

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

**June 13, 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

*The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

### Voluntary

*God of Grace* — arranged by Paul Manz

David Weigle

### Call to Worship

Ken Medema

### ✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Mighty God, to you belong the mysteries of the universe. You transform shepherds into kings, the smallest seeds into magnificent trees, and hardened hearts into loving ones. Bless us with your life-giving Spirit, re-create us in your image, and shape us to your purposes, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ✠Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*What Shall We Say God's Realm Is Like* — LAND OF REST

Words of Welcome & Scripture Lesson

Jamie Luckett

Mark 4:26-34 [ Pew Bible page 815 of the New 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 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*To What Can the Kingdom of God be Compared?* — TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Call to Confession

Laura Keller & Congregation

When we gather to worship God, we remember that we are God's people, but we have often preferred our way instead of God's. Trusting God's power to make us new persons in Christ, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Holy God, the parable of the mustard seed teaches us that a little faith can produce great work in your kingdom. Yet we are too timid to bear the fruit of your righteousness, for we walk by sight and not by faith. Forgive us, Lord; we do not uphold the poor or the oppressed. We do not advocate for the powerless or the voiceless. We do not sacrifice ourselves for the needs of our neighbors. Renew us with the love of Christ so that we live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who became the seed of your righteousness in us. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

Praise be to God for the mercy and grace that forgives our sins. Alleluia. Amen!

Prayers of the People

Beverly Vander Molen & Congregation

*Love, Listen to your Children Praying  
Love, Send your Spirit in this Place  
Love, Listen to your Children Praying  
Send us pow'r, send us courage, send us grace.*

Lord our God, who created all things and promises us an eternal realm, hear our prayers of intercession, spoken and unspoken.

We pray for peace.

**Eternal God, you sent us a Savior, Jesus Christ, to break down the walls of hostility that divide us. Send peace to the places where greed, pride, and anger turn nation against nation, race against race, church against church.**

Sung Response:

We pray for the leaders of the church and the nations.

**Mighty God, sovereign over all, give the leaders of the church and the leaders of the nations the vision of your kingdom, that they may lead us with justice and goodwill.**

Sung Response

We pray for the earth, God's creation.

**God of creation, you made all things in your wisdom and love. Grant us all a reverence for the earth that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others to your honor and glory.**

Sung Response

We pray for those who are in pain in body and mind.

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:

**Merciful God, you bear the pain of the world. Look for compassion on those who are sick. Stand with those who sorrow. Show them hope by your Word: bring healing as a sign of your grace.**

Sung Response

All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who died for us and rose for us, who reminds us of your saving grace. **Amen.**

Anthem

Ken Medema & Choir

*Bound for Greater Things* — Ken Medema

When I meet you on the highway I will greet you with a song.  
We'll play music by the roadside when the journey seems too long.  
In the rain and in the fire I will strain to hear you sing.  
The Kingdom is our heart's desire. We are bound for greater things.

*Sing-in', sing-in', we are bound for greater things,  
Bound to walk a higher road.*

*Drawn by dreams and led by visions, we will know the grace of God.  
We will leave the past behind. We will fly with eagles' wings.  
We will run the race before us. We are bound for greater things!*

Help me find the chains that bind me as we walk into the light.  
We can see with clearer vision what confused us in the night.  
The One who made the golden morning, The One who gave our spirits wings,  
gave us hands to help each other on our way to greater things.

Sermon

Ken Medema

**“ small ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 692 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Let Truth and Mercy Find Here* — AURELIA  
*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

Ken Medema

Go my friends and God defend you  
all through the night.  
May she peace and courage send you  
all through the night.  
May she ever stand beside you,  
in her loving kindness hide you,  
through the darkness always guide you,  
all through the night.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Toccata* — Eugene Butler

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# Register Your Attendance

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## 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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### Hymn Notes

#### **What Shall We Say God's Realm is Like**

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#### **To What Can the Kingdom of God be Compared?**

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#### **Let Truth and Mercy Find Here**

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## Wednesday Evenings at RLBC

**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

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

### For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3+ and 7+.  
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/Musician 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).



### Beverly Vander Molen

Beverly is Ken's booking manager, traveling companion, sound person and visual navigator with Ken almost 175 days a year. Her background as a producer, music director and event planner comes in handy for the various types of venues in which she finds herself now. Although she is a trained organist, the sound board has become her instrument of choice.



## Guest Preacher, June 20

### 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.

*Join us for a  
Celebration of Life  
for  
HOMER TERRY*

*August 8, 1948 – November 7, 2020*

*Saturday, June 19, 10:30 am, Sanctuary*

*Reception Following, Vickrey Hall*



**Blood Drive**  
**Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Dining Hall  
6707 Royal Ln  
Dallas, TX 75230

**Tuesday, June 22, 2021**  
**9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: royallanebaptist to schedule an appointment.

Special offer from our partners at Amazon: To thank you for coming to give June 14-30, we'll send you a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card by email. Restrictions apply, see [amazon.com/gc-legal](https://amazon.com/gc-legal). Terms and conditions apply; visit [rcblood.org/together](https://rcblood.org/together).

Schedule an appointment: <https://rcblood.org/3v8KQej>



**Notes for donors from the American Red Cross:**

- You are absolutely able to donate after being vaccinated.
- Donors do not need to wear a mask if they are vaccinated – we are working by an honor system so they would not have to show proof of vaccination.
- Red Cross is still testing for antibodies until June 25, so this drive falls before the testing ends.

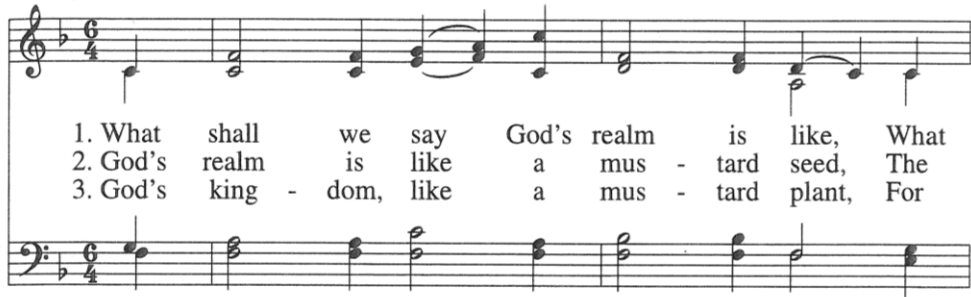
# To What Can the Kingdom of God be Compared?

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11 with refrain ("To God be the Glory")

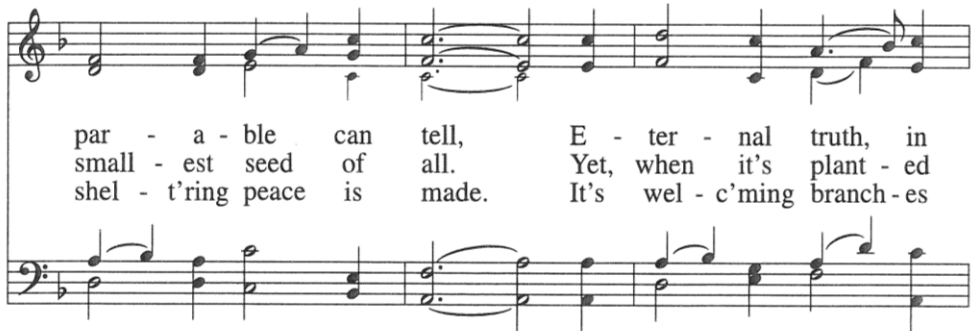
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To what can the king - dom of God be com - pared? A  
A small bit of lea - ven will change the whole bread; A  
5 While some look for treas - ure or one price - less pearl, God's  
must - ard seed falls where a field's been pre - pared, And there, where pre -  
10 poor wo - man sees that her neigh - bors are fed, A church rea - ches  
reign is the gift wise ones seek in this world. A girl sells poss -  
dict - a - ble plant - ings should be, There grows up a wild bush, - as  
15 out to the youth in the town, A man shares his faith and God's  
ess - ions to help those in need; A boy choos - es faith - ful - ness  
big as a tree! God of love, here on earth, hid - den things still sur -  
20 bless - ings a - bound. God of love, here on earth, hid - den things still sur -  
rath - er than greed. God of love, here on earth, hid - den things still sur -  
prise; Lov - ing deeds... signs of birth... faith - ful, Spi - rit - filled lives. Your  
25 *prise: Lov - ing deeds... signs of birth... faith - ful, Spi - rit - filled lives. Your*  
*prise: Lov - ing deeds... signs of birth... faith - ful, Spi - rit - filled lives. Your*  
reign is a - maz - ing, your ways still as - tound, Just  
29 *reign is a - mong us, cre - a - tion is - blessed, When*  
*reign is a trea - sure that wise ones pur - sue; May*  
like that new life spring - ing forth from the ground.  
e - ven a few faith - ful lives change the rest.  
we seek your king - dom in all that we do.

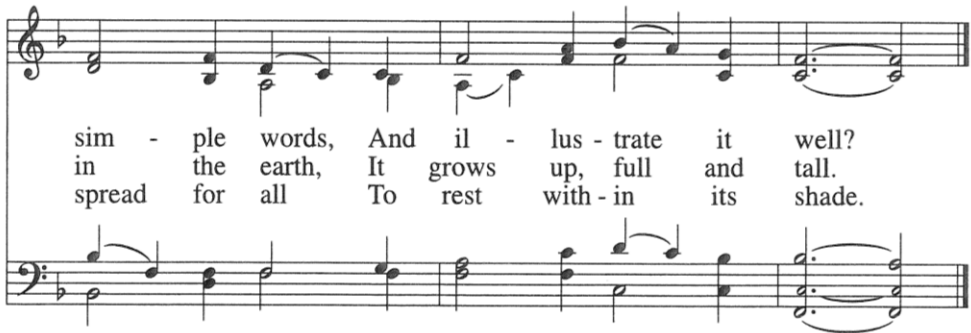
# What Shall We Say God's Realm Is Like



1. What shall we say God's realm is like, What  
2. God's realm is like a mus - tard seed, The  
3. God's king - dom, like a mus - tard plant, For



par - a - ble can tell, E - ter - nal truth, in  
small - est seed of all. Yet, when it's plant - ed  
shel - t'ring peace is made. It's wel - c'ring branch - es

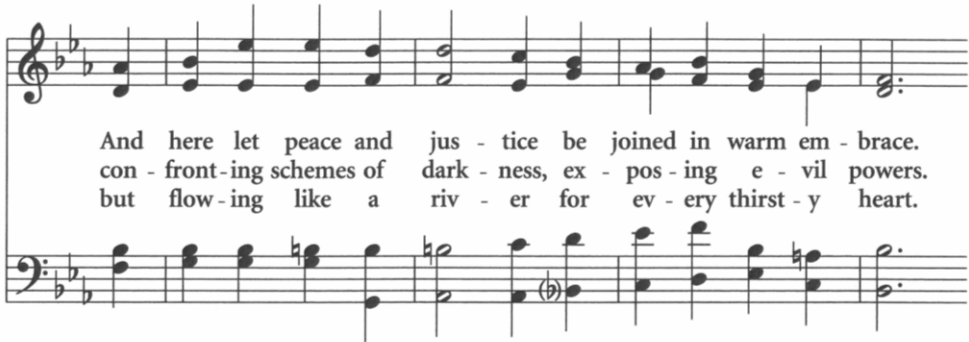


sim - ple words, And il - lus - trate it well?  
in the earth, It grows up, full and tall.  
spread for all To rest with - in its shade.

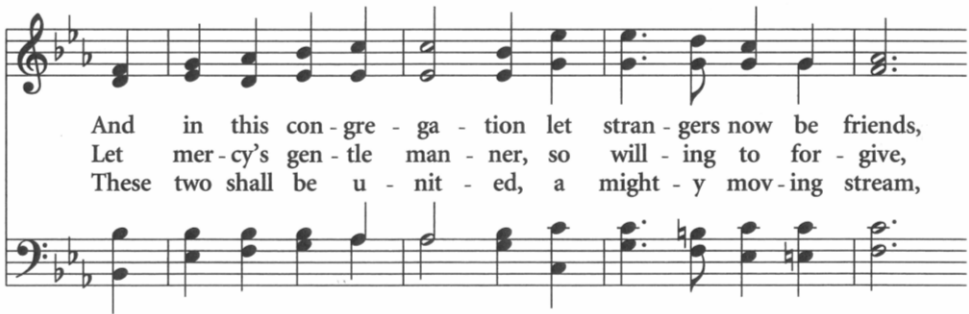
# Let Truth and Mercy Find Here



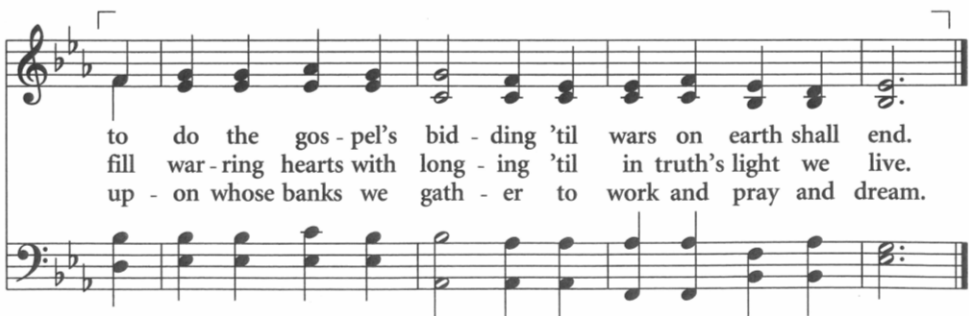
1. Let truth and mer - cy find here a joy - ful meet - ing place.  
2. Let truth's bright flame be blaz - ing in all the dark - est hours,  
3. So now let peace and jus - tice be nev - er far a - part,



And here let peace and jus - tice be joined in warm em - brace.  
con - front - ing schemes of dark - ness, ex - pos - ing e - vil powers.  
but flow - ing like a riv - er for ev - ery thirst - y heart.



And in this con - gre - ga - tion let stran - gers now be friends,  
Let mer - cy's gen - tle man - ner, so will - ing to for - give,  
These two shall be u - nit - ed, a might - y mov - ing stream,



to do the gos - pel's bid - ding 'til wars on earth shall end.  
fill war - ring hearts with long - ing 'til in truth's light we live.  
up - on whose banks we gath - er to work and pray and dream.

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The Scripture this morning is Mark 4:26-34, which may be found on page 815 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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<sup>26</sup>He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*(NRSV)*

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

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday June 13 – Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- Wednesday June 16 – Mosaic**  
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study — Zoom  
with Nancy Ellet Allison, Hebrews 11:1-12:2  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary
- Saturday June 19**  
10:30 am Celebration of Life – Homer Terry — Sanctuary  
Reception following — Vickrey Hall  
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom  
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday June 20 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
Mark Wingfield, Guest Preacher  
4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Monday, 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

Charlotte Sewell & Jamie Lockett

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

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