

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Michael Gregg

Since God has loved us so completely, we also ought to love one another. Rejoice in the good news: “God is love, and those who remain in love remain in God and God remains in them.” This is good news indeed. Come, let us worship.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Sheep May Safely Graze — J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Come to love one another
for love is of God.

**We have come to the household of love,
for God is love.**

Come to set aside your fears,
for perfect love drives out fear.

**We have come to love one another,
as God has loved us.**

Come! All are welcome here.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Christ Is Alive — TRURO
(stanzas 1 & 5)

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Karen Simmons

Source of love and life, your glory knows no bounds. We yearn to set aside our fears, but we are often afraid. We long to love all children of God, but we often feel alienated from them. We desire to abide in you as you abide in us, but we can't seem to figure out how.

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

Let us pray:

Show us once more how to love, for only love can cast out our fear. Show us how to love one another well, for only then can we truly know you. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian — I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
(stanza 2)

Scripture Lesson

Sarah Fuller Phillips

1 John 4:7-21 [see insert]

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

Solo

Cindy Odom Fuller

And This Is Love — Ken Medema, arranged by John Purifoy
Soloist – Mother of Becky Fuller & Sarah Fuller Phillips,
Grandmother to Alexander, Franklin, Josiah, and Rona

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ What the World Needs Now ”

Offertory

David Weigle

Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine — Christopher Tambling

(continued)

Communion

Michael Gregg & Worshipers

Come to the table of grace,
for Christ is the vine,
and we are the branches.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come to the table of love,
for whoever does not love,
does not know God.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Come to the table of blessing,
for Christ is here to abide in us,
as we abide in him.

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life:
those who come to me will never grow hungry,
and those who believe in me will never be thirsty."

Lord, give us this bread, for ever. Amen.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine...
remain in me and I will remain in you."

Amen.

Communion Prayer

Bountiful God, you fill the poor with good things and cause the hungry to be satisfied. May these symbols of your love be instruments of your grace and may our very lives be the means for spreading your blessings. May they be for the world a sign of your boundless love and your overflowing abundance. Amen.

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshipers

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — HYFRYDOL
(stanzas 1 & 3)

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Beloved, let us love one another,
for love is from God.

We will be born of love each day of our lives.

Beloved, let us abide in Christ's love,
for he is the vine and we are the branches.

We will grow as Christ's disciples and bear fruit for the world in need.

Beloved, let us care for one another,
for the Spirit helps us abide in God's peace.

We will glorify God in the lives we lead.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Celebration — James Mansfield

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Hymn Notes

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Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

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Gregg Family Farewell

Saturday, May 8, 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate Pastor Mike and send the Gregg family off to Nashville with love. Come and say goodbye on the lawn under the trees next to the east parking lot. We will have a basket to collect cards for the family, and a photo book to sign. If you want to give a monetary gift to the Gregg family, we will be collecting a Love Gift for them. You can send your Love Gift to the church or use the dropdown menu on the website under "Give". We hope to see all of you then!

Recommendations for Pastor Search Committee

We are in the beginning stages of our search for a new Pastor. The Member Resource Committee is asking that you prayerfully consider people in our church who you believe are well-suited to help find and recommend a new Pastor for Royal Lane. This is your opportunity as a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church to submit written recommendations of persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. Use this QR Code, or go to <https://forms.gle/ufzkJyEHXv5kNZay8> , either of which will take you to the Google Form to make your recommendations. Please submit by May 10th and *thank you* for your participation in this process.



IN FOCUS

Creating a Culture of Radical Candor

The Education Committee invites you to join us Wednesday, May 12, at 6:15 om for our May IN FOCUS> Beloved Community: Creating a Culture of Radical Candor. Engage with us as we discuss how to create a compassionate candor, build cohesive teams, and achieve results collaboratively. Radical candor is needed for any relationship, team, or organization. Rev. Kristin Warthen, Minister of Family Ministries at White's Chapel, will guide us in conversation about Kim Scott's book, *Radical Candor*.

Christ Is Alive

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
4. Wo - men and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5. Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart,
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart,
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747

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R. H. Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heav'n to earth come down;
2. Come al - might - y to de - liv - er; let us all thy life re - ceive;
3. Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;

1. fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
2. sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
3. let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee,

1. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion; pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
2. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
3. changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

1. vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
2. pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
3. till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

The Scripture this morning is 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. (NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday **May 2 – Fifth Sunday of Easter**

- 12:00 pm Missions Division — Zoom
- 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — 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 **May 5 – Mosaic**

- 6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom

Saturday **May 8**

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- 2:00 pm Gregg Family Farewell (2:00 – 4:00 pm) — East Lawn
- 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday **May 9 – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

- 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 — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
- 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
- 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
- 7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (7:15 pm, Deacons Chat)

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

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

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March 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 189,340
Expenses	\$ 157,802
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 31,538

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