sunday, August 2, we began accepting your suggestions for nomination. You can write your suggestions on paper and mail them to the church, where they will be collected for consideration. If you want to submit your suggestions online, you can do so through a link that was provided in an email sent to members on Sunday, August 2nd.

We must receive any suggested names by Friday, August 28th. All names submitted will be gathered and considered by the Member Resource Committee.

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

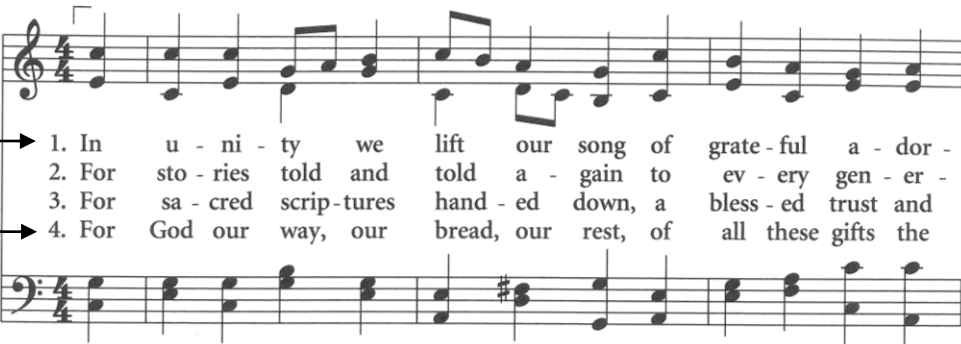
When accepting a call to serve as a deacon, the person is accepting a call from the congregation and from God. And so, a deacon is ordained because the ordination of deacons indicates that those serving in this capacity should be believers who are Christ-like, mature in faith, and exercise their office 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.

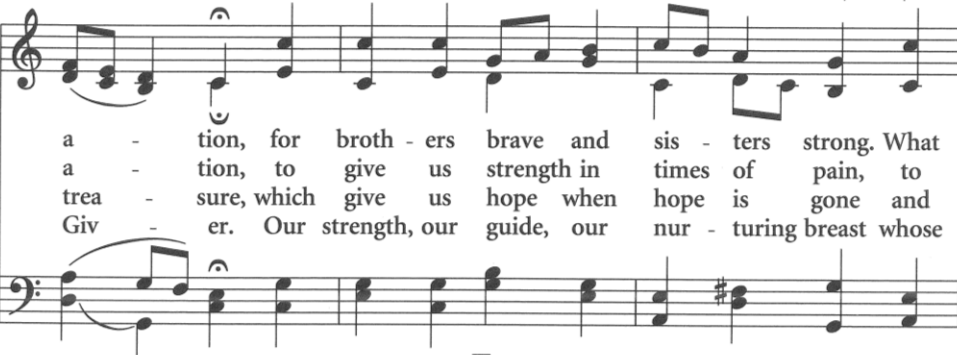
Duties and Responsibilities of a Deacon

- 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

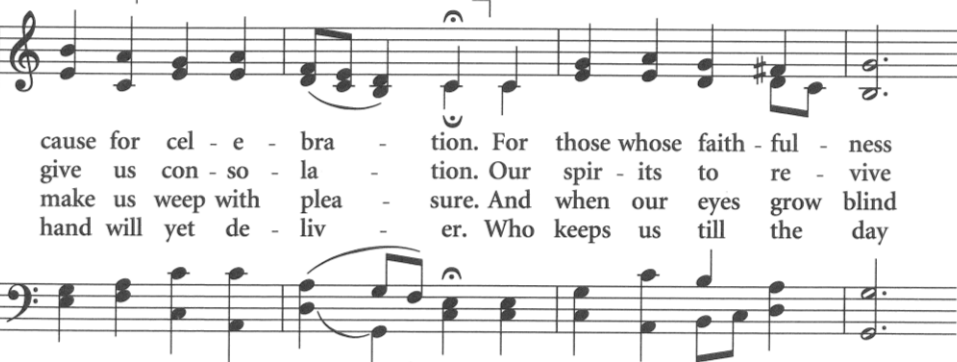
In Unity We Lift Our Song



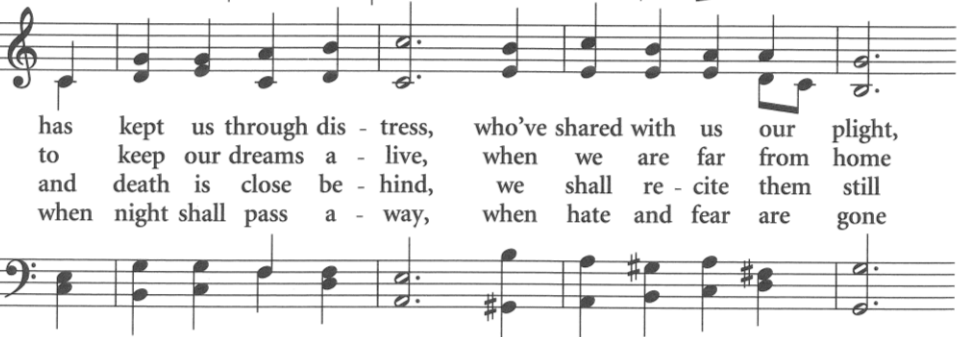
1. In u - ni - ty we lift our song of grate - ful a - dor -
2. For sto - ries told and told a - gain to ev - ery gen - er -
3. For sa - cred scrip - tures hand - ed down, a bless - ed trust and
4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the



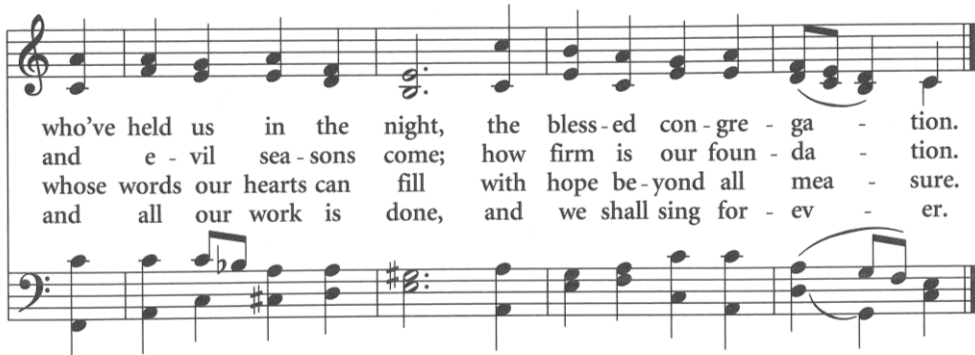
a - tion, for broth - ers brave and sis - ters strong. What
a - tion, to give us strength in times of pain, to
trea - sure, which give us hope when hope is gone and
Giv - er. Our strength, our guide, our nur - turing breast whose



cause for cel - e - bra - tion. For those whose faith - ful - ness
give us con - so - la - tion. Our spir - its to re - vive
make us weep with plea - sure. And when our eyes grow blind
hand will yet de - liv - er. Who keeps us till the day



has kept us through dis - tress, who've shared with us our plight,
to keep our dreams a - live, when we are far from home
and death is close be - hind, we shall re - cite them still
when night shall pass a - way, when hate and fear are gone



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




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.

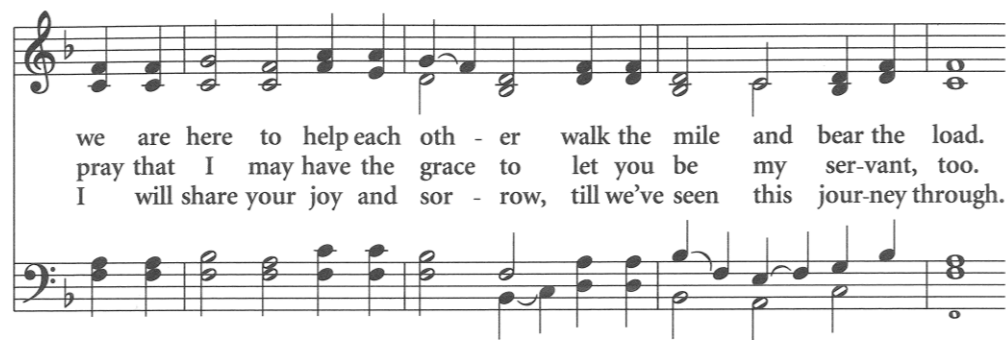
Registration is required. A Zoom link and instructions for joining will be emailed to you after you have completed the registration process. Register Online at <https://bit.ly/3fNJ0c4>.



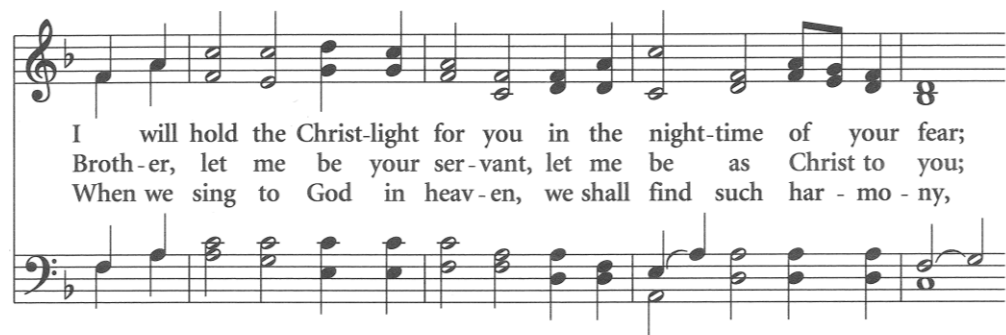
We Are Travelers on a Journey



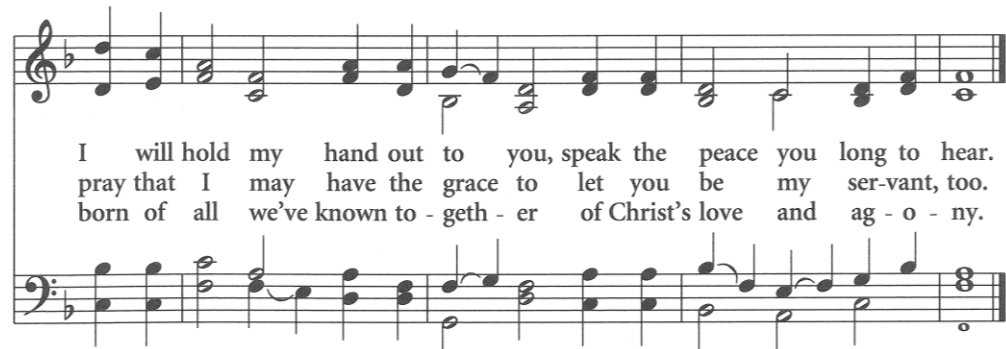
1. We are trav - elers on a jour - ney, fel - low pil - grims on the road;
2. Sis - ter, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;
3. I will weep when you are weep - ing, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;



we are here to help each oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
I will share your joy and sor - row, till we've seen this jour - ney through.



I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time of your fear;
Broth - er, let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you;
When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall find such har - mo - ny,



I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

Christ Has Broken Down the Wall



1. Christ has bro - ken down the wall,
2. We're ac - cept - ed as we are,
3. Cast a - side your doubts and fears,
4. We will tear down the walls!



Christ has bro - ken down the wall. Let us join our
we're ac - cept - ed as we are. Through God's love all is
cast a - side your doubts and fears. Peace and love, free-ly
We will tear down ev - ery wall! God has called us,

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hearts as one, Christ has bro - ken down the wall.
rec - on - ciled, we're ac - cept - ed as we are.
of - fered here; cast a - side your doubts and fears.
one and all; Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

Optional ending



wall! Christ has bro - ken down the wall!

The Scripture this morning is Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday August 23 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School – Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- Tuesday August 25**
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Zoom
- Wednesday August 26**
6:30 pm Virtual Book Study – “White Fragility” – Registration Required
- Friday August 28**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday August 29**
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 30 – Thirteenth 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
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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

Harry Hunter & Blake Miller

When WE Give: we can use our gifts and talents to help those in need.
July 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 481,535
Expenses	\$ 439,295
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 42,240

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