

The Worship of God

Pentecost Sunday

Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome

Terry Berrier

Voluntary

David Weigle

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Centering Words

Ray Cox, 10:00 am

Laura Keller, 11:00 am

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God's presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God's presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and are sent out to proclaim God's redeeming love to all the world.

Choral Introit

Choir

Hymn of Fire — Eugene Butler

Thou, O Christ, who came to kindle, Now ignite us with Thy fire;
While the earth resists Thy burning, with Thy passion us inspire.
Overcome our sinful calmness, Make us know our share of blame.
Baptize us with thy fiery Spirit, Crown our lives with tongue of flame!

Thou who in Thy holy purpose Wills that all should truly live.
Grant us grace to be Thy servants, Our tranquility forgive.
Teach us courage as we struggle in all liberating strife.
Shame the smallness of our vision by Thine own abundant life.

Thou who does a sword deliver rather than a placid peace.
By Thy sharpened word disturb us, From complacency release!
Save us from our satisfaction When we personally are free
yet are undisturbed in spirit by our brother's misery!

Crown our lives with tongues of flame!

—text: D. Elton Trueblood

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten & Worshipers

With rushing wind and holy fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With tongues of flame and hopes rekindled...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With visions birthed and dreams restored...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With spacious grace and depth untold...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

With rushing wind and holy fire...

Come, Holy Spirit, come.

Invocation

Worshipers

O Spirit at work within us, we give thanks for the many ways to communicate our praise to you. We lift our voices to sing your praise and flex our hands to do your work. We proclaim your wonderful deeds through science, poetry, and everyday discussions. We witness through our faith and our finances. We use technology and social media to share your word. These are just some of the “tongues” you give us to spread your good news to the world. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshipers

I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth — ST DENIO

Time for Young Disciples (11:00 am only)

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Karen Miller

Uplifted by the promised hope of health and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

We call on your spirit of unity, giving thanks for our different vocations. Activate and utilize the diverse gifts present in your church, that they reveal your love for all.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of life, present in air, wind, humidity, storms, and oxygen in our atmosphere, breathing energy into all things. Heal with your breath the whole creation, especially those who struggle to breathe for any reason.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

(continued)

We call on your spirit of righteousness. Wherever we as a people are divided, unite us. Wherever we are prideful, humble us. Give each one of us a heart for justice and empathy.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, chaplains, counselors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray for all who long for comfort.

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

We call on your spirit of hope. As you have led your saints in all times and places, stir in us the desire to follow their example, leading us from death to new life in you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Breathe on Me — TRUETT
(stanza one)

Scripture Lesson

Many Voices

Acts 2:1-21 [see insert]

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

Anthem

Choir

Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me — K. Lee Scott

Sermon

10:00 am

“ House Afire ”

Mark Wingfield

11:00 am

“ A Spirit of Welcome ”

Laura Mayo

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Sweet, Sweet Spirit — MANNA
(stanza one)

Blessing

Mark Wingfield, 10:00 am

Laura Mayo, 11:00 am

Mighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent the Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to proclaim the Gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth, and to draw all persons to the fire of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

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Hymn Notes

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Wednesday, May 26th, 6:30 PM Pictionary in Vickrey Hall

Come play Pictionary with us, in-person, in Vickrey Hall. You don't have to be good at drawing. In fact, the worse you are the more fun it is! No food will be served, so please eat before you come.

In-Person Pentecost Service
10:00 am – South Lawn & Sanctuary Steps
Guest Preacher – Mark Wingfield



Mark serves as executive director and publisher of Baptist News Global. His office is located in Dallas.

This is his second time working as a journalist, having worked in print journalism for 21 years before becoming the associate pastor of Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas for nearly 17 years.

Although out of professional journalism for those years, Mark was a regular opinion columnist for both BNG and the Dallas Morning News. He is the author of three books, the most recent of which is *Why Churches Need to Talk About Sexuality* (Fortress Press, 2019),

and gave a TEDx Talk in Charlottesville, Va., in 2016, titled “The Baptist Pastor and His Transgender Friends.”

He earned a journalism degree from the University of New Mexico in 1984 and completed core studies toward the master of divinity degree at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from 1985 through 1988. As both a layperson and a pastor, Mark has been active in support of the nonprofit sector, helping launch four nonprofit organizations. He currently serves on the board of Gateway of Grace Ministries and Gaston Christian Center, both in Dallas.

Mark and his wife, Alison, have identical twin sons, both professional jazz musicians and educators.

Personnel Announcement

The Personnel Committee is pleased to announce that Laura Keller has accepted the position of Interim Minister to Youth effective June 1, 2021. Laura will also continue to serve as our Minister to Children.

Virtual Pentecost Service
11:00 am – Royal Lane YouTube Channel
Guest Preacher – Laura Mayo

Laura is the Senior Minister of Covenant Church. She is a graduate of Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee and Wake Forest University Divinity School in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She completed a year-long CPE chaplaincy program at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. Laura also studied at Regent's Park College of Oxford University.



Laura is active in Houston interfaith work including membership in American's United for the Separation of Church and State clergy advisory group, The Coalition for Mutual Respect (of the Anti Defamation League), The Faith Leaders Coalition, and Interfaith Ministries' Multi-Faith Council. She is a clergy surrogate for Memorial Herman Hospital. Laura has been part of many panel discussions including a panel hosted by The University of Houston Law School about what the Bible says about LGBTQ+ relationships, a panel hosted by Project Lifeline concerning the treatment of people at our borders, and panels hosted by The Alley Theatre, The Foundation for Contemporary Theology, Lifeline Chaplaincy, and PFLAG. Laura is regularly published in the Belief section of the Houston Chronicle, and has been interviewed several times on Houston Public Media's "Houston Matters" radio show.

Laura and her partner, Nicholas Stepp, have two sons, Owen & Grayson, who bring them such joy. Laura, Nick, Owen, and Grayson enjoy sailing, camping, projects, and cooking together.

I'm Coming to Gather All Peoples of Earth



1. "I'm com-ing to gath - er all peo - ples of earth, from var - i - ous
2. For I know their work turn-ing thoughts in - to deeds; com-pas-sion-ate
3. We're com-ing to - geth - er, all peo - ples of earth, to find in our
4. O Spir - it of Pen - te - cost, vi - brant and free, sur-prise and sur-



cul - tures and plac - es of birth, to show in their lan - guag - es,
ac - tions sur - pass - ing their creeds re - veal a hu - man - i - ty
gath - er - ing wel - come and worth, to wit - ness the glo - ry of
round us, u - nite us to be one peo - ple of earth who re -



cus - toms, and lands a ho - ly di - ver - si - ty formed by My hands.
car - ing and true. All peo - ples I gath - er, My world to re - new."
God in this place: Di - vin - i - ty shin - ing in each hu - man face.
spond to Your call to go, as we've gath - ered, with Good News for all!



Breathe on Me

→ 1. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, un - til my heart is clean;
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, my stub - born will sub - due;
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, fill me with power di - vine;
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me, till I am all Thine own,

let sun - shine fill its in - most part, with not a cloud be - tween.
teach me in words of liv - ing flame what Christ would have me do.
kin - dle a flame of love and zeal with - in this heart of mine.
un - til my will is lost in Thine, to live for Thee a - lone.

Breathe on me, breathe on me, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me;

take Thou my heart, cleanse ev - ery part, Ho - ly Spir - it, breathe on me.

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet spir - it in this place, and I
sweet ex - pres-sions on each face, and I

The first system of music is in G major and 4/4 time. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. A repeat sign is present after the first two measures.

know that it's the spir - it of the Lord. There are
know that it's the pres-ence of the

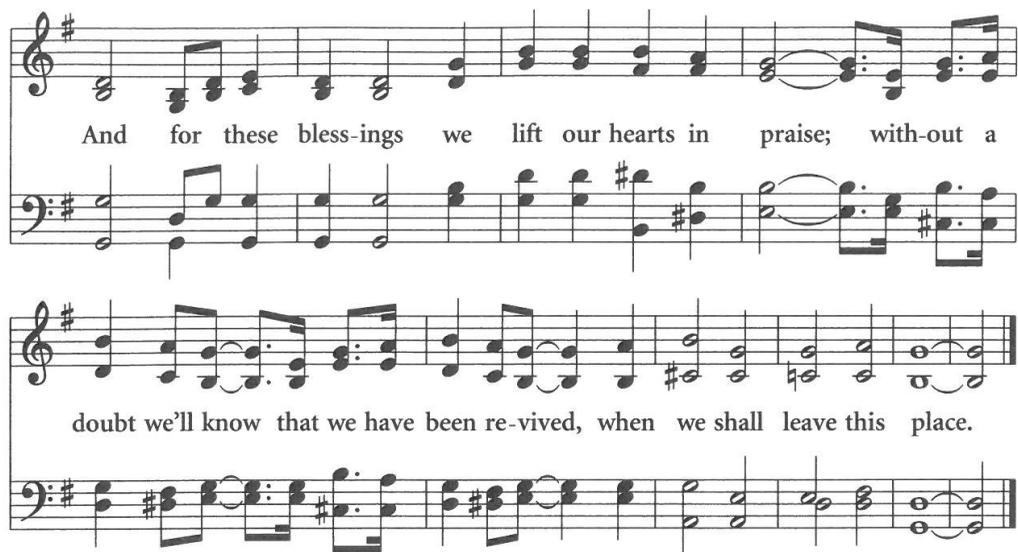
The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It includes a first ending bracket over the final two measures of the system, which end with a repeat sign.

Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet Heav-en-ly Dove,

The third system begins with a second ending bracket over the first two measures. The melody continues with a half note G and a half note A. The bass staff accompaniment consists of chords. The system concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

stay right here with us fill-ing us with Your love.

The fourth system continues the melody and accompaniment. The melody in the treble staff features a half note G, a quarter note A, and a quarter note B. The bass staff accompaniment consists of chords. The system concludes with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.



And for these bless-ings we lift our hearts in praise; with-out a
doubt we'll know that we have been re-vived, when we shall leave this place.

Churches that THRIVE for Racial Justice

Everyone in the Churches that THRIVE for Racial Justice cohort will be asked to complete an online survey in the fall of 2021. See [Link](#) or [QR Code](#) below to form for signing up to receive digital communications from the Alliance of Baptists', which is how the survey will be distributed. The more people who complete the form, the more data we will collect, and the data we collect will be more accurate and representative of your congregation — as well as of the Alliance of Baptists! Please complete the form so the survey will land in your inbox.

*Thank you! Paula Dempsey,
Director of Partnership Relations, Alliance of Baptists*

<https://bit.ly/3bCApsv>



The Scripture this morning is Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. ²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

(NRSV)

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

Special Church Conference Sunday, May 30

Jamie Luckett has been nominated by the Member Resource Committee to serve as a Deacon, filling the unexpired term of Amy Ward-Meier who will be joining Ed in Washington, D.C. Please join the Special Election by Zoom following worship, Sunday, May 30th.

Procedure for the Election of a Deacon to Fill an Unexpired Term

- At the close of worship Sunday, May 30th, members of RLBC will access the special church conference via a Zoom meeting. The Zoom ID for the meeting will be sent to members by email.
- Once the church has been called into conference, a link to access a ballot will appear in “Chat.”
 1. Members will open the ballot, mark the ballot, and submit it to be counted.
 2. Ballots must be accessed and submitted by 1:00 PM Sunday afternoon.
- Drive-by balloting will be available for one hour, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Sunday in the parking lot behind the sanctuary.
- Members of the Tabulating Committee will be tasked with counting the ballots and reporting the results to the deacon chair.
- The deacon chair will be responsible for communicating the results of the ballot to the congregation.

To Families with Graduates!

Graduates will be recognized on June 6, 2021. Please notify the church office of students associated with Royal Lane who will be graduating this spring—high school, college, post-graduate degree or other. We would like a picture and brief bio for each student for publication in the bulletin on Graduation Recognition Sunday, and in a June issue of the Mosaic.

If you have not already sent bios and pics, we would be glad to add them to the list of those we honor on June 6.



Schedule for the Week

Sunday May 23 – Pentecost Sunday

- 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 26

- 6:30 pm Midweek Activity – “Pictionary” — Vickrey Hall (no evening meal)
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom

Saturday May 29

- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
- 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday May 30 – Trinity Sunday

- 9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
- 10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom
- 11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
Doug Watts, Guest Preacher
Following Worship — Special Church Conference
- 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

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

Terry Berrier & Karen Miller

When WE Give: we can celebrate the work of our ministers and staff!

April 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 320,052
Expenses	\$ 218,221
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