

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 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.

*For the safety and protection of our children and those with compromised immune systems,
masks are required in the building.*

✠ – *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

Opening Sentences

Steve Graham

In proverbs, Dame Wisdom cries out to those who love being simple and whose actions are fraught with folly. When calamity strikes, she will laugh, for they have been warned. Wisdom shouts from the streets. Above the noisy crowd she cries out. Will we take heed and listen to her voice?

Voluntary

David Weigle

Like a River Glorious — arranged by James Pethel

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

Wisdom shouts her warnings in the street.

We have come to forsake our foolish ways.

Wisdom longs to pour out her Spirit on all flesh.

We will not shrink from her blessings.

Wisdom imparts holy knowledge to save us.

We will not shut out the lessons she teaches.

Let us worship in spirit and in truth.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Eternal God, the heavens declare your glory, even as Wisdom proclaims your precepts to all people. Set our minds on the things that are above rather than things that are below, that when the journey becomes hard, we may have the courage to follow you to the bitter end. Be with us in our hour of need, that we may be found faithful when Wisdom comes to call. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Awake to Work for Peace on Earth — KINGSFOLD

Words of Welcome

Brittany Jones

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

Scripture Lesson

Brodie & Laura Keller

Proverbs 1:20-33 [Pew Bible page 509 of the Old 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

Laura Keller

(Children remain in the pews with their families.)

Offertory

David Weigle

Arioso — J. S. Bach
(Sinfonia to Cantata #156)

We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Margaret Darden & Congregation

Holy Wisdom invites us to live as God intends. Let us heed her invitation as we confess our sins.

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The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Wisdom of the Ages, we yearn to forsake our foolish ways and embrace godly knowledge. Cry out in the streets once more, that we may hear your voice and drink deeply of your Spirit. For we are tired of reaping the harvest of our schemes, and we are weary of eating the fruit of our ways. Bridle our lips, Gracious One, that our tongues may speak no evil and utter no falsehoods, but rather proclaim your glory. In your holy and righteous name, we pray. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Following God's law is sweeter than honey, and far more precious than jewels. Wisdom revives the soul and makes us whole.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered — LLANGLOFFAN

Prayers of Remembrance

Dan Thompson & Congregation

Remembrance

God of the years, we call to you this day when the memories of 9/11 weigh so heavily upon our hearts. We remember our fear and anger, our confusion, and sense of threat.

We remember all that was lost to us that day: our sense of security, our peace, our innocence, our belief that we were safely beyond such random violence and death. Most of all we remember those who died in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, their lives of promise extinguished in hatred.

(The Sounding of the Bell)

(continued)

Comfort

We trace the movement of your grace through those who risked their lives to save others. For those whose witness to a deeper wisdom and faith comforted us, we give you thanks.

For public officials, neighbors, friends and strangers who brought to our troubled lives solace and clarity of purpose, we give thanks. For the calm and reassuring voices of the wise who gave us comfort and strength, we give thanks.

(The Sounding of the Bell)

Hope

O God, you have taught us that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. We live by hope in the future you hold for us and the whole world. Bolster our hope when it flags and teach us to strive in all that we do to realize the hope that is in your Word and witness.

Eternal God, in you our hope is boundless. You renew hope in us through the promise of a future in which none shall be afraid or lift up sword against a neighbor. We pray in hope for the peace of the world among peoples and nations, religions and cultures, until we become a beloved community reconciled to one another under your sovereignty.

(The Sounding of the Bell)

Unison Prayer

Congregation

Let us pray:

God of all creation, our hearts are broken over the destruction and loss we remember this day. In our remembering, may we stand with those who mourn and those who cannot stop mourning. Through remembering, may we find new comfort in your care. In our remembering may we be drawn to a new hope for the whole world, and may we gain for ourselves a measure of your peace. Amen.

Anthem

Choir & Congregation

Prayer for Our Time — Joseph M. Martin
(see insert for congregation – stanza 3)

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ Wisdom Calls Out to Us! ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Come and See the Ways of Wisdom — PICARDY
*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

Steve Graham

As we go forth, may the words of our mouths
be acceptable and true.

**May the meditations of our hearts
be loving and pure.**

As we leave this place, may the actions of our lives
be compassionate and just.

**May the stirrings of our hearts
be guided by God’s thoughts and wisdom**

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations — arranged by Robert J. Powell

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Special Church Conference

Following worship, Sunday, September 19th, we will have a special church conference to select our Pastor Search Committee. Earlier this summer, the Member Resource Committee solicited and received recommendations of persons to serve on the Pastor Search Committee from the church membership per the Royal Lane bylaws. The Board of Deacons are nominating seven (7) committee members and two (2) alternates who have agreed to serve if elected. These nominees will be placed before the church membership for election September 19th. A Zoom Meeting will be created for virtual attendees, and an electronic ballot will be available.

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Hymn Notes

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Save The Date

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Your Transition Team is planning a special event
for you and your fellow members of Royal Lane for September 26, 2021.
Details to follow. SAVE THE DATE and don't miss it!!!!

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Study for Wednesday Evening with Steve Graham

I am looking forward to Wednesday evening gatherings on zoom from 6:30 – 7:00 pm, a time for prayer and solace. For the beginning days of this fall I would most like to scratch around with the stepping stones in Belden Lane's *The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality*. I was introduced to this remarkable work on retreat with others at Big Bend National Park.

A brief beginning thought for us to explore:

The spiritual function of fierce terrain...is to bring us to the end of ourselves, to the abandonment of language and the relinquishment of ego. A vast expanse of jagged stone, desert sand, and towering thunderheads has a way of challenging all the mental constructs in which we are tempted to take comfort and pride, thinking we have captured the divine. The things that ignore us save us in the end. — Belden Lane

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

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.



The Pumpkin Patch is Coming Back!

Pump up the wheel barrel tires, find your work gloves, and exercise your core! We will unload the trailer, **Saturday September 25, 9:00 AM – Noon**, on the west side of the church. You can unload pumpkins, cart pumpkins into the “patch”, or help with sales once we let customers “harvest” their selections!

This year, due to health precautions, we will allow our customers to measure their own pumpkins in order to distance appropriately. There will be more detailed instructions posted at the Pumpkin Patch so everyone will know what to do to stay safe.

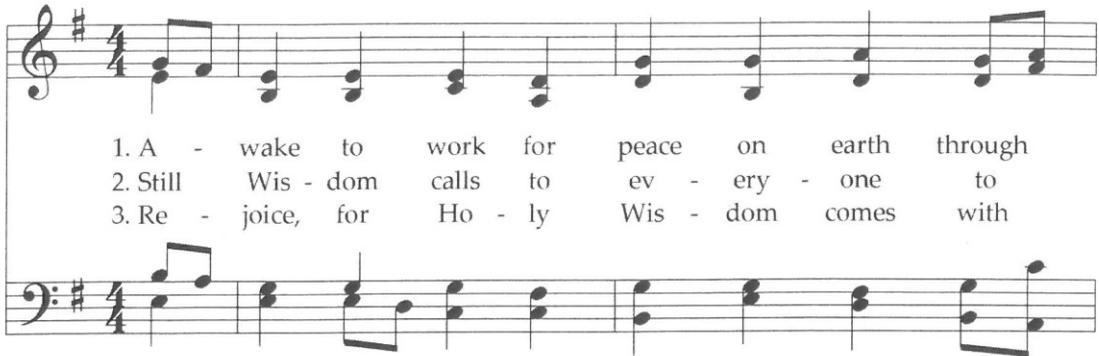
If you are not able to lift pumpkins, but would like to help, you can donate cash to help hire “day workers” to unload the truck. Contact JJ Berrier at 469-831-7339, if you can make a donation.

Use this URL Link - <https://qr.go.page.link/KUW6s> - or the QR Code to take you to the Sign-Up Genius web page to volunteer in the 2021 Pumpkin Patch! Select which days and times you can volunteer to work the sales desk, and then click “submit”. Your donation of time is appreciated, and you may have some seasonal fun, too!



Awake to Work for Peace on Earth

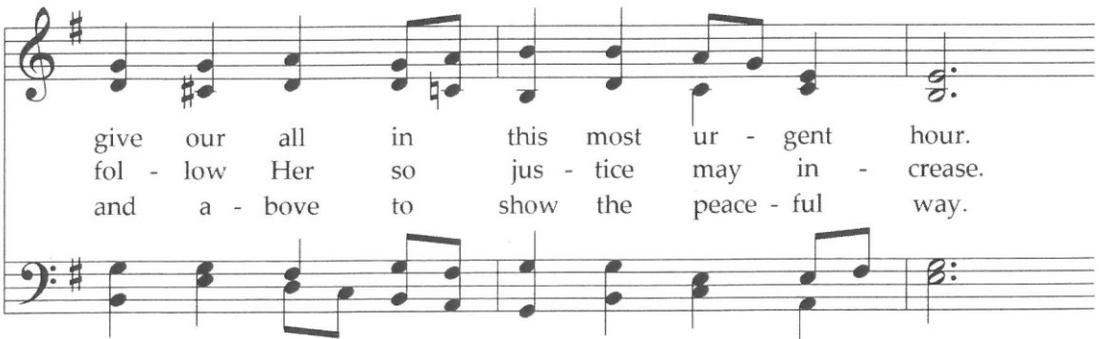
Proverbs 1:20-24, 3:13-18, 8:20



1. A - wake to work for peace on earth through
2. Still Wis - dom calls to ev - ery - one to
3. Re - joice, for Ho - ly Wis - dom comes with



Ho - ly Wis - dom's power; come, join to - geth - er,
join Her work of peace; now let us rise to
guid - ance for each day; She lives with - in us



give our all in this most ur - gent hour.
fol - low Her so jus - tice may in - crease.
and a - bove to show the peace - ful way.

For ag - es long has Wis - dom cried with
We all are bro - ken from the wounds that
Re - joice, for Wis - dom bless - es life with

mes - sage strong and clear; so man - y peo - ple
vio - lence brings to earth; we all are long - ing
gifts be - yond com - pare; then let us co - cre -

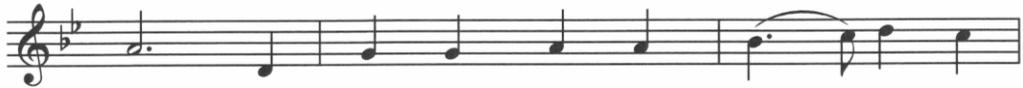
have re - fused Her call through - out the years.
for the day our whole - ness is re - birthed.
ate with Her a world so free and fair.

O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered

Words by CAROLYN WINFREY GILLETTE
Music from Welsh folk melody, Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*



1. O God, our hearts were shat - tered on that hor - ren - dous
2. *We heard of those who per - ished - of he - roes' sac - ri -*
3. Some sought to an - swer ter - ror the on - ly way they
4. *God, give us faith and wis - dom to be your heal - ing*



day; we heard the news and gath - ered to
fice. We paused a - gain to cher - ish the
knew- with an - ger toward the stran - ger and
hands; give o - pen minds that lis - ten to



grieve and then to pray. We cried to you and
gifts of love and life. We wor - ried for the
calls for ven - geance, too. Yet this is not your
truth from all your lands. Give strength to work for



won - dered, "Where did the vio - lence start?" The
fu - ture; we hugged our loved ones then. We
an - swer, nor what you would cre - ate. May
jus - tice; grant love that casts out fear. Then



world as we had known— it had just been torn a - part.
cried, "Can peace be found—here?" "We can't let ter - ror win!"
we live toward a fu - ture where love will con - quer hate.
peace and not de - struc - tion will be the vic - tor here.

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



1. Come and seek the ways of___ Wis - dom, she who danced, when
2. Lis - ten to the voice of___ Wis - dom, cry - ing in the
3. Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was___ new. Fol - low close - ly what she___ tea - ches,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com - pa - nion,



for her words are right and___ true. Wis - dom clears the path to
full of glo - ry, truth and___ grace. When the word takes root and
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be - come your



jus - tice, Show - ing us what love must do.
ri - pens, peace and right - eous - ness em - brace.
peo - ple, Ho - ly friends of God and___ earth.

In response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001
May God bless our nation

A PRAYER FOR OUR TIME

Words by
PAMELA MARTIN (BMI)

Music by
JOSEPH M. MARTIN (BMI)
incorporating MELITA
by JOHN BACCHUS DYKES (1823-1876)

Verse 1: *(Choir only)*

When evil draws its angry sword
and seeks to sever freedom's cord,
When death and darkness shake our faith
in God's unfailing pow'r to save,
Eternal Father, ever be
our courage in the time of need.

Verse 2: *(Choir only)*

When war is waged by faceless foes
who battle peace with fiery blows,
When storms of hate and fear assail,
our Father's mighty arm prevails,
Eternal Father, ever be
our refuge in the time of need.

Verse 3: Congregation may join *(on cue)*

There is no ty - rant who can stand a -
gainst our sure De - fend - er's hand. No
threat or dan - ger can de - feat the strong and right - eous
Prince of Peace. E - ter - nal Fa - ther,
ev - er be our for - tress in the time of need.

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The Scripture this morning is Proverbs 1:20-33, which may be found on page 509 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.

²¹At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

²²"How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?
How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?

²³Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

²⁴Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,

²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.

²⁸Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer;
they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

(continued)

²⁹Because they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD,
³⁰would have none of my counsel,
and despised all my reproof,
³¹therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way
and be sated with their own devices.
³²For waywardness kills the simple,
and the complacency of fools destroys them;
³³but those who listen to me will be secure
and will live at ease, without dread of disaster.”(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!**

Women of the Church – “Bunco and Buntinis”

Tuesday, September 14, 6:30 pm — Vickrey Hall

We will join our special guests, the Men of the Church, for an evening of fun and laughter.



It's a Bunco Party!

- ❖ No experience needed
- ❖ No skill required
- ❖ It's fast moving and fun
- ❖ Prizes for winners and losers.

* We will mask and practice social distance. Please. eat dinner before you arrive. Dessert and coffee provided! We will be collecting items for “care” packages which will be sent to our Royal Lane college students. Please bring an item or two for the packages.

Suggested items: chapstick, hand warmers, breath mints, cookies, pretzels, crackers, etc.

Warning! We will be playing Bunco using dice, but no gambling is allowed.

Schedule for the Week

- Monday** **September 13**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Tuesday** **September 14**
6:30 pm Women of the Church – “Bunco & Buntinis” — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday** **September 15 – Mosaic**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 210
6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **September 16**
7:00 pm Member Resource Committee — Zoom
- Saturday** **September 18**
1:00 pm Third Sunday Fun (Youth) — Angry Birds & Top Golf, 8787 Park Ln, Dallas
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **September 19 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
9:45 am Formations Class — Library
9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Room 208
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 on Program Council — Zoom
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (Deacon Chat, 7:15 pm)

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

Mike Keith & Margaret Darden

When WE Give: we reach out in prayer and support of the community!

July 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 432,543
Expenses	\$ 379,995
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 52,547

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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