

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Laura Keller

The Gospel reading today recounts Jesus' parable of the talents and the judgment God measures out based on how we use our gifts. Here, redemption is tied to stewardship—it comes to those who make the most of God's gifts, those who work for the kingdom.

Use the talents you possess; for silent would the forest be if the only birds that sang were those who sang the best.

—paraphrase of quotation attributed to Henry Van Dyke

Voluntary

David Weigle

Fanfare — Healey Willan

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

God calls us to use our gifts
for the building of God's kingdom.

But we're afraid.

Christ urges us to find our courage
and not look back.

But our gifts seem so small.

The Spirit offers us everything we need.

But what if we fail?

Trust the gifts you have been given.

**We will celebrate our gifts
as we worship God this day.**

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God of righteousness, you overcome those who abuse their power and lift up those who suffer. Even now, when evil seems to hold sway, we know that you will have the last word. Keep us faithful as we wait and watch for your coming realm, when you will welcome all your children into your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

O God, We Yearn for Safety — ANGEL'S STORY

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Joey Belgard & Worshippers

You have given us song!

Help us to invest in this gift and sing with abandon!

You have given us dance!

Help us to invest in this gift and move with joyful exuberance.

You have given us a natural world to care for.

**Help us to invest in this gift and plant seeds,
protect habitat, decrease our carbon footprint,
and relish in the delights of your harvest.**

You have given us relationships.

**Help us to invest in these gifts
and discover how they offer us new dimensions to our souls.**

You have given us community.

**Help us to invest in this gift
and open the doors wide to any need in our community
of a safe harbor, and the nourishment of welcome.**

You have given us your Holy Spirit.

**Help us to invest in this gift
and be a people of justice, peace and renewal.**

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

Let us pray:

We thank you, Great God, for all the gifts of our lives. May we invest in them wisely and joyfully. Help us to honor and cherish everyone. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Make Me a Servant — SERVANT

Scripture Lesson

Sandy Washington

Hide and Seek – A Retelling of Matthew 25:14-30 [see insert]

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

Anthem

Choir – January 17, 2019

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ — arranged by Bradley Ellingboe

Becky Fuller, flute & Trent Juarez, percussion

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Our Heavy Talents ”

Offertory

Jasmine Parrish & David Weigle

Meditation from Thais — Jules Massenet

Communion

Worshippers

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to experience the good news of Christ’s coming among us.

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

Faithful Steward, you bless us with gifts that are uniquely our own. We long to use the talents you bestow upon us to build your kingdom. We yearn to live with gratitude for all that you have done for us and the opportunities you place before us. Clear our vision, Holy One, and help us see the good we can do with the gifts and talents we have received. Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Take My Life, and Let It Be — HENDON
(stanzas one and three)

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Clothed in faith and showered in love,

we go forth, shining with God's light.

Washed in joy and bathed in hope,

we go forth, radiant with Christ's love.

Blessed with gifts far more precious than jewels,

we go forth, blazing with the fire of God's Spirit.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Improvisation – On Eagle's Wings

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Hymn Notes

O God, We Yearn for Safety

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Make Me a Servant

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Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

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Be Not Afraid

Advent – 2020



It feels as if 2020 has been a year filled with fear. Yet, messengers throughout the Bible sought to comfort the people of God by telling them to not be afraid. It was a word that those looking for a Messiah and birthing Divine Love needed to hear. And we need to hear it too. The theme for this Advent Season at Royal Lane is “Be Not Afraid.” Maybe God is telling us this year, as we wait with trepidation and anticipation, to offer up our fears to the divine and to hear God’s comfort in the angel voices: “Do not be afraid.”

November 25 – Advent Hymn Sing – 6:30 pm — Zoom

Join David Weigle and Harry Wooten for an Advent/Christmas and Thanksgiving hymn sing to begin preparing our hearts and spirits for Advent. We will post a link of texts for this Zoom meeting and we will all sing for the very first time our 2020 Advent Hymn, “Be Not Afraid” written for Royal Lane by composer and lyricist, Michael Glenn Dell.

November 29 – ADVENT 1 – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

“The Hopes and Fears of All the Years”

December 6 – Advent II – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Hanging of the Green

“The Fear of Disappointment”

A virtual expression of Hanging of the Green featuring video clips of Royal Laners decorating their homes, clips from past Hanging of the Green services, and narrations presented by RLBC worship leaders.

December 13 – Advent III – Worship – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel

“The Fear of Revision”

December 16 – Mourning Light – 6:30 pm — Zoom

“The Fear of Holiday Grief”

This moving and poignant service will be experienced on Zoom this year. There will be opportunities to speak the names of those whom you mourn and remember. A Candle will be lit in their memory and an ornament placed on the Chrismon Tree.

December 20 – Advent IV – Worship – 11:00 am — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
“The Fear of Ruined Reputation”

This morning we are joined by the Classic Brass Quintet as we sing carols of the season.

December 24 – Christmas Eve – 6:00 pm — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
“The Fear of Change”

The service this year will feature choral music from the virtual combined choirs of Royal Lane and University Park UMC as they present the first movement of the GLORIA by Vivaldi, and lovely settings of *Away in a Manger* and *Silent Night*. Soloists and readers from RLBC will also lead us in worship. The Gregg Family with baby Ford will light our Christ Candle.

Advent Afternoons Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Each Tuesday afternoon of Advent at 4:00 pm we will present organist Jonathan Gregoire playing a brief mini concert on our Royal Lane, Dan Garland pipe organ, Opus 50. Jonathan will feature Advent music and speak about the pieces and their connection to our Advent season.

JONATHAN M. GREGOIRE

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Praised for his “top-notch technique and musicianship” by the Dallas Morning News, Jonathan M. Gregoire is an imaginative keyboardist and advocate for the power music has to transform lives. Gregoire brings his passion for music, intuitive gifts for the healing powers of the arts, and warm charisma to his creative output. As a soloist, his engaging performances are praised for their “unfailing drive, energy, and expression,” with equal parts style and flair. As a collaborative artist, his elegance and facility at both the piano and the organ are further augmented by his sensitivity and innate ability to support and lead from the keyboard. He supports congregational and choral singing as the organist at St. Andrew United Methodist Church in Plano, Texas. As an educator, Gregoire is driven by the belief that through education we promote understanding, and with understanding we can foster appreciation. With this belief, he founded and serves as the Executive Director of the Arts Foundation of St. Andrew, which is dedicated to “enriching spirituality through the power of the arts.” Additionally, he is the faculty accompanist for the Greenhill School in Addison and Plano West Senior High School, nurturing a love for music in the lives of the students and choirs he supports. For additional information, including recordings, please visit: jonathangregoire.com

November Missions Project

Stocking Stuffers
SPONSORED BY THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE AND WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

Donations of small toys and candy are needed to fill 15 inch stockings for the children and teenagers who visit the medical clinic at Healing Hands Ministries.

SUGGESTED ITEMS	
Small plush animals	Fuzzy socks
Small Christmas toys	Flavored lip gloss
Card games	Hand sanitizer
Small holiday puzzles	Hand lotion
Coloring books	Ear buds (for teens)
Play-Doh	Christmas candy
Hot Wheels	Hot chocolate
Stretchy gloves and hat	

DROP OFF DAYS AND TIMES	
<i>RLBC parking lot in front of the church office</i>	
Wednesday 11/11	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday 11/14	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Wednesday 11/18	6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Saturday 11/21	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Saturday 11/28	10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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!

Poinsettia Dedications

It is time to request poinsettias that will be placed in the Sanctuary of Royal Lane Baptist Church during the Advent/Christmas season in honor or memory of a loved one.

Make your requests by Friday, November 27 so that your dedication can be included in the order of worship for the *Hanging of the Green* on December 6.

Request may be made:

- Online at royallane.org
- Email to info@royallane.org
- Mailed request to the church

Payment may be made by:

- Online – Select “Poinsettias Order” fund from giving menu at Royallane.org
- Check – enter “Poinsettia” in memo line
- Credit Card (contact Janet Schultz in the church office on a Thursday in November)
- Request payment from your banking account – “Poinsettia” in memo line

\$12.00 per dedication



Staff Love Gift



During this Giving time of year let us not forget those who give so much to us all year. Our church staff willingly and lovingly provides many services for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you would like to express your personal appreciation, please mail your check to the Church Office or make your donation online by December 6. Be sure your contribution is clearly marked "Staff Love Gift" or select the fund "Staff Love Gift" from the Giving option on the Royal Lane website.

Charlotte Sewell, Deacon Chair

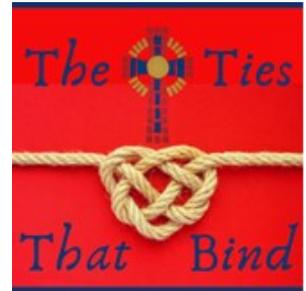
Have You Pledged for 2021?

As we plan for next year, we are asking that you make your 2021 financial commitment so that the division chairs can budget and plan programming for next year. Although stewardship will look a little different this year, your commitment to this community will continue to help our church thrive and fulfill its mission.

In Grace,

Ed Meier, Finance Chair

Charlotte Sewell, Deacon Chair



Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk Friday, November 20 – 7:00 pm

You are invited to participate in the *Social Justice Team Candlelight Prayer Walk*, Friday, November 20, 7:00 pm. See guide on the next page for parking and gathering information and more.

Consider attending as a Sunday School Class or Care Group. Invite your friends and neighbors. Seating available for those with limited mobility.

Please read the participant guide prior to your arrival on November 20.

Participant Guide

Royal Lane Baptist Church - Social Justice Team

Candlelight Prayer Walk

Arriving at church:

- Park anywhere other than the big, corner parking lot.
- Wear masks, have personal hand sanitizer, and maintain social distancing.
- No entrance to buildings - Gathering Site and Walking Path are outside
- Move from your car to the Gathering Site, near the Cottage and the Missions Donation shed.

Arriving at the Gathering Site:

- Silence cell phones
- Pick up a single, sanitized candle, only touching that one
- Greet one another in joy with a sense of fervent expectation as all gather at the Site
- Keep your mask on and maintain social distancing

At the Gathering Site - Instructions from the Site Leader:

- Instructions for the Walking Path - a preview
 - description of Walking Path location given by Site Leader
 - the path for walking is a one-way circuit, walking individually at least 6-8 feet apart
 - move intentionally and with careful steps, remaining in single file as you walk together
 - hold your candle in front of you - hold it especially high as you walk near the shrubs along the perimeter of the parking lot, as a witness to those driving by on Royal and Hillcrest
 - walk the circuit path in the parking lot until you are done meditating
- A Walking Path is available for those who cannot negotiate steps down - *Guide identified*
- Participation available for not able to walk - *Guide identified*
- Keep your mask on and maintain social distancing
- Rehearse Responsive phrase
- Listen for a single phrase to focus your meditation
- Plan for the reverent ending (*see below*)
- Practice Responsive phrase one more time

Responsive Reading and Candlelight Prayer Walk - (keep your mask on)

LIPS

Participate in the Responsive Reading - listen for your phrase

HEART

Meditate on your phrase - reflect within your heart

FEET (Sites A & B only)

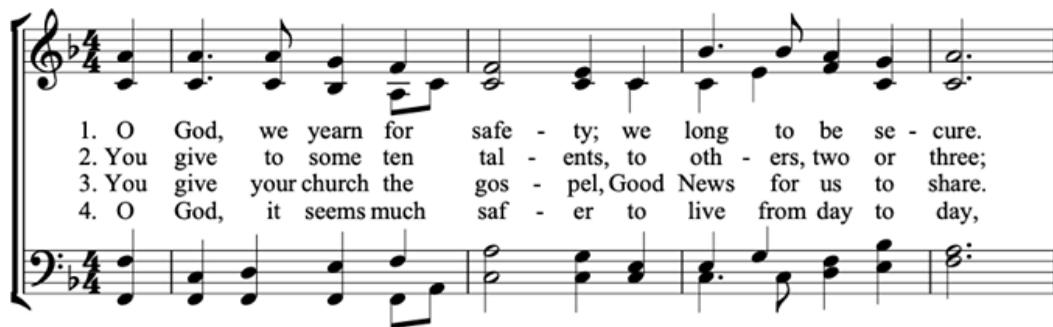
Walk the circuit together - pray in the glow of your candle.

(repeat the circuit until you're done praying)

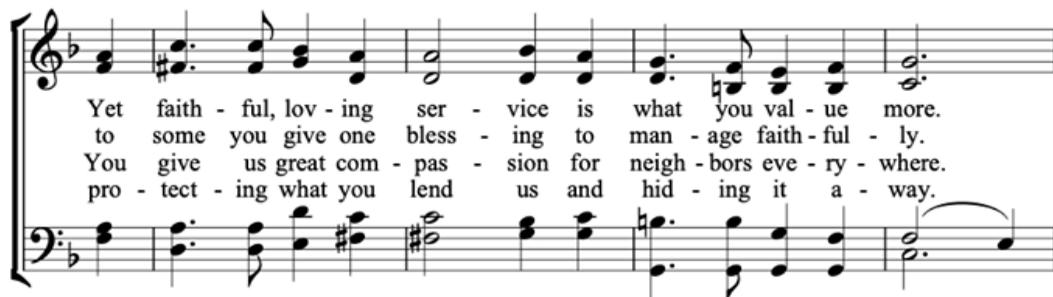
Reverent Ending:

- Return your candle to the table provided in the parking lot when you're done walking
- Move quietly away from the parking lot where participants are still walking and meditating
- If desired, have conversations near your car, maintaining social distancing and wearing your mask.

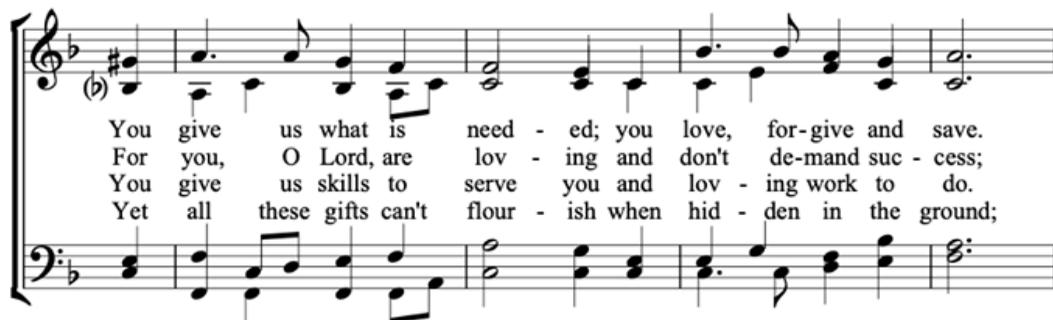
O God, We Yearn for Safety



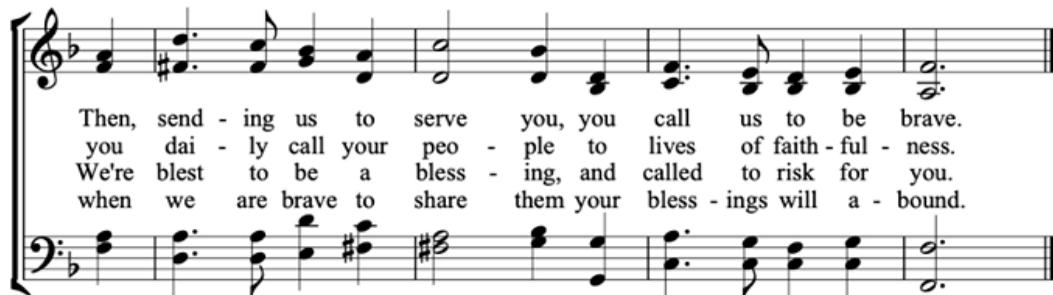
1. O God, we yearn for safe - ty; we long to be se - cure.
2. You give to some ten tal - ents, to oth - ers, two or three;
3. You give your church the gos - pel, Good News for us to share.
4. O God, it seems much saf - er to live from day to day,



Yet faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice is what you val - ue more.
to some you give one bless - ing to man - age faith - ful - ly.
You give us great com - pas - sion for neigh - bors eve - ry - where.
pro - tect - ing what you lend us and hid - ing it a - way.



You give us what is need - ed; you love, for-give and save.
For you, O Lord, are lov - ing and don't de-mand suc - cess;
You give us skills to serve you and lov - ing work to do.
Yet all these gifts can't flour - ish when hid - den in the ground;



Then, send - ing us to serve you, you call us to be brave.
you dai - ly call your peo - ple to lives of faith - ful - ness.
We're blest to be a bless - ing, and called to risk for you.
when we are brave to share them your bless - ings will a - bound.

Make Me a Servant

Make me a ser-vant, hum-ble and meek; Lord, let me lift up

The first system of music is in 3/4 time, key of D major. The vocal line begins with a quarter note D, followed by a dotted quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The accompaniment consists of chords: D major, E major, F major, G major, A major, B major, and C# major.

those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al-ways be:

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a quarter note G, a dotted quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The accompaniment includes chords: D major, E major, F major, G major, A major, B major, and C# major.

make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant, make me a ser-vant to - day.

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line features a quarter note D, a dotted quarter note E, and a quarter note F. The accompaniment includes chords: D major, E major, F major, G major, A major, B major, and C# major.

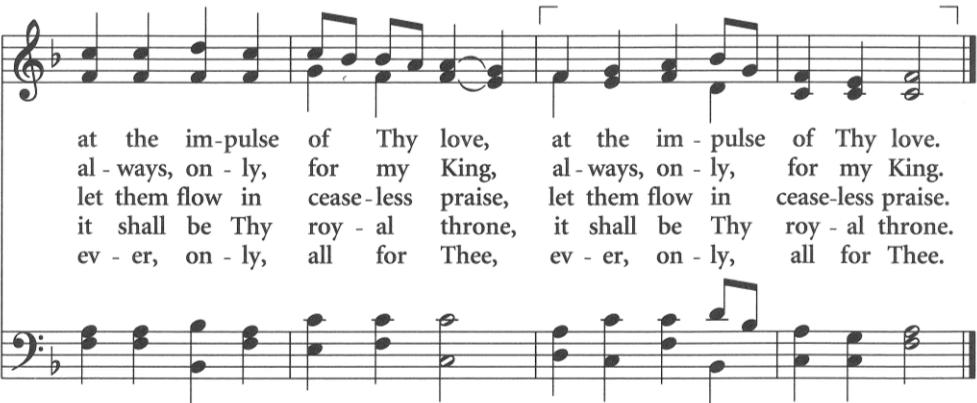
Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated



1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
 2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 3. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would
 4. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no
 5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its



Lord, to Thee; take my hands, and let them move
 ful for Thee; take my voice, and let me sing
 I with - hold; take my mo - ments and my days,
 long - er mine; take my heart, it is Thine own,
 trea - sure store. Take my - self and I will be



at the im - pulse of Thy love, at the im - pulse of Thy love.
 al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 let them flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
 it shall be Thy roy - al throne, it shall be Thy roy - al throne.
 ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for Thee.

The Scripture this morning is Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather

where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **November 15 – Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**
2:00 pm Youth Gathering – Visioning the Future — Zoom
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
- Wednesday** **November 18 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom
 Luke 24:1-27, Jesus’ Resurrection and Walk to Emmaus
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom
- Friday** **November 20**
12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom
7:00 pm Candlelight Prayer Walk — Church Grounds
- Saturday** **November 21**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **November 22 – Reign of Christ Sunday**
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 – Rev. Paula Dempsey, Guest Preacher — Livestream
 Royal Lane YouTube Channel
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

Joey Belgard & Sandy Washington

When WE Give: we support the needs of our music and worship ministry

September 2020 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 558,740
Expenses	\$ 559,362
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 622)

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