

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 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

Kelley & Phil Keith

*There is a woman who is tired of acting weak
when she knows she is strong,
and there is a man who is tired of appearing strong
when he feels vulnerable.*

*There is a woman who is tired of acting humble,
and there is a man who is burdened with the constant
expectation of knowing everything.*

*There is a woman who is tired of being called an 'emotional female',
and there is a man who is denied
the right to be weak and to be gentle.*

*There is a woman who is called unfeminine when she competes,
and there is a man for whom competition is
the only way to prove his masculinity.*

*There is a woman who is tired of being a sex object,
and there is a man who must worry about his potency.*

*There is a woman who feels 'tied down' by her children,
and there is a man who is denied the full pleasure of shared parenthood.*

(continued)

*There is a woman who is denied meaningful employment or equal pay,
and there is a man who must bear full
financial responsibility for another human being.*

*Bringing the promise of New Community,
there is a woman who takes a step toward her own liberation,
and there is a man who finds the way to freedom is made a little easier.*

—Betty Thompson, in *A Chance to Change*
Geneva: WCC Publications, 1982

Voluntary

David Weigle

Praeludium from Partita on LOBE DEN HERREN — Robert Hebble

†Call to Worship

Congregation

Draw near to God
and God will draw near to you.

**As we come into God's presence,
the Spirit is speaking words of wisdom.**

The Spirit calls us to kindness and peace.
Wisdom calls us to service and love

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, like your children everywhere
we are caught up in the pursuit of happiness. There are those who urge
us to find it in seeking wealth, and others who claim it can be found by
being ambitious and seeking self-glorification. We come to worship you
this morning because we believe true happiness and only be found in
following your commands and serving you. Bless our worship, we pray
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

O God of Vision — LOBE DEN HERREN

Words of Welcome

Karen Miller

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

Scripture Lesson

Grace

Proverbs 31:10-27 [Pew Bible page 535 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

How Fair and Pleasant Art Thou — Marcel Dupré
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Bruce Luedke & Congregation

Recognizing that we are easily swayed by the wrong advice and that we have strayed from the ways of the Lord, let us confess our sins to God, with hope of finding love and mercy.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Lord, we want to serve you in a manner that could be rated among the best, but when we look at the attributes of one who serves the family best, we realize we fall far short. We are not as generous to the poor and needy as we could be. We often fear for the future. We do not always speak with a gentle wisdom, and in many other ways we need to improve. Strengthen us in our resolve to be better servants of our Lord, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but the people who fear the Lord are to be praised. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and we can live in peace.

Thanks be to God.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar — HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Prayers of the People

Bettie Meachum & Congregation

God of understanding, through the Word read and proclaimed, and through your Word incarnate, Jesus Christ, you give us the direction we need and show us that there is nowhere else to go but to you with our joys and concerns.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our world that too often follows the advice of wickedness that leads to war, to violence, to conflict between ethnicities, to fear. We pray for the women in the world who, as payment for their devotion and love as capable wives, daughters, sisters, girlfriends, mothers, receive rejection, abuse, heartbreak, and hate.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for relationships that are broken by conflicts and dispute, by murder and deceit, and that cannot find a way back to restoration and healing.

God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our children who have been called the first in God's heart and kingdom but are not welcomed, loved, heard, or spoken to.

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:

We believe in you, God of justice and mercy, and we ask, trusting in your power, to heal the wounded hearts, to restore the brokenness of the world, and to lead us to everlasting peace. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Now let us all Praise God and Sing — Gordon Young

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ Mother Wisdom Loves Ya! ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

For All the Faithful Women — NYLAND
*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

Lobe den Herren — Johann Walther

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Special Church Conference

Following worship today, September 19th, we will have a special church conference to elect 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. A Zoom Meeting has been created for virtual attendees, and an electronic ballot is available.

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Hymn Notes

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Study for Wednesday Evening

with Steve Graham

The Solace of Fierce Landscapes: Exploring Desert and Mountain Spirituality.
by Belden Lane

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124

James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

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 below 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!



O God of Vision



1. O God of vi - sion far great - er than all hu - man schem -
2. Pour out your Spir - it on all now as - sem - bled be - fore
3. Grant to us in - sight, O God, for this time of de - ci -
4. Break the sun's rays in - to col - or, a rain - bow a - round



1. ing, gath - er us now in your pres - ence, re - fresh - ing, re -
2. you. May our di - ver - si - ty here be a means to a -
3. sion. May we dream chal - leng - ing dreams of both depth and pre -
4. us. Storm clouds, though real and near, are not e - nough to con -



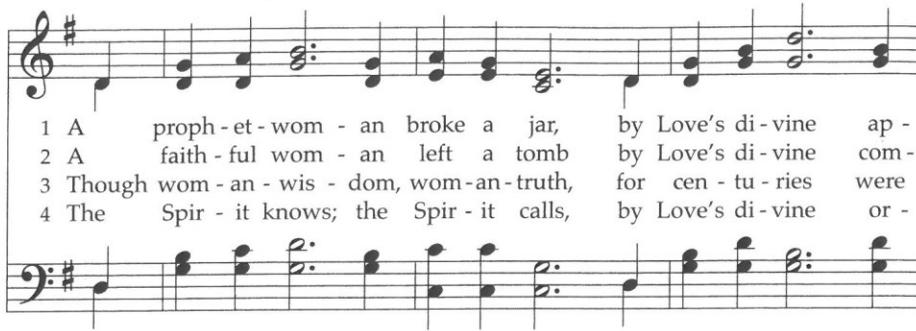
1. deem - ing. Show us a - new life in your breath - tak - ing
2. dore you. Wom - en and men, young, old, and youth - ful a -
3. ci - sion. Speak through the dark. Dis - pel by light - ning's bright
4. found us. Arched in the sky, beau - ty and pro - mise are



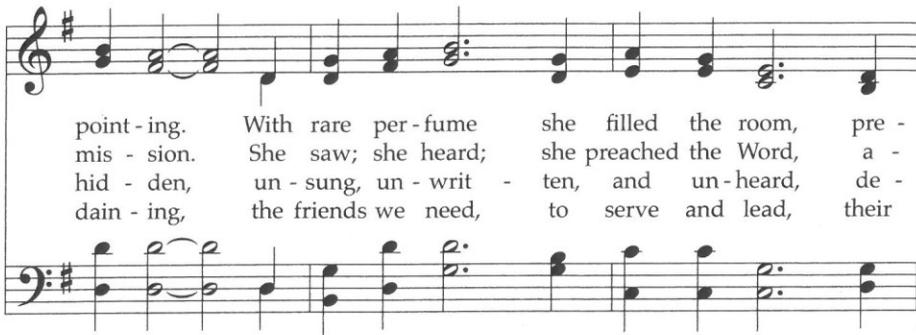
1. view, love - ly be - yond all our dream - ing.
2. gain, make us as one, we im - plore you.
3. spark what - ev - er clouds dim our vi - sion.
4. high, giv - ing us hope to as - tound us.



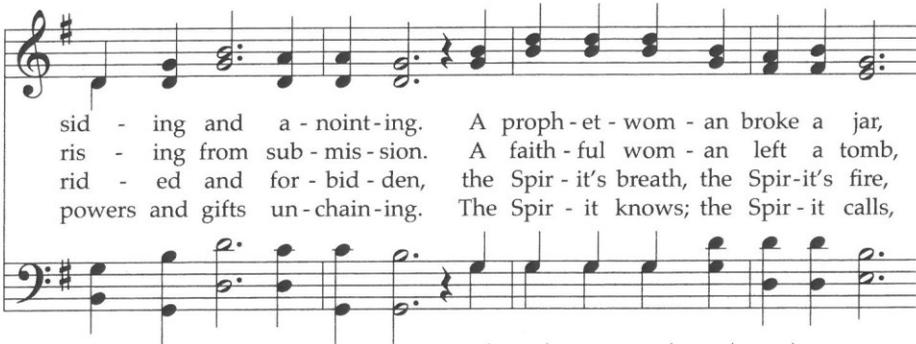
A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar



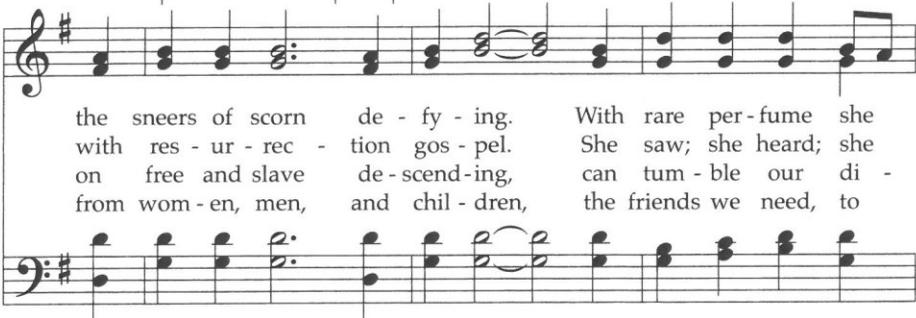
1 A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar, by Love's di-vine ap-
 2 A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb by Love's di-vine com-
 3 Though wom-an-wis-dom, wom-an-truth, for cen-tu-ries were
 4 The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls, by Love's di-vine or-



point-ing. With rare per-fume she filled the room, pre-
 mis-sion. She saw; she heard; she preached the Word, a-
 hid-den, un-sung, un-writ-ten, and un-heard, de-
 dain-ing, the friends we need, to serve and lead, their



sid-ing and a-noint-ing. A proph-et-wom-an broke a jar,
 ris-ing from sub-mis-sion. A faith-ful wom-an left a tomb,
 rid-ed and for-bid-den, the Spir-it's breath, the Spir-it's fire,
 powers and gifts un-chain-ing. The Spir-it knows; the Spir-it calls,



the sneers of scorn de-fy-ing. With rare per-fume she
 with res-ur-rec-tion gos-pel. She saw; she heard; she
 on free and slave de-scend-ing, can tum-ble our di-
 from wom-en, men, and chil-dren, the friends we need, to

filled the room, pre - par - ing Christ for dy - ing.
preached the Word, a - pos - tle to a - pos - tles.
vid - ing walls, our shame and sad - ness mend - ing.
serve and lead. Re - joice, and make them wel - come!

Save The Date

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Your Transition Support Team is planning a special event for you and your fellow members of Royal Lane for September 26, 2021.

5:00 pm – Family “Dinner” Night — Zoom

Details to follow. SAVE THE DATE and don't miss it!!!!

For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
 Eb Cm7 Ab Bb Eb



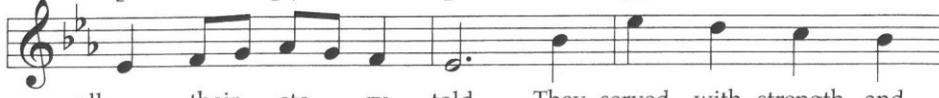
1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
 2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
 3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
 4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
 Bb Eb Cm7 Fm Bb



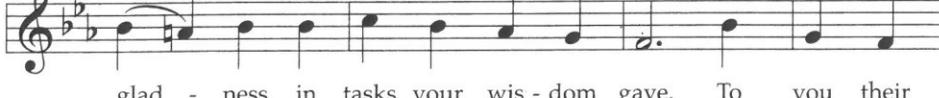
days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
 um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
 pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
 sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
 Eb Bb7 Eb Cm



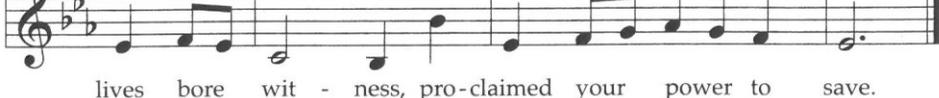
all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
 drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
 hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
 heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
 F Bb Ab Bb Eb



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
 home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
 Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
 ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
 Cm7 Ab Bb Eb Fm Bb Eb



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
 serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
 Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
 in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

The Scripture this morning is Proverbs 31:10-27, which may be found on page 535 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹⁰A capable wife who can find?

She is far more precious than jewels.

¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.

¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.

¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.

¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.

¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.

¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.

¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.

¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.

²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.

²²She makes herself coverings;

her clothing is fine linen and purple.

²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.

²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.

²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.

²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.

(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** **September 19 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**
Following Worship – Special Church Conference — Sanctuary and Zoom
12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom
- Monday** **September 20**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Tuesday** **September 21**
7:00 pm Member Resource Committee — Zoom
- Wednesday** **September 22**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 210
6:30 pm Midweek Study with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering – Game Night & Popcorn — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- Saturday** **September 25**
9:00 am Pumpkin Delivery — Pumpkin Patch
9:30 am Pumpkin Patch Open for Sales
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **September 26 – Eighteenth 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
1:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open for Sales (1:00 5:00 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

Charlotte Sewell & Terry Berrier

When WE Give: we can support Missions through many avenues!

August 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 475,781
Expenses	\$ 433,707
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ 42,074

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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