

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Trinity Sunday

May 30, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Words of Welcome

Reann Tiemann

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Ray Cox

On Trinity Sunday we remember with solemnity and praise the foundation in which we live and worship throughout the year. We are invited to encounter God as Three in One. The traditional language for the Trinity is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. For many, however, the traditional language is a hindrance to the intimacy of their relationship with God. They note in particular that the tradition incorporates only male language for God, and seek to incorporate other images which point to broader understandings our Triune God. "Giver, Gift, and Holy Spirit"; "Maker, Lover, Keeper"; "Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God, Mother of All"; are some other Trinitarian images drawn from prayerful, scriptural reflection. Our Scriptures today remind us to remain confident in God's love and to be confident that, for those who seek to live by the truth, we are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Kyrie, Gott heiliger Geist — J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten & Worshipers

Give the Lord glory and power.

Adore the Lord, resplendent and holy.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

Heed the voice of the Lord, full of power.

Regard the voice of the Lord, full of splendor.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

(continued)

The God of glory thunders.

The Lord's voice flashes flames of fire.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of God's glory.

In God's temple, the people cry, "Glory!"

For the Lord will give strength to the people.

The Lord will bless the people with peace.

Invocation

Harry Wooten

Holy Trinity, your word is a lamp unto our feet. Yet, there are great mysteries in life that we do not understand. We may ask with Nicodemus of old, "How can these things be?" Give us just enough light that we could step out in faith and do the next right thing. May it be so. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Holy, Holy, Holy — NICAEA
(stanzas 1, 2 & 4)

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Sandy Washington

Holy, holy, holy God, in calling forth creation from the void, revealing yourself in human flesh, and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us, you manifest your concern for your whole universe. You invite us, as your people, to gather the world's needs into our hearts and bring them before you.

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

Let us pray:

Holy, holy, holy God, fill us with strength and courage, with discernment and compassion, that we may be your instruments of justice and love in this world, that it may be on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

They'll Know We Are Christians — ST. BRENDAN'S
(stanza 1)

Scripture Lesson

Ray Cox

John 3:1-9 [see insert]

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

Solo

Dan Thompson & Garey Wisdom

It Is Well With My Soul — arranged by John Ness Beck

Sermon

Doug Watts

“ Born from above, again and again ”

Offertory

David Weigle

Prelude on MERCY, “Holy Spirit, Light Divine” — Alice Jordan

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

Here I Am, Lord — Daniel Schutte
(stanzas 1 & 3)

Invitation to Called Church Conference

Charlotte Sewell

Charge & Blessing

Doug Watts

Go forth in the world that God so loves, remembering that the love of God is stronger than your fear, remembering that you are a child of God, and that the Triune God is with you, now and always.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forever.

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven LAUDA ANIMA — Michael Burkhardt

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Called Church Conference **Today, 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 today, 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 called church conference via a Zoom meeting. The Zoom ID for the meeting has been 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.

Letter from the Deacon Chair

Dear RLBC Family,

Since the middle of March 2020, “doing church” together has been quite the struggle. Despite the challenges, we have managed to reach out to our members in need, celebrate graduates, read and walk together for social justice, welcome babies, say “goodbye” to loved ones, respond to our call for missions work, and to sustain worship and Sunday School. All of this looked different, but by doing all this and more, we have continued to do God’s work in our community. And, as a bonus, we have each sharpened our technology skills!

None of us want to continue this style of church, and we are happy to announce that our Deacon Board received and approved a recommendation from our Re-Opening Task Force that Royal Lane return to in-person worship. We want to thank you for being patient and putting your trust in the work of the Task Force. Since the CDC’s recent changes, here are the latest updates for Royal Lane as we continue our worship and work together:

1. For those fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required when we gather, but are encouraged. In compliance with the recent CDC guidelines, **unvaccinated worshippers are encouraged to mask and maintain social distance.** We trust that unvaccinated worshippers will continue their commitment to the health and safety of everyone, especially children under the age of 12, who are ineligible for a vaccine and the immunocompromised.
2. The sanctuary will have several pews in the back reserved for those who are more comfortable with social distancing.
3. We will return to in-person worship for regular 10:55 AM services beginning **June 6, 2021.** The worship service will be livestreamed for viewing on our YouTube channel.
4. Some Wednesday night activities are resuming in Vickrey Hall. Food will not be served. Masks and distancing are encouraged.

I want to thank our Re-Opening Task Force and our Deacon Board for their leadership and commitment to the Royal Lane family of faith. Though we have a lot of work ahead of us, I look forward to welcoming everyone back to worship on the corner of Royal Lane and Hillcrest!!

Charlotte Sewell, Deacon Chair

Doug Watts, Guest Preacher



Doug Watts is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a certified educator with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. He and his wife Charlotte share their life with their 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Doug has served as a pastor in Indiana, Ohio, and Texas and as a children's minister here at Royal Lane. He most recently served as the Director of Spiritual Care and Education at Children's Medical Center Dallas. He has been a professional pediatric chaplain for over 25 years having nurtured and cared for hospitalized children and their family members.

He served on the Godly Play Foundation Board for 9 years and President of the Board for 3 years. His passion is to nurture and guide the spirituality of children and his life's work is to advocate for the least of these, our children.

Graduate Recognition, Sunday, June 6

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.



Holy, Holy, Holy

→ 1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
→ 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
→ 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
→ 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

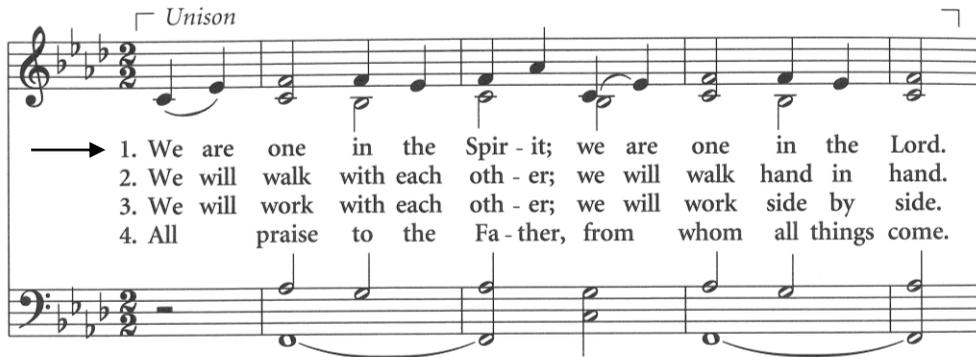
Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see;
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
on - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

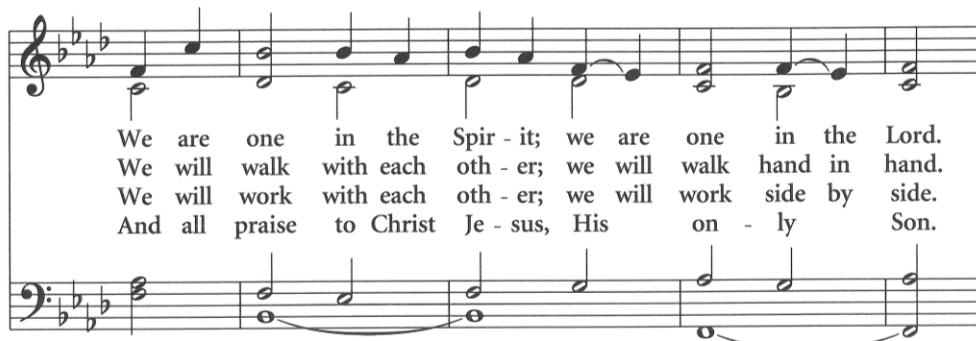
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

They'll Know We Are Christians

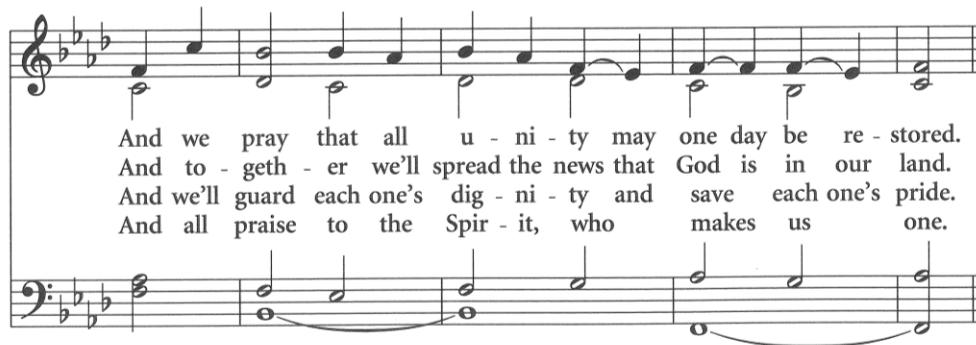
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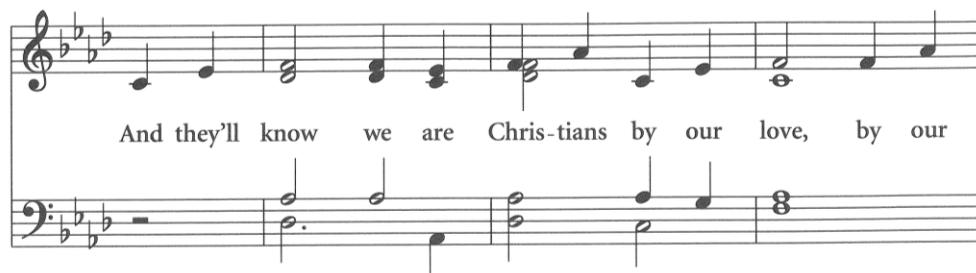
→ 1. We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
2. We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
3. We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.



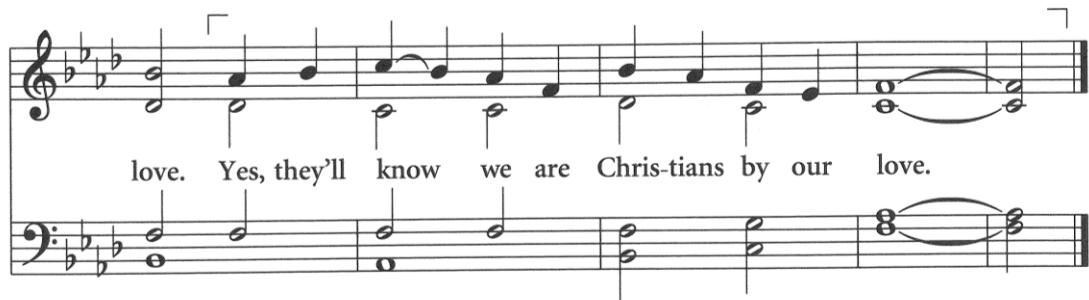
We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.
We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.
We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His on - ly Son.



And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



Guest Preacher, June 13 Ken Medema

For four decades, Ken Medema has inspired people through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind. His ability to capture spirit in word and song is unparalleled.

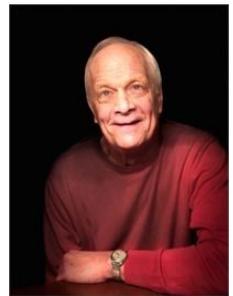
One of the most creative and authentic artists performing today, Ken custom designs every musical moment of his performance with brilliant improvisation that defies description.

Music early became a major component of Medema's life. "I started banging on the piano when I was five years old," he says, "making up crazy little fantasies on my mom's piano. When I was eight years old my parents got me a wonderful teacher who taught me the classics with Braille music and taught me to play by ear." His teacher also taught him to improvise. "Every time I learned a piece my teacher would tell me, 'Now, you improvise in that style.' So music became a second language."

After graduating from high school Medema studied music therapy at Michigan State University in Lansing, where he concentrated heavily on performance skills in piano and voice. He worked as a music therapist in Fort Wayne, Indiana, returned to Michigan State for a master's degree (1969).

In 1973, Medema left his work as a therapist and began a career as a performing and recording artist. Today, Medema performs in a wide variety of venues, from local congregations to charity fundraisers, to high school and university campuses, to denominational youth gatherings, to universally televised religious programs, to corporate conventions, to annual assemblies of national organizations. He is co-founder of Interlude Retreat Corporation, which gifts retreat experiences for music directors.

Ken Medema and his wife, Jane, have been married since 1965 and live in the San Francisco Bay area of California. They have two grown married children and four grandchildren, **Aaron** and Sonya Medema (Charlotte and Henry) and **Rachel** and Dennis Gilchrist (Logan James and Fiona Lee).



Here I Am, Lord

Unison

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the

peo - ple cry. All who dwell in dark and sin
peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them,
poor and lame. I will set a feast for them,

My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night,
they turn a - way. I will break their hearts of stone,
My hand will save. Fin-est bread I will pro-vide

I will make their dark - ness bright. Who will bear My
give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak My
till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give My

light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?

Parts (optional)

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard You call - ing in the night. (in the night.)

I will go, Lord, if You lead me.

I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

The Scripture this morning is John 3:1-9

3Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday May 30 – Trinity 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

Monday May 31 – Memorial Day

Church office closed

Wednesday June 2 – Mosaic

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

Saturday June 5

- 10:00 am Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
- 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday June 6 – Second Sunday after Pentecost / Graduation Sunday

- 9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
- 10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Reception for Graduates — Center Parking Area
- 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
- 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

Church Office

The Church Office is now open Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm.

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

In-Person worship on Sunday morning resumes June 6.
All other In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.
See the website for information and events as these open for In-Person.
royallane.org

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,
available on the website at royallane.org/prayer

Deacons on Call

Tex Quesada & Sandy Washington

When WE Give: the community learns about RLBC through publicity!

April 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 320,052
Expenses	\$ 218,221
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 101,830

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