

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Galatians 5:1 – For freedom Christ has set us free.

The Worship of God

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 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 (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

Come, Lord God, and rule the world:

all the nations are yours.

Let laws be just, let justice be impartial,

let the rights of the poor and of children be defended,

help us to rescue the innocent from the power of those who do evil;

let the unknowledgeable be taught,

let corruption be purged,

let righteousness prevail.

Come, Lord God, and rule the world:

all the nations are yours.

—*Based on Psalm 82*

Voluntary

David Weigle

Trumpet Tune — Andrew Carter

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

In celebration of religious liberty

Elected officials are not by virtue of their office to meddle with religion or matters of conscience, to force or compel people to any form of religions.

—*John Smyth, 1612*

**We rejoice in our freedom
and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

(continued)

Every person ought to be left free with respect to matters of religion. The Holy Author of our religion needs no compulsive measures for the promotion of God's cause.

—*General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, 1785*

**We rejoice in our freedom
and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

Everyone must give a personal account to God, and therefore all people ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that each can best reconcile to [their] own conscience.

—*John Leland, 1791*

**We rejoice in our freedom
and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.**

We believe in free churches within a free state. We believe religious liberty to be an inalienable human right and indispensable to human welfare. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion or restraint in religion.

—*The American Baptist Bill of Rights, 1939*

**We rejoice in our freedom
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†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

God, you call us to go where Christ leads. Turn us from the ways of the world; guide us to fullness of joy in the Spirit, where bodies and souls rest secure; and grant us strength to follow the way of the cross, which frees us to love one another for the sake of all creation. Amen.

†Hymn 698 [see insert]

Congregation

For the Healing of the Nations — CWM RHONDDA

Words of Welcome

Barrett Wooten

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

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

(Children remain in the pews with their families.)

Call to Confession

Jonah Hammett & Congregation

We have been called to freedom and have used our freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence. The whole law is summed up in a single commandment. “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and strength, and your neighbor as yourself.” For the many ways we have sinned, let us confess.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Generous God, your Word declares that the works of the flesh are obvious and not according to your will for our lives. We have been warned time and time again. Yet, we do the very things we hate. Forgive our sin. We pray in the name of the Crucified One. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. This is the good news.

Hymn 697 [see insert]

Congregation

This Is My Song — FINLANDIA

Prayers of the People

Karen Simmons & Congregation

We pray for this nation in which you have set us, for its leaders of government, commerce and of industry, for those who through the media lead in thought. Human cleverness alone cannot heal our nation’s sickness, treaties and armaments cannot safeguard our real interests, more luxuries and leisure cannot meet our deepest needs. O may your Living Word speak afresh to our people. Raise up those who can speak words of insight and integrity that new life may inspire us and set us right. 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:

O Prince of Peace, despised and rejected by the wise ones of this world, we pray for this world, that the people who grope in the darkness may see a great light, the light of your love for every human being. Amen.

Solo

Suré Eloff

America the Beautiful — arranged by Rob Landes

Sermon

Scott Jones

“ Equal Liberty of Conscience ”

Galatians 5:1, 13-15

[Pew Bible page 948 of the New Testament or see insert]

For the Word of God in scripture,

For the Word of God within us,

For the Word of God among us,

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

We Utter Our Cry — LYONS

*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

Scott Jones

Go forth from this place in the freedom of Christ
and the transforming love of God.

Go forth from our time of worship in the love of God
and the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Relish the sweet taste of love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, generosity, faithfulness, and self-control.

Go forth to love your neighbors yourselves,
and you will touch eternal life each and every day.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Trumpet Tune — David Johnson

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Study for Wednesday Evening
Hebrews 12:18-13:16
with Sharon Temple

Scriptures for Next Sunday
2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are included in activity packets 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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



Rummage Sale – July 16-17!
Bring Items for Sale, Volunteer for Set-up and Sell!

Set-up — Vickrey Hall

Sunday, 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sale – Vickrey Hall

Friday, July 16, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 17, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Clean-up — Vickrey Hall

Saturday, July 17, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm





Today's Guest Preacher Scott Jones

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones was Royal Lane's Associate Pastor for Youth and Education from 2003-2005. He has served as Senior Minister of the First Central Congregational United Church of Christ in Omaha, Nebraska since 2010. Scott is also a Lecturer in the Philosophy Department of Creighton University and the author of *Open: A Memoir of Faith, Family, and Sexuality in the Heartland*.

A native Oklahoman, Scott earned a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy at Oklahoma Baptist University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Oklahoma. He has also served churches in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

Scott is the proud father of recent Kindergarten graduate Sebastian.

Sarah Macias Guest Preacher, July 11

Rev. Sarah Macias is a pastoralist (*raises livestock on pasture*) and theologian (*thinks about God*). This has led her to the ministry and practice of regenerative agriculture as a way to increase biodiversity, improve the water cycle, and sequester carbon in an act of resilience towards mitigating climate change.

She and her husband Rodney live at Sister Grove Farm which is located on the east prong of Sister Grove Creek in the Lavon watershed of the Trinity River basin - an area once called home by the settled and agricultural Kitikiti'sh—or Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. They are members of Royal Lane Baptist Church where she currently serves on the Interim Pastor Search Committee.



For the Healing of the Nations

1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair Your
3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
4. You, Cre - a - tor, God, have writ - ten Your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in Your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion
all may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness
dog - mas that ob - scure Your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice
bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice

help us rise and pledge our word, help us rise and pledge our word.
fear will die and hope in - crease, fear will die and hope in - crease.
may we hal - low life's brief span, may we hal - low life's brief span.
earth its des - ti - ny may find, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system. The score concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

This Is My Song

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2. My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3. This is my prayer, O Rul - er of all na - tions:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; but oth - er
let Thy reign come; on earth Thy will be done. In peace may

home, the coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -
all earth's peo - ple draw to - geth - er, and hearts u - nit - ed

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, Thou God of all the
learn to live as one. O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
na - tions; my - self I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

We Utter Our Cry

From the ends of the earth I call to you — Psalm 61:2 NIV

1. We ut - ter our cry: that peace may pre - vail, That earth will sur -
2. We cry from the fright of our dai - ly scene For strength to say
3. Cre - at - or of life, come, share out, we pray, Your Spir - it on
4. What - ev - er the ill or pres - sure we face, Lord, heart - en and

vive, and faith must not fail. We pray with our life for the
"No" to all that is mean: De - signs bear - ing cha - os, ex -
earth, re - veal - ing the Way To lead - ers con - fer - ring 'round
heal, give in - sight and grace To think and make peace with each

world in our care, For peo - ple di - min - ished by doubt and de - spair.
tinc - tion of life, All en - er - gy wast - ed on weap - ons of death.
ta - bles for peace, That they may from bi - as and guile be re - leased.
heart-beat and breath, Choose Christ be - fore Cae - sar and life be - fore death!

The Scripture this morning is Galatians 5:1, 13-15, which may be found on page 948 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

(NRSV)

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,
... **Thanks be to God.**

Schedule for the Week

- Monday** **July 5**
Church Office Closed
- Wednesday** **July 7 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Sharon Temple, Hebrews 12:18-13:16 — Zoom
6:30 pm Wacky Wednesdays — Church Playground (tbd)
6:30 pm Youth Activity — Church Grounds
- Saturday** **July 10**
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
4:00 pm Second Saturday Youth Fun – Adventure Landing
 17717 Coit Rd, Dallas, 75252
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **July 11 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:55 am Morning Worship, Sarah Macias, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary
 or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:00 pm Set-up for Rummage Sale — Vickrey Hall
6:00 pm Missions Division — Zoom
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting (Deacon Chat – 7:15 pm) — Zoom

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

Church Calendar

As we return to in-person worship and regular business hours for the office staff, it is important that the church office be contacted so that we can be sure all events, in-person or zoom, be included on the calendar to avoid schedule conflicts.

Please contact the church office by phone or email.
214-361-2809, info@royallane.org.

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream, Virtual or In-Person events — 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
Prayer cards may be left in the offering plate as you leave today’s service.



Deacons on Call

Sarah Fuller Phillips & Karen Simmons

When WE Give: we can provide a safe environment as we return to in-person worship!

May 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
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