ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 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.

P – Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Loving in truth and action transforms lives. Today's readings call us to love in truth and action, even when that call entails risk and sacrifice. Just as a shepherd cares and protects the sheep, we are invited to care and protect one another and those we serve. When we answer Christ's call to love in this way, we reflect the sacrificial love that God has shown us through Jesus' death and resurrection.

Voluntary David Weigle

Sheep May Safely Graze — J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Congregation

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He lays down his life for his sheep.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He knows us, and we belong to him.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

Ps. 23:1; John 10:14-16

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Shepherd of all, by laying down your life for your flock you reveal your love for all. Lead us from the place of death to the place of abundant life, that guided by your care for us, we may rightly offer our lives in love for you and our neighbors. Amen.

†Hymn 607 [see insert]

Congregation

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story — HYFRYDOL

Words of Welcome & Scripture Lesson

Phil Keith

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

John 10:11-15 [Pew Bible page 872 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!

Time for Young Disciples

Blake Miller

(Children remain in the pews with their families.)

Music for Reflection

Amy Dunivan, Oboe

Oboe Sonata in A minor Mvt. 3, Andante — by Georg Phillipp Telemann We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.

See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Jamie Luckett & Congregation

All of us have taken vows of loyalty to Jesus Christ. We have made promises in words that have not been lived out in truth. We have too easily pushed aside God's commands in favor of our own desires. We are more interested in pleasing ourselves than in pleasing God. Let us return to the one who is our Origin to reattune ourselves to God's intent for us.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Good Shepherd, we have wandered down the strange pathways of our world. We have ventured into dead-end streets that looked more inviting than the narrow ways marked out by the signposts of your love. We have trusted other voices and turned away from your truth. We have accepted your gifts without acknowledgment. We have failed to use our overflowing cups to fill the cups of the many who need what we could offer. Forgive us, we pray, and restore us to your fold. Amen.

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Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news. By the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven and we are restored to wholeness. God's love will abide with us as long as we share it with others.

Our souls will be fed when we focus on feeding others. We will be empowered by prayer and generosity. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 65 [see insert]

Congregation

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want — CRIMOND (Stanzas 1 & 2 only)

Prayers of the People

Charlotte Sewell & Congregation

With boldness, let us offer our prayers to the shepherd of our souls, saying, God of goodness and mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the church in every place... Gather us together and make us one, one in ministry and mission to the world, so that there will be one flock, one shepherd. God of goodness and mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for the nations of the world... Anoint all leaders with your wisdom so that they will use their power to help the poor and defend the vulnerable. God of goodness and mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for this community... Strengthen those who work each day to heal the sick, welcome the outcasts, and help all those in need. God of goodness and mercy,

hear our prayer.

(continued)

We pray for friends and loved ones... Comfort all who are suffering; walk with them through dark valleys and restore them, body, mind, and soul. God of goodness and mercy,

hear our prayer.

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:

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, help us to keep your commandments and to love one another with the love of Jesus, in whose holy name we pray. Amen.

Anthem

Choir and Amy Dunivan, Oboe

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need — arranged by Mack Wilberg My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his Name: In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wand'ring spirit back, when I forsake his ways, and leads me for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay; One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread; My cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days; O may thy house be mine abode and all my work be praise! There would I find a settled rest while others go and come, no more a stranger, nor a guest; but like a child at home.

Sermon

Doug Watts

" The Good Shepherd"

*Hymn of Commitment 405 [see insert]

Congregation

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us — BRADBURY If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship, please refer to pew rack card—"How to Become a Member"

*Charge and Blessing

In the name of the good shepherd, love one another.

May the goodness and mercy of God follow you all the days of your life, and, at your life's end, may you dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Alleluia!

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Doug Watts

Celebratio — Karl Jenkins

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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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.

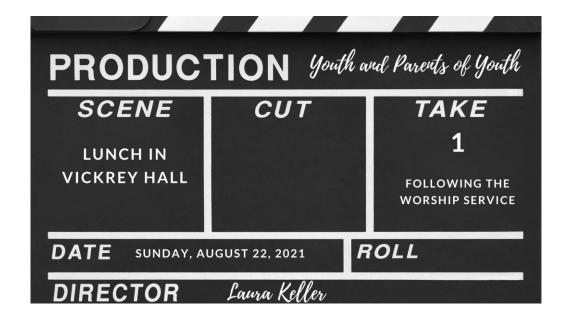
Doug Watts Guest Preacher



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.



Jason Smith Guest Preacher, August 22

Jason serves as a Congregational Engagement Specialist with the Alliance of Baptists, focusing on development and fundraising strategy. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Sutton School of Social Sciences with Ouachita Baptist University. Previously, he served as Director of Youth at Calgary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. In D.C., he studied at Wesley Theological Seminary ('14, M. Div.), and focused on urban ministry. He was ordained at Calvary in June 2014. He serves on the board of directors of Interfaith Arkansas and the Executive Committee of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty.

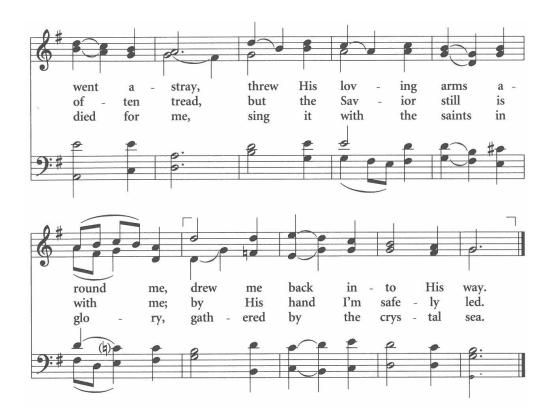


Jason grew up in Costa Rica, where his parents served as Baptist missionaries, and continues to be involved in special projects collaborating with communities of faith in Latin America. He co-led intercultural immersion projects to El Salvador in 2011 and 2012 with mentor and hero, Rev. Edgar Palacios. In 2014, he served as a New Testament instructor with Baptist churches in the Guna Yala indigenous province of Panama through the Latino Network of Virginia Baptists. He has represented the Alliance on official visits with the Fraternity of Baptist Churches in Cuba in 2015 and 2016 and returned for the Fraternity's 30th Anniversary in 2019. He serves as an interpreter/translator with the Church at Ponce and Highland in Atlanta visiting the Mayan Intercultural Seminary and partnering with Tzotzil churches in central Chiapas to develop an agricultural/livestock cooperative.

Jason and his wife Myra live in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, where Myra is Assistant Professor of History at Ouachita Baptist University with an emphasis on contemporary southern African legal and constitutional history. They have three kids, Maryi (14), Santi (11), and Elton (1). The Smith-Housers share their home with three dogs, Coco, Bogey and Teddy and their cat, Jackie.

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story







Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, August 17 Sign Up Today!

Blood Drive

Royal Lane Baptist Church

Dining Hall 6707 Royal Ln Dallas, TX 75230

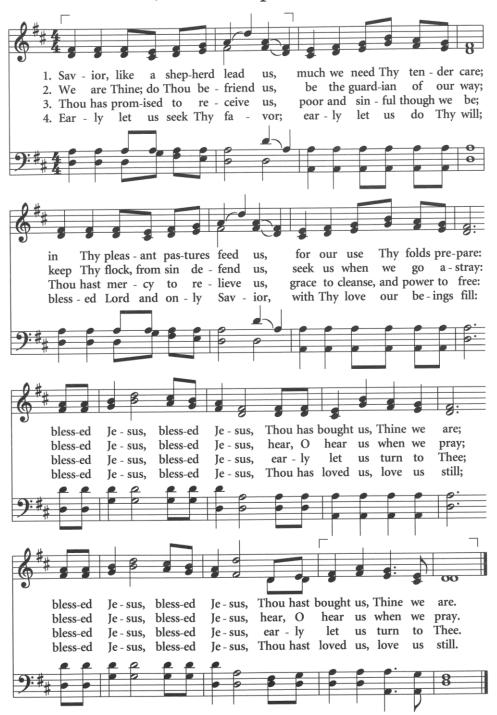
Tuesday, August 17, 2021 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.





The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want 65





The Scripture this morning is John 10:11-15, which may be found on page 872 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. (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

Sunday	August 15 – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost			
12:15 pm	Third Sunday Youth Lunch			
Tuesday	August 17			
9:00 am	Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall			
Wednesday	August 18 – Mosaic			
6:15 pm	Youth – Trivia Night — Vickrey Hall			
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study — Zoom			
6:30 pm	Wacky Wednesdays — Phil & Kelley Keith			
Saturday	August 21			
	Questers Class — Zoom			
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom			
Sunday	August 22 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost			
9:45 am	Formations Class — Library			
9:45 am	Foundation Stones Class — Room 208			
10:55 am	Morning Worship, Guest Preacher, Jason Smith — Sanctuary			
	or Royal Lane YouTube Channel			
12:15 pm	5 pm Youth & Parent Planning Lunch — Vickrey Hall			
•	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

Charlotte Sewell & Jamie Luckett

When WE Give: we can provide space for a blood drive!

June 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 395,351
Expenses	\$ 327,538
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 67,813

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.

Standard text message rates may apply. Donate online at royallane.org/give/



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