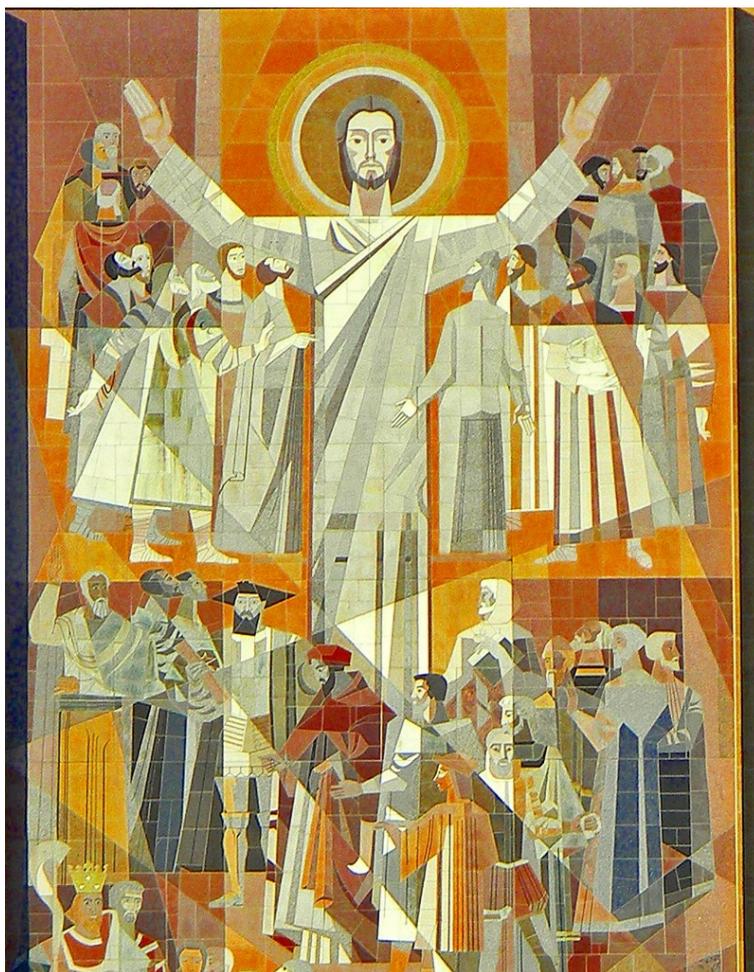


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Michael Gregg

All Saints Day conjures images of that great cloud of witnesses gathered so near to us that it creates palpable energy. First John gives us a glimpse of what is in store for us as we go on to perfection, filled increasingly with God. As we allow God to direct more and more of our life-choices, we grow in holiness as we are filled with love.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Elegy — G. T. Thalben-Ball

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

As we gather, we remember that we are not alone!

**We gather with the saints,
who live in the presence of God,
singing praise to the God of our salvation.**

From every nation, race, clan and culture,

God's people gather to worship
the One-Who-Is-Without-Peer!

**To God and to the Lamb, all honor, glory,
wisdom, thanksgiving, strength and power.**

Blessed be God, now and forever!

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God of the ages, your saints who lived in faithful service surround your throne and offer you praise and worship both night and day. May we, your saints on earth, join our voices with theirs to proclaim your rule of righteousness and peace, which comes to us through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Rejoice in God's Saints — HANOVER

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

A Royal Priesthood Remembered

Anne Kibbe
 Ed Bright
 Jo Ferguson
 Ray Vickrey
 Doug Leinneweber

Harry Wooten & Garey Wisdom

June 22, 2019
 May 1, 2020
 August 14, 2020
 September 17, 2020
 October 17, 2020

Melissa Caufey Stout	October 29, 2019	<i>Cousin of Steve Sumter</i>
Howard Edgmon Harrison	November 11, 2019	<i>Brother of Harold Harrison</i>
Gene Sprout	November 25, 2019	<i>Brother-in-law of Wayne Meachum</i>
George T. Sturch	December 26, 2019	<i>Father of Terry Berrier</i>
Olive Meier	January 10, 2020	<i>Mother of Don Meier</i>
Harold Moore	January 14, 2020	<i>Brother of Bettie Meachum</i>
Marilyn Lanfear	January 19, 2020	<i>Mother of Theresa Helms</i>
James "Sammy" Viverette	January 24, 2020	<i>Uncle of Scott Bryant</i>
		<i>Brother-in-law of Marge Bryant</i>
Minnie Macias	February 7, 2020	<i>Mother of Rodney Macias</i>
Doug McGhee	February 16, 2020	<i>Uncle of Laurence Schultz</i>
Larry Thomas Lebioda	March 10, 2020	<i>Step-father of Joey & Rosa Belgard's Niece, Randi</i>
		<i>Grandmother of Laura Keller</i>
Dorothy Nelson	March 16, 2020	<i>Great Nephew of Shirley Bohanan</i>
Jacob Overholser	April 26, 2020	<i>Brother-in-law of Martha Box</i>
Steve White	April 27, 2020	<i>Mother of Dennis Turnbull</i>
Wilma Turnbull	May 27, 2020	<i>Brother-in-law of Karen Simmons</i>
Don Simmons	June 24, 2020	<i>Son of Joey Belgard's cousin, Roger Jolly</i>
Lamar Jolly	June 25, 2020	<i>Mother of Joe Belgard's cousin, Roger Jolly</i>
		<i>Founding leader, CBF</i>
Myra Juanita Jolly	June 30, 2020	<i>Son of Rex Raiza</i>
Rev. Dr. Hardy Clemons	July 1, 2020	<i>Uncle of Scott Martin</i>
Gary Raiza	July 9, 2020	<i>Step-father of Jeff Page</i>
James Larue Martin	July 22, 2020	<i>Cousin of Cookie Stokes & Kristene Ruddle</i>
Norman Morris	July 28, 2020	<i>Grandfather of Nathan Jones</i>
Leroy Anderson Bolen, Jr.	August 4, 2020	<i>Brother of Harold Harrison</i>
		<i>Brother of Jack Mullinax</i>
Clyde Edward Jones	August 23, 2020	<i>Sister of Larry Allen</i>
Laurence Wayne Harrison	September 4, 2020	<i>Sister of Jack Mullinax</i>
Randy Lee Mullinax	October 5, 2020	
Hazel Dietel	October 19, 2020	
Donna Marie Rogers	October 24, 2020	

Time of Silent Reflection and Tolling of the Bell

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Forever Loved, Forever Blessed — REMEMBRANCE
(stanzas one and three)

Prayers of the People

Laura Keller

All blessing, honor, and glory, all wisdom, praise, and thanks be yours, O God of our salvation! We pray in communion with all the saints on earth and heaven, with the martyrs and the faithful in all ages, and in the name of the Lamb who was slain, who alone is worthy of worship.

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

Let us pray:

Bless us with your healing presence; make us hungry for justice; strengthen our faith; and increase our love for others, especially those we find it most difficult to love.
Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Shall We Gather at the River — HANSON PLACE
(stanza one)

Scripture Lesson

Garey Wisdom

1 John 3:1-3 [see insert]

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

Solo

Aaron Blake & Scott Ayers

How Great Thou Art — arranged by Scott Ayers

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ When Everything Feels Broken ”

Offertory

David Weigle

Largo from Xerxes — G. F Handel

Communion

Worshippers

We give you thanks, O God, for all who have died in the faith of Christ—for the memory of their words and deeds and all they accomplished in their time, for the joyful hope of reunion with them in the world to come, and for our communion with them now.

Take and eat, this is the body of Christ, broken for you. Amen!

Take and drink, this is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for you. Amen!

Communion Prayer

For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us, even as we have honored the ones of courage in our own past, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Forever Loved, Forever Blessed — REMEMBRANCE
(refrain)

Congregation



For-ev - er loved, for-ev - er blessed, and for - got - ten ne-ver.



All saints who from their la-bors rest in God at home for-ev - er.

Blessing

Michael Gregg

May God, who has given us, in the lives of the saints,
patterns of holy living and victorious dying,
strengthen your faith and devotion
and enable you to bear witness to the truth,
even in the midst of adversity and brokenness.
Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Fugue in d Minor — J. S. Bach

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Mural, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana

A great processional of scholars, thinkers, and teachers - saints that represented the best that man has recorded
with Christ, the great teacher, at the top with the disciples.

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Hymn Notes

Rejoice in God's Saints

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Sunday, November 1, 4:00 pm — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel

A Service of Worship

in Celebration of the Life

of

Raymond Vickrey

Pastor Emeritus, Royal Lane Baptist Church

Aaron Blake, Tenor Guest Soloist

The recipient of a 2017 George London Foundation Award, tenor Aaron Blake has earned international recognition for his creation of the role of Timothy Laughlin in Gregory Spears' *Fellow Travelers*. Mr. Blake recently made a critically acclaimed debut with the New York City Opera in Peter Eötvös' operatic adaptation of *Angels in America*. Praised by the *New York Times* for his "youthful fervor and endearing sweet sound" the tenor has found a musical home in a variety of repertoire.

2019/20 Season engagements for Mr. Blake include his German and European debut as Michel in Bohuslav Martinu's *JULIETTA* with Oper Frankfurt a return to the Metropolitan Opera as The High Priest of Amon in Philip Glass's *Akhnaten*. He will make his Walt Disney Concert Hall debut with the LA Syphony in a concert of Duets and Arias with soprano Stefania Dovhan and later in the season return with the LA Symphony to The Cerritos Performing Arts Center for a concert of Holiday Favorites and Arias. He will make his Israeli National Opera debut as Il conte Almaviva in *Barber of Seville* as well as hi debut with Opéra de Montréal as Tamino. He will close his season by celebrating the Cincinnati Opera's 100th Anniversary with performances of *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* opposite mezzo soprano Isabel Leonard.

Mr. Blake's recent engagements saw his return to the Metropolitan Opera for *Les contes d'Hoffmann* and *The Merry Widow*. He performed the role of Tamino with the Komische Oper Berlin on tour in Tokyo, Hiroshima and Osaka. He returned to the Utah Opera for the Role of Rinuccio in Gianni Schicchi and made debuts with the American Symphony Orchestra singing Fleishman's *Rothschild's Violin* at Carnegie Hall, and as *Candide* with the Atlanta Symphony-Alliance Theater in a production celebrating the Leonard Bernstein centennial, a performance which garnered a nomination for a Suzi Bass Award for best actor.

Mr. Blake's portrayal of Timothy Laughlin can be heard on the commercial recording of *Fellow Travelers*, released this season on the Fanfare Label, and named by the New Yorker Magazine as one of the top 10 recordings of 2017.



November Missions Project



Join us for our third annual collaboration between the Missions Committee and Women of the Church to bring Christmas cheer to our youngest neighbors in need. Please bring small toys and candy that will fit and fill 15 -inch stockings for the children and teenagers who visit the medical clinic at Healing Hands Ministries. Donations will be accepted through the month of November. Our goal is to fill 100 stockings! Drop off dates at RLBC will be announced soon.

Suggestions: small plush animals, stretchy gloves and hats, fuzzy socks, small Christmas toys, card games, flavored lip gloss, hand sanitizer and hand lotion, ear buds (for teens), small holiday puzzles or coloring books, Play-Doh, Hot Wheels, Christmas candy and hot chocolate...

IN FOCUS

Beloved Community:

Honoring our Vets — Learning from the Greatest Generation

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, November 11, at 6:15 pm, for our November IN FOCUS. Beloved Community: Honoring Our Vets — Learning from the “Greatest Generation.” Talking with 98-year-old WWII veteran, Opal Keith.

Rejoice in God's Saints



1 Re - joice in God's saints, to - day and all days;
2 Some march with e - vents, to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,



a world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some - one's cross or shoul - der their own;



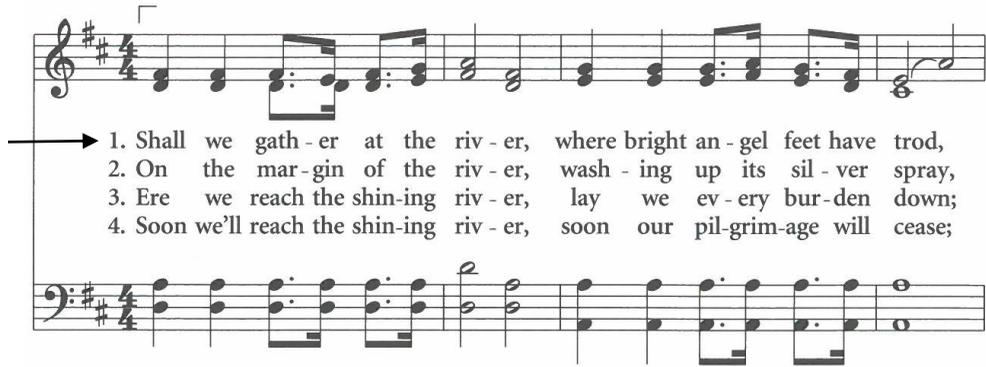
Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they shame our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:



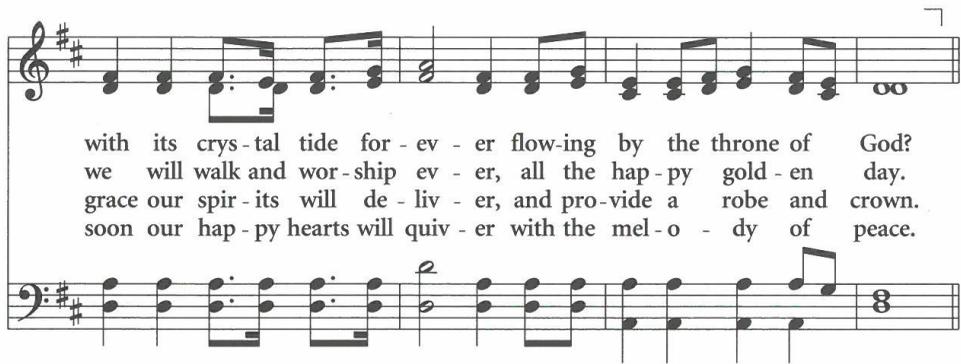
their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish; their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age, is theirs!



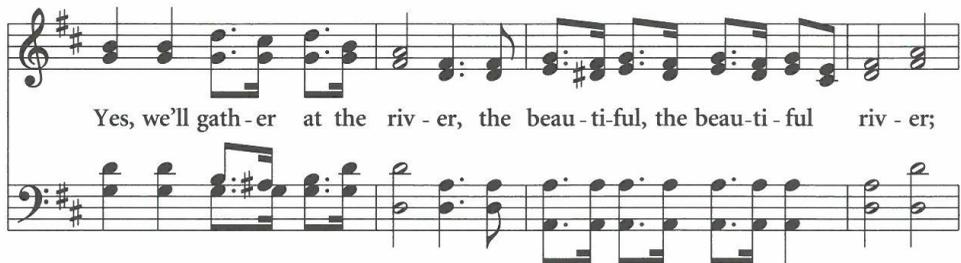
Shall We Gather at the River



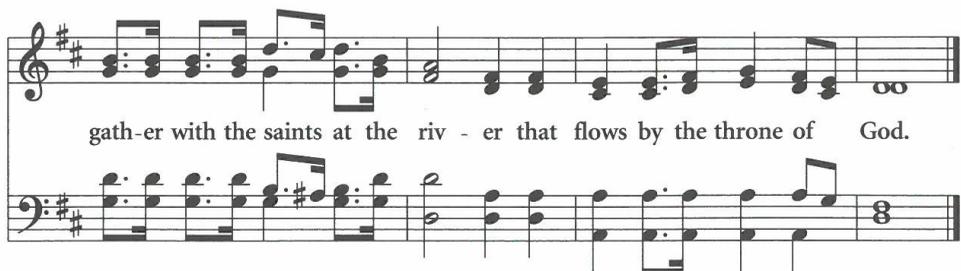
1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - ery bur - den down;
4. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Forever loved, forever blessed

C. David Matthews

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REMEMBRANCE
77.65 with Refrain

Refrain - Unison

For - ev - er loved, for - ev - er blessed, and for -
got - ten ne - ver. All saints who from their la - bors rest in God at
home for - ev - er. *fine*

→ 1. Those who fol - lowed, those who
→ 2. Those who spoke, and those who
→ 3. Those who stood a - gainst the

led, those who plan - ted, those who fed.
heard, those who lab - ored un - de - terred.
wrong, those who fell with spir - its strong.

D.C.

All who in myr - iad ways served the liv - ing Bread.
All who in myr - iad ways held the ho - ly Word.
All who in myr - iad ways sang the tri - umph Song.

The Scripture this morning is 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **November 1, – All Saints Sunday**
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Memorial Service – Ray Vickrey, Pastor Emeritus — Livestream
 Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
- Tuesday** **November 3 – Election Day**
- Wednesday** **November 4 — Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday** **November 6**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
- Saturday** **November 7**
9:00 am Deacon Retreat — Zoom
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **November 8 – Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom
10:00 am Women’s Share & Prayer — Zoom
11:00 am Morning Worship — Livestream
 Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
 Following Worship – Chat with the Pastor — Zoom
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — 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/prayer

Deacons on Call

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Karen Simmons

When WE Give: we can honor the saints of RLBC who have led us in ways of love.

August 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 522,107
Expenses	\$ 499,852
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 22,255

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