

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

### *Graduate Recognition Sunday*

June 6, 2021

10:55 A.M.

*Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.  
Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,  
and to record your attendance at [royallane.org/register](http://royallane.org/register) (see QR located following postlude)  
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.  
Masks are highly encouraged for everyone, particularly during congregational singing.  
Unvaccinated children should wear masks.  
✠ – Please rise in body or in spirit.*

#### Chiming of the Hour

*Today's scriptures remind us who is in charge: God. In the reading from 1 Samuel, we hear how the people wanted a king, someone to rule over them and lead them into battle. They had forgotten that God rules over their lives. The psalmist reminds us that God's love is steadfast, God is always faithful, and God will guide our lives. And Jesus himself reminds us that those who follow him are included in his family. The question to ask this Sunday is "Whom do we follow as our guide and our savior?"*

#### Opening Voluntary

*Rondeau — Mouret*

Glen Hummel & David Weigle

#### ✠ Call to Worship

People of God, enter this place  
with thanksgiving and praise,

**for the Lord is good.**

Come and rejoice, sing glory to God,

**for the Lord is good.**

Remember, the steadfast love of God endures forever,

**for the Lord is good.**

Harry Wooten & Congregation

†Invocation

Samantha Fleenor & Congregation

Let us pray:

**Unlike earthly kings, you, O Lord, are ever steadfast and faithful. You sent us your Son, Jesus the Christ, to rule over us, not as a tyrant, but as a gentle shepherd. Keep us united and strong in faith, that we may always know your presence in our lives, and when you call us home, may we enter your heavenly kin-dom where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.**

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*God, We Love This Congregation* – HYMN TO JOY

Welcome to Worshipers

Alan Greider

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

2021 Graduates

Laura Keller

Presentation of Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship

Barrett Wooten

Prayer of Blessing

Patricia McNutt & Congregation

Let us pray:

**Our strong Mother and tender Father, we ask your blessings upon this achievement of mind and spirit. We invoke your presence as we honor these graduates who have used your gifts of intellect and talent to strive toward their potential. Thank you for their families, and all those who contributed to making their dreams a reality. May feelings of accomplishment spark new dreams and goals which will inspire us to make a difference in our world. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Candace Collier

1 Samuel 8:1-9 (Pew Bible page 218 of the Old Testament or see insert)

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

*(Children remain in the pews with their families.)*

†Hymn 76 [ or see insert ]

Congregation

*If You Will Only Let God Guide You* — NEUMARK

Prayers of the People

Jonah Hammett & Congregation

God of mercy and healing, you who year the cries of those in need, receive these petitions of your people that all who are troubled may know peace, comfort, and courage.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

*(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)*

*Silence Is Kept*

Let us pray:

**Life-giving God, heal our lives, that we may acknowledge your wonderful deeds and offer you thanks from generation to generation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* — Craig Courtney

Sermon

Blake Miller

### **“ Overcoming Rejection ”**

†Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Congregation

*O God of Every Nation* — LLANGLOFFAN

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,  
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

†Sending Forth

Blake Miller & Congregation

Children of God, as you go from this place:

extend grace to all,

be faithful to Christ,

and do not lose hope.

Go in peace.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

Glen Hummel & David Weigle

*Toccata pour Trompette et Orgue* — Giambattista Martini

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## Register Your Attendance



## How to Give to RLBC

Ushers will be at each door to receive your offering.

or you may

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

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## Celebrate our Royal Lane Graduates

Senior Reception, Today, following worship

Admire their hard-earned accomplishments and be inspired by their plans and dreams

## Donors to the Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship Fund

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Jack & Judy Mullinax

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Karen Miller

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who are now graduating from High School

### Hymn Notes

#### God, We Love This Congregation

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#### If You Will Only Let God Guide You

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#### O God of Every Nation

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## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17 Mark 4:26-34**

### For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.  
Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe  
environment, that supplement today's scripture at  
[games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

## Today's Guest Preacher, Blake Miller



Blake Miller was born and raised here in the Dallas area, but wasn't introduced to Royal Lane until he met Barrett Wooten while attending Wake Forest University Divinity School. Royal Lane ended up being his first ministerial job after Divinity School, and subsequently Royal Lane also became the place of his ordination into the gospel ministry. If that wasn't enough influence on his life already, Royal Lane just so happened to be the place where he met his wife, Shannon Simmons Miller. Blake currently serves as the Corporate Chaplain at First Rate Inc., (yep you read that correct, corporations have chaplains too) and is loving being able to answer his ministerial calling in such a unique way while still being able to attend Royal Lane on Sundays and serve as a newly elected deacon.

## Wednesday Evenings at RLBC

**June 9**

**IN FOCUS**

Continuing the Conversation about  
Being an Anti-Racist Church – Zoom

**June 16**

Bible Study with Nancy Ellet Allison  
Hebrews 11:1-12:2 – Zoom

**June 23**

Sarah Key, Executive Director, Outlast Youth – Zoom  
Outlast Youth exists to reduce and prevent LGBTQ youth  
homelessness in Dallas and surrounding counties.

**June 30**

Independence Day Celebration

## Guest Preacher/Singer, 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).



### Preaching Schedule

June 20 – Mark Wingfield

June 27 – Laura Keller

The members and friends of

## *Royal Lane Baptist Church*

extend our best wishes and hearty congratulations  
to our Graduates & Scholarship Recipients.

May God bless you richly.

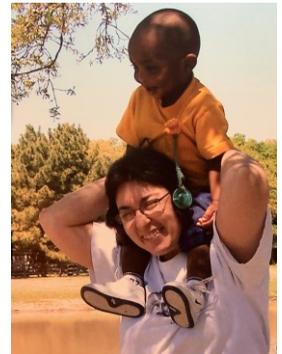


### **Candace Collier**

Candace, granddaughter of Anna Lou & Glenn Brown, is graduating from Lake Dallas High School and will be attending Oregon State University to study Pre-Vet. She has plans to continue on to Veterinarian School and specialize in Exotic animal medicine. Candace was a four year varsity volleyball player, as well as. two year varsity team captain. She was involved in her school's PAL program, student council, French club, French honor society, HOSA, Science Club and she is Senior Class Historian.

### **Darrin Flenor**

Darrin, son of Kirsten Flenor and Angela Hanes, is graduating from Booker T. Washington HSPVA and will be attending The New School in New York to pursue a BFA in Acting. He has acted in plays, designing productions, and running the sound board for productions during his high school years. He also participated in the Black Student Union. In 2020, he organized a zoom meeting between student and faculty to talk about racial injustice and sexual harassment and the effects it's having on students. He feels an innate power to bring people together through words and entertainment; to be a storyteller but to also hold up a mirror to the world and show both its beauty and madness. The kindness and openness of Royal Lane has helped him to be a kinder and more open human.



## **Samantha Fleenor**

Samantha, daughter of Kirsten Fleenor and Angela Hanes, is graduating from Seagoville High School and will be attending Sam Houston State University to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Treasurer of Student Council, and participated in theatre and debate. Samantha has been an athlete since a young girl. She is involved in numerous sports and was captain of the softball and district winner on her swim team. She also played tennis, soccer, volleyball and cross country. She has worked as a lifeguard for Dallas Aquatics and the YMCA and trained in first aid and CPS. She has worked hard to be a good role model to the children of Royal Lane by working at VBS, Posada and Piñata, Easter egg hunt, and other children's activities. She discovered her desire to be teacher as a result of working with the children at Royal Lane. She wants to be the best teacher she can and show God's love to her students. She is forever grateful to Royal Lane for our belief in her.



## **Jonah Hammett**

Jonah Hammett, son of Jeff & Jennifer Hammett, has attended Royal Lane since birth. He will be graduating 15th in his class at Dr. John D. Horn High School in Mesquite, Texas. Later this fall he will be attending The University of Texas at Austin to study music education with a primary focus in French Horn. In high school, Jonah was heavily involved in the National Honors Society, mock trial club, the varsity full orchestra, and band programs all four years there. This summer, Jonah will be going on tour as a lead mellophone with the Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corp from Denver, Colorado! Jonah's love for music has definitely been impacted by his experiences at Royal Lane.

## **Jasmine Parrish**

Jasmine, daughter of Percy & Marcia Parrish, is a senior at Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts. Her passion has been playing the violin for the past 10 years. Through the Dallas Symphony Orchestra's Young Strings Program, she was selected to compete and attend masterclasses to hone visual pattern abilities, finger dexterity, & language processing skills. She also assisted in the development of the student non-profit, Dallas Teens for Change, with a mission to educate and amplify youth voices in politics. Additionally, she participated in the sustainability education initiative (S.T.E.M Z) in collaboration with graduate students at Southern Methodist University to investigate tap water variations between older and newer campus buildings. In the Fall of 2021, she will attend Wake Forest University on a full ride to major in Business Analytics and a double minor in Music Performance (violin) as well as Politics and International Affairs.



## **Melissa Robinson**

Melissa, daughter of Cheryl Robinson, is a graduate of Hexter Elementary, Longfellow Career Academy and soon to be Booker T Washington Arts Magnet. Since Melissa (commonly known to friends and family as Rae Rae) she has loved to sing and entertain with her beautiful musical talent. She has been a member of choir since 4th grade in Ms. Garcia's group that performed at Sandy Lake and North Park Mall. Ms. Higgins at Longfellow was instrumental in the inner teachings of music and was the first to tell Melissa that she had perfect pitch. These choir teachers laid the groundwork for the for the ultimate brass ring – Booker T Washington Melissa has grown as an artist with the help of several staff members at Booker T but most especially the choir director Dr. George Twyman. University of North Texas is her chosen college that she will be starting in August 2021 and has chosen to study Business Management where she intends to be involved in the UNT choir as well.



### **Hart Stokes**

Peter Hart Stokes, the 6th child of Jonathan and Sofia Stokes, the grandson of Bigmama Cookie Stokes, graduated from Founders Classical Academy of Leander, Texas, on May 21, 2021. He will begin studying Mechanical Engineering at UT Arlington in the Fall.

Hart has been a part of Royal Lane life through visits to Sunday School, attending and helping in VBS, getting to know Bigmama's international students, and going out to eat with former Facilities Manager Lonnie Harris and others. When Robert Lathan was studying for his PhD, he was impressed with Hart's math ability at a very young age.

Hart was home-schooled at the Stokes Academy in Jonestown until he started at Founders in the 8th grade. At Founders he served as a National Honor Society officer and received academic awards in current events, economics, history, and physics. He participated in speech competition with the National Christian Forensics and Communication Association.

He played football for 8 years with his older brothers for the Wilco Falcons, a 6-man Texas Association of Independent Athletic Organization league in Williamson County. He twice made the All-State team and ranked in the National Top 10 players for his position. Before and after Hart finished his senior year of football, he helped coach his team with exceptional knowledge of the sport.

Hart has been employed by the popular Texas Paintball in Jonestown, Catalyst Teen Center, and at Orange Seal Cycling, both in Cedar Park. Outside of work Hart enjoys playing football and paintball, hanging out with friends, and learning to program in his spare time. In addition to moving to Dallas, Hart is looking forward to furthering his education at UT Arlington in the Fall.

### **Jordan Stubblefield**

Jordan, daughter of Jane Stubblefield, graduated from Texas Tech University on May 15th with a B.M. in Music Performance. During her time at TTU, she participated in Lubbock Symphony Orchestra, Lubbock Chamber Orchestra, the Second Baptist Church orchestra, Eastern Music Festival, and TTU's Bravura Chamber Ensemble. She will be attending the University of South Carolina in the Fall for graduate school. Her ultimate goal is to play in the orchestra pit for an opera company.

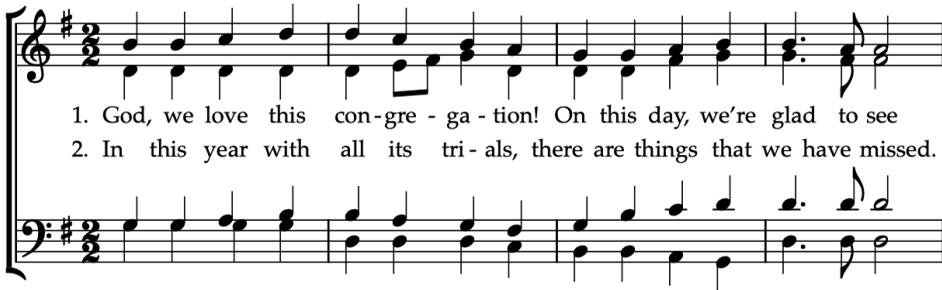


# God, We Love This Congregation!

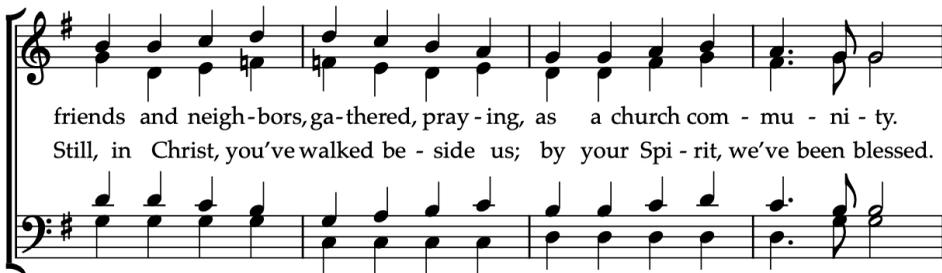
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2021

*Hymn to Joy*

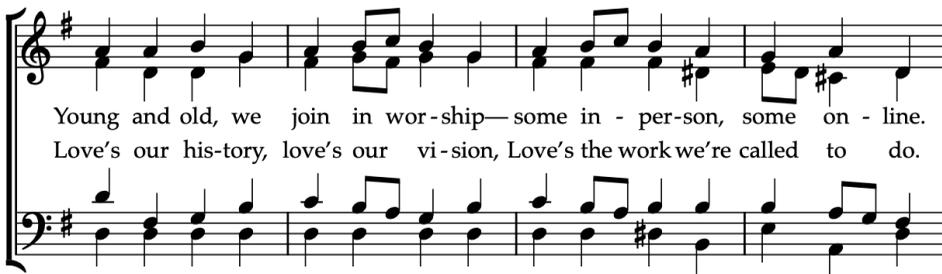
Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt. Edward Hodges



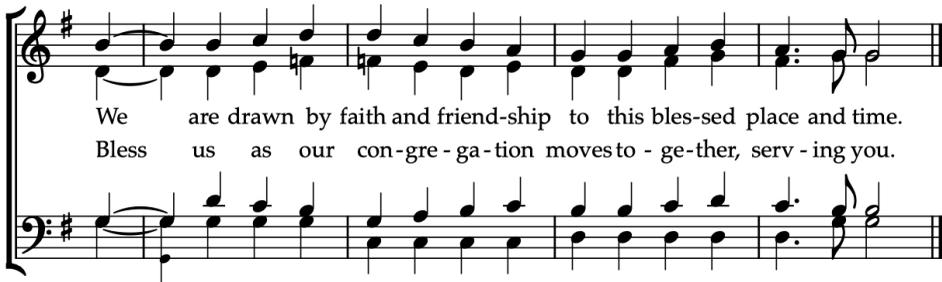
1. God, we love this con-gre - ga - tion! On this day, we're glad to see  
2. In this year with all its tri - als, there are things that we have missed.



friends and neigh-bors, ga - thered, pray - ing, as a church com - mu - ni - ty.  
Still, in Christ, you've walked be - side us; by your Spi - rit, we've been blessed.

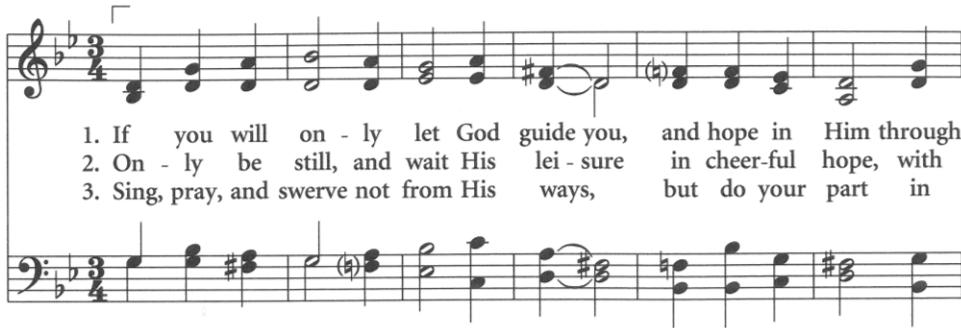


Young and old, we join in wor-ship—some in - per-son, some on - line.  
Love's our his-tory, love's our vi-sion, Love's the work we're called to do.

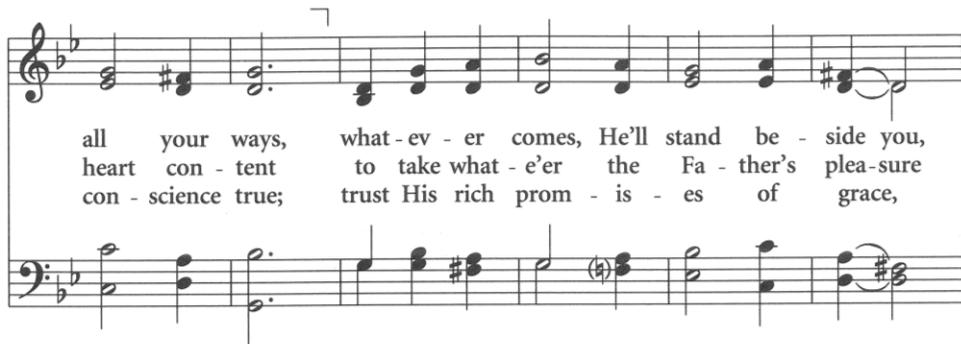


We are drawn by faith and friend-ship to this bles-sed place and time.  
Bless us as our con-gre - ga - tion moves to - ge - ther, serv - ing you.

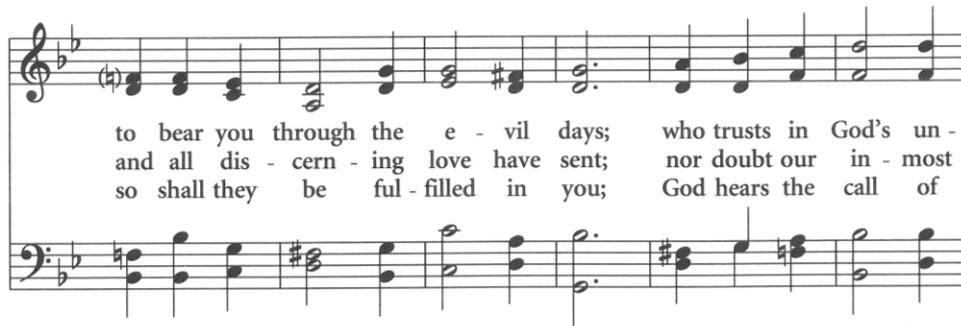
# If You Will Only Let God Guide You



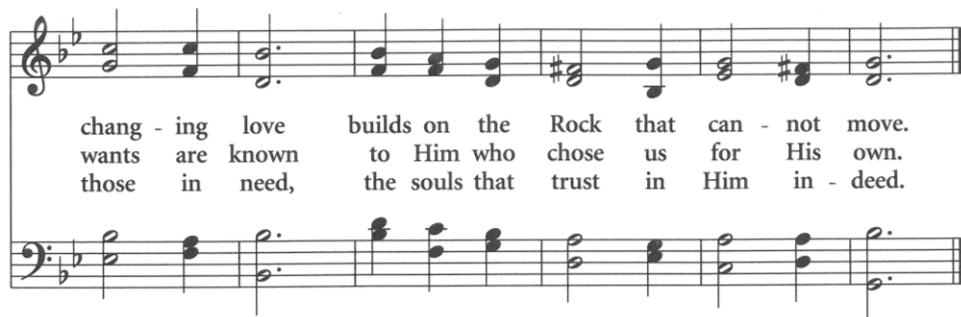
1. If you will on - ly let God guide you, and hope in Him through  
2. On - ly be still, and wait His lei - sure in cheer - ful hope, with  
3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways, but do your part in



all your ways, what - ev - er comes, He'll stand be - side you,  
heart con - tent to take what - e'er the Fa - ther's plea - sure  
con - science true; trust His rich prom - is - es of grace,



to bear you through the e - vil days; who trusts in God's un -  
and all dis - cern - ing love have sent; nor doubt our in - most  
so shall they be ful - filled in you; God hears the call of



chang - ing love builds on the Rock that can - not move.  
wants are known to Him who chose us for His own.  
those in need, the souls that trust in Him in - deed.

# O God of Every Nation

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us, and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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The Scripture this morning is 1 Samuel 8:1-9, which may be found on page 218 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible.

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When Samuel became old, he made his sons judges over Israel. <sup>2</sup>The name of his firstborn son was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beer-sheba. <sup>3</sup>Yet his sons did not follow in his ways, but turned aside after gain; they took bribes and perverted justice.

<sup>4</sup>Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup>and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." <sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the LORD, <sup>7</sup>and the LORD said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. <sup>8</sup>Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. <sup>9</sup>Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

*(NRSV)*

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

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday June 6 – Second Sunday after Pentecost / Graduate Recognition Sunday**  
Following Worship – Senior Reception  
3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom  
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom  
6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom
- Wednesday June 9**  
6:15 pm IN FOCUS — Zoom  
Continuing the Conversation about Being an Anti-Racist Church  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday June 12**  
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom  
3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom  
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday June 13 – Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom  
10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom  
11:00 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
Ken Medema, Guest Preacher/Singer  
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

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

## **How to Connect**

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

## Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at [royallane.org/prayer](http://royallane.org/prayer)



## Deacons on Call

Alan Greider & Christin Lavery

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When WE Give: we celebrate our Graduates!

### April 2021 Financials

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

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