

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



*Building Life Together
Reminding*

The Worship of God

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 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

There are still those today who want the civic arena and the spiritual arena to be blended, unified, one. Listen to Jesus, of all people, saying no to that notion. Jesus refused to be trapped in the politics of false choice. His was and is a kingdom that is implicit and imbedded in all human and worldly affairs but is not measured by the standards of passing kingdoms. Jesus leaves us with a core question: What belongs to God? How will we know the answer?

Voluntary

David Weigle

Festival Voluntary — Flor Peeters

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

Come, people of God, into the realm of God's reign unfolding as we speak.

We come with awe and wonderment.

Come, people of God, into the clash of empires, hopeful and fearful at the same time.

We come wanting to believe in an empire of tough love and an economy of costly grace.

Come, people of God, into choices that only the eyes of faith can discern.

We come with hope that God will grant us spiritual wisdom and the courage of faith.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

We Utter Our Cry — LYONS

Words of Welcome

Sandy Washington

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

Scripture Lesson

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Matthew 22:15-22 [Pew Bible page 803 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

Laura Keller

(Children remain in the pews with their families.)

Hymn 665 [see insert]

Congregation

Because I Have Been Given Much — SEMINARY

(stanza one only)

Our Strong Foundation: Reminding

Sheryl Gambill

Offertory

David Weigle

“Brother James Air” — arranged by Searle Wright
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane’s Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Blake Vickrey & Congregation

We are invited to reflect on the wrongs we have done, the good we have neglected and the motives that underlie our behavior. What are the idols that attract us, the responsibilities we seek to avoid, the schemes by which we pursue selfish advantages? God knows, but we need to recognize and confess them.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

God, almost every day we wrestle with overwhelming choices – Caesar or God, life or death, love or hate, possessions or freedom. Often we choose wisely, but then there are those other times. Our wants get confused with our needs. Our “must haves” overshadow our satisfaction with ourselves, our loved ones, and even life itself. Give to us the vision and wisdom to see your way clearly. Then empower us with your grace and courage, that we might take the higher path. In all things keep us faithful to your gift of love – for you, for our neighbors, and for ourselves. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

When we allow God to touch us, our malice is melted down, our fears are defeated, our failures are forgiven.

God raises us from death to new life, from helplessness to hope, from arrogant self-seeking to humble service. God will fully satisfy our every need according to God’s riches.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending — NETTLETON

Prayers of the People

Linda Cross & Congregation

With the whole people of God in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

Silence Is Kept

Lord of the church, help us to give to you what is yours. Make us faithful stewards of our time, talents, and treasures. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(continued)

Lord of creation, help us to share our bounties. Plant in us a willing and able desire to utilize the world's resources wisely and without bias. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of the nations, help us to put aside malice. Teach us to fight for justice, to liberate the oppressed, and to advocate for those who have no voice. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Lord of life, help us in our need. Restore the minds, bodies, and spirits of those who are sick and soothe those who suffer, especially:

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

Silence Is Kept

Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

Let us pray:

Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Anthem

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

Steve Graham

“ Building Life Together: Reminding ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated — HENDON

*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

We have gathered in community to worship God.

Now our service of praise continues in the world.

We have been equipped with the gospel message.

God empowers our outreach wherever we go.

We serve a true and living God, everywhere present.

We are blessed to be God’s own people.

We will spend ourselves this week for God’s children.

Then we will return to strengthen one another.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Epilogue — Norman Gilbert

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Cover Art

Mosaic from Lullingstone Villa

The site of one of the earliest known Christian chapels in the British Isles,
dating from the 4th century.

The mosaic and wall paintings have been well-preserved,
offering an understanding of the symbolic nature of early Christian worship.

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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

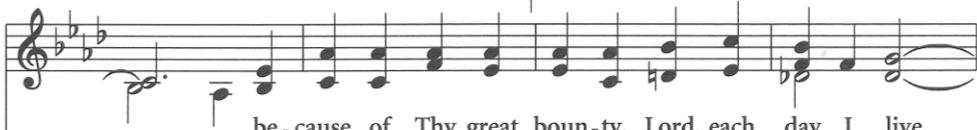
world in our care, For peo - ple di - min - ished by doubt and de - spair.
tinc - tion of life, All en - er - gy wast - ed on weap - ons of death.
ta - bles for peace, That they may from bi - as and guile be re - leased.
heart - beat and breath, Choose Christ be - fore Cae - sar and life be - fore death!

Because I Have Been Given Much

Unison



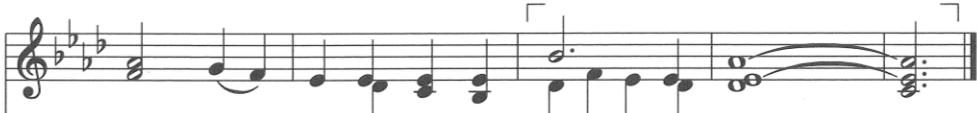
1. Be - cause I have been giv - en much, I, too, must give;
2. Be - cause I have been shel-tered, fed, by Thy good care,
3. Be - cause love has been lav - ished so up - on me, Lord,



be - cause of Thy great boun-ty, Lord, each day I live,
I can - not see an - oth - er's lack and I not share
a wealth I know that was not meant for me to hoard,



I shall di - vide my gifts from Thee with ev - ery per - son that I
my glow - ing fire, my loaf of bread, my roof's safe shel - ter o - ver -
I shall give love to those in need, shall show that love by word and



see who has the need of help from me.
head, that they too may be com - fort - ed.
deed: thus shall my thanks be thanks in - deed.



God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,
2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3. Trea - sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je - sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.



Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
3 Take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
4 Take my love, my God, I pour at thy feet its



Lord, to thee; take my hands and let them move
ful for thee; take my voice and let me sing
ges for thee; take my sil - ver and my gold,
treas - ure store; take my - self and I will be



at the im - pulse of thy love, at the im - pulse of thy love.
al - ways, on - ly, for my King, al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
not a mite would I with - hold, not a mite would I with - hold.
ev - er, on - ly, all for thee, ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

The Scripture this morning is Matthew 22:15-22, which may be found on page 803 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

(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!**

Study for Wednesday Evening
IN FOCUS
with **Steve Graham**
Native American Partnerships

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

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.

Hymn Notes
We Utter Our Cry

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Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

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Women of the Church October 12, 6:30 pm

How can conflicts be minimized through wills and estate planning?

Come find the answer to this question and much more when our own Bill Elliott will present "Taking Care of Business: Personal Legal Planning". As an experienced tax, estate planning and probate attorney, Bill will share his experience and observations to help us plan wisely.

Bring your favorite salad to share for dinner as we practice a COVID safe dining plan. All are welcome to join us at 6:30 for fellowship and an informative program.

IN FOCUS

October 13, 6:15 pm - Native American Partnerships

In this presentation led by Rev. Dr. Stephen Graham, we will learn about Native American partnerships in Oklahoma.

There are 47 tribes in the state of Oklahoma. The Oakerhater Episcopal Center in Watonga, Oklahoma, is the center of Native American Ministries within the Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma. The center is also home to Whirlwind Mission, a Cheyenne and Arapaho mission.

Each Sunday the mission voices this prayer. "Creator, we give you thanks for all that you are and all that you bring to us within your creation. In Jesus, you shared the Gospel in the Center of the Sacred Circle through which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen"

In the summer of 2013, the Oakhater Center generously opened their space for a mission team from Royal Lane. This group worked with the Watonga Indian Baptist Church and the Canton Native American Baptist Ministry. Over the next 8 years groups from across the country partnered with these congregations as well as the All Tribes Baptist Church of Geary, Oklahoma extending the work that began with the team from Royal Lane.

The Giving Tree

The Missions Division needs your help to provide winter clothes for an Afghan family of five, as they settle into life in our community. We will have items of clothing for each family member attached to the leaves of the Giving Tree, located in the Narthex. Please take a leaf and bring the new items back to the church by Sunday October 31st. If possible, please include the gift receipt in case the size needs to be exchanged. Working together, we can make a difference in the life of this refugee family.

Pumpkin Patch 2021 – Open Through October 31

This year, due to health precautions, we will allow our customers to measure their own pumpkins in order to distance appropriately.

Use this URL Link - <https://qrگو.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!



RLBC Fall Festival!

The RLBC fall festival is back! We need lots of people to help this be a smashing event. Fall festival will be held on Sunday, October 24, from 3PM-5PM and we need volunteers to help setup/clean-up, run games, bring candy or cupcakes and open up their trunk and pass out candy (candy will be provided).

Due to COVID concerns we ask that everyone in attendance wear a mask. This year's fall festival will be for RLBC members and friends only.

Contact Kelley Keith (kkeith19@gmail.com) or Lisa Chastain (lisamerced@gmail.com) with questions.

Sign up today at <https://bit.ly/2YnD99w>



Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **October 10 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
Following Worship – Called Church Conference, Election of Deacons
1:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open (1:00 – 5:00 pm)
2:00 pm Celebration of Life – Rex Gerald “Jerry” Raiza — Sanctuary
 Reception — Vickrey Hall
7:30 pm Deacons Meeting — Zoom (Deacon Chat, 7:15 pm)
- Monday – Friday**
11:00 am – 6:00 pm — Pumpkin Patch Open
- Monday** **October 11**
7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom
- Tuesday** **October 12**
9:00 am Red Cross Blood Drive — Vickrey Hall
6:30 pm WOC – Vickrey Hall (Bring a Salad to share)
 “Taking Care of Business: Personal Legal Planning” with Bill Elliott
- Wednesday** **October 13**
10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 210
6:30 pm IN FOCUS – Native American Partnerships, with Steve Graham — Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering – Pumpkin (Cookie) Decorating — Pumpkin Patch
- Saturday – Sunday**
Fall Youth Retreat — Sister Grove Farm
- Saturday** **October 16**
9:00 am Pumpkin Patch Open (9:00 am – 6:00 pm)
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **October 17 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**
9:15 am Children’s SS Classes — Zoom
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 pm Choir Rehearsal & Lunch — Sanctuary & Library
1:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open (1:00 – 5:00 pm)

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

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

Tex Quesada & Sandy Washington

When WE Give: we are reminded of the strong foundation found at RLBC.

August 2021 Financials

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

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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.

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