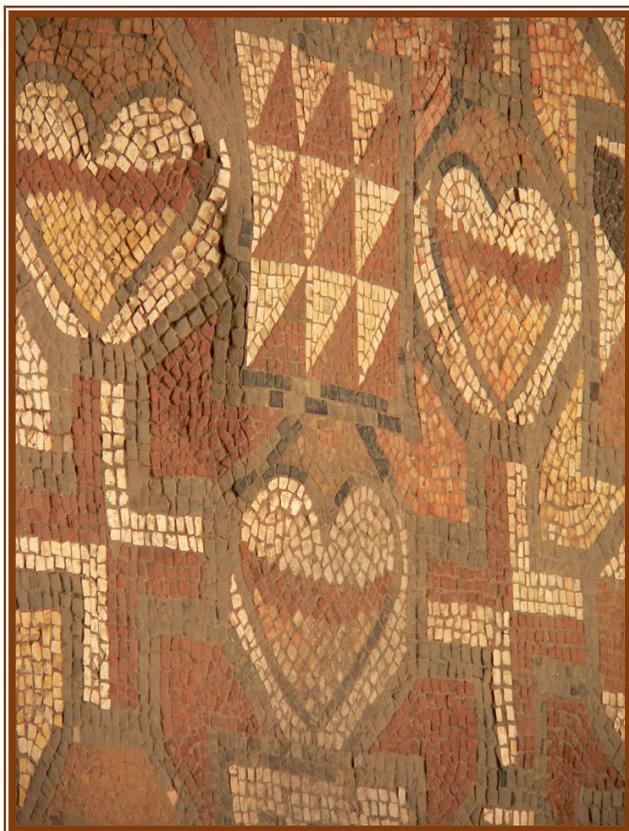


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



*Building Life Together
Reassessing*

The Worship of God

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 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

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Voluntary

To God Be the Glory — arranged by Robert J. Powell

David Weigle

†Call to Worship

You have been called to the banquet.

This is the feast.

You have been summoned to the wedding.

This is the feast of life and light.

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

We have come to the banquet that has no end.

Alleluia! Amen!

Congregation

†Invocation

Let us pray:

Holy God, you set before us every day a bounty of good things. Bring us to your feasting table, hungry for your Word, eager to build the cities you have made, and ready to receive strangers so that we celebrate at all times and in all places the peace which is life to you. Amen.

Amen.

Congregation

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

As We Gather at Your Table — HOLY MANNA

Words of Welcome

Cookie Stokes

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

Scripture Lesson

Harper W.

Matthew 22:1-14 [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

Steve Graham

(Children remain in the pews with their families.)

Hymn 665 [see insert]

Congregation

Because I Have Been Given Much — SEMINARY

(stanza two only)

Our Strong Foundation: Reassessing

John & Theresa Helms

Offertory

Bryan Williams, flute, & David Weigle

“Adagio” from Clarinet Concerto – W. A. Mozart — arr. Colin Cowles

We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane’s Ministry.

See back cover for ways to give.

Call to Confession

Karen Simmons & Congregation

Let us come before the throne of God, the mercy seat, with all of our humanity,
open to the peace of promised forgiveness.

(continued)

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

You invite us to your feast, O God, and we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. You have made for us a wonderful earth, and we neglect the gift. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway you desire for us. Be our guide and our conscience. Turn our feet and hands to your will, that all we do might give glory to you. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

The God of peace, who calls all creation to live in unity, hears your plea. In the spirit of feasting and thanksgiving, in the mercy of Almighty God, you are forgiven!

For the sake of Christ Jesus, our Savior, who died and rose from the dead to destroy the shroud of despair, let us rejoice! Thanks be to God.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

We Dream of a Turning — LOCH LOMOND

Prayers of the People

Alan Greider & Congregation

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

Silence Is Kept

Come near us, Lord God. Let your church rejoice at your banquet where all are invited and welcomed, washed and fed, forgiven and chosen. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come near us, Lord God. Let your world rejoice in peace which surpasses understanding, at tables overflowing with good food and drink, and where shrouds of sorrow are lifted. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Come near us, Lord God. Let your people rejoice with faces wiped free of tears, minds unbound from disgrace, bodies freed from suffering, and souls restored. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

(continued)

For the special needs of those whose names we remember now.

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

Silence Is Kept

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
Bryan Williams, piccolo
Jon Lee, percussion

Come to the Music — Joseph M. Martin

Celebrate, celebrate, come to the music.

Celebrate, celebrate, come to the dance.

*Celebrate, celebrate, sing alleluia,
celebrate, celebrate, clap your hands.*

Come to the music and let alleluias surround you.

Come to the music and let each hosanna astound you.

Come hear the jubilant song of creation.

Come hear the music which rings as a hope to the nations.

Music is the sound of creation, Crashing sea and mourning dove.

Music is the voice of worship, music lifts our hearts above.

Music is our common language, music is the song of love.

Gloria, gloria, sing alleluia. Gloria, Gloria, sing to the Lord.

Gloria, gloria, sing alleluia, Gloria, gloria, sing evermore.

Gloria, gloria Deo. Alleluia, alleluia. Gloria, gloria Deo.

Sermon

Steve Graham

“ Building Life Together: Reassessing ”

†Hymn of Commitment 484 [see insert]

Congregation

The Love of Jesus Calls Us — ANGEL'S STORY

*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 you have been fed at this table of worship.

let us go to feed the hungry.

As you have been set free,

let us go to set free the imprisoned.

As you have received,

let us give.

As you have heard,

let us proclaim.

And the blessing that you have received from
the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, be with you always.
Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

A Joyous Recessional — Matthew H. Carl

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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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November 7, All Saints' Sunday

On Sunday, November 7, 2021, we will honor the saints of Royal Lane Baptist Church who have passed away since October 25 of 2020. If you have a family member you would like to honor in this service, please leave a message with the church office, 214-361-2809, by Friday, October 29 for listing in the Order of Worship. Include name, date of death, and your relationship to this person. We have gathered many names for this list. Please. Check with the church office to make sure we have included your family member.

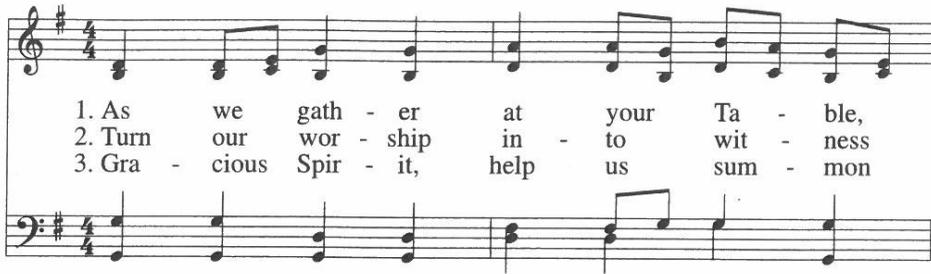


You may also submit your remembrance requests by email to bmerry@royallane.org or jschultz@royallane.org in the church office.

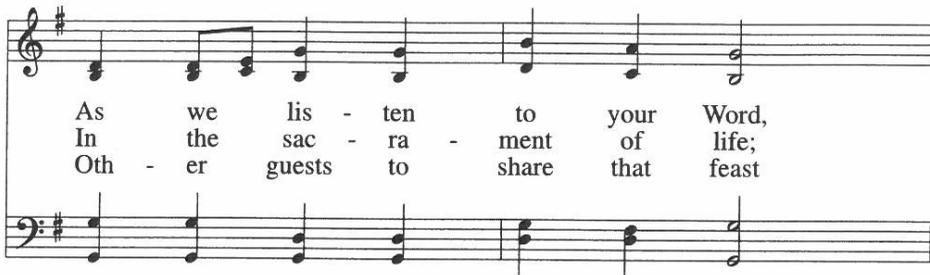
The Giving Tree

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.

As We Gather at Your Table



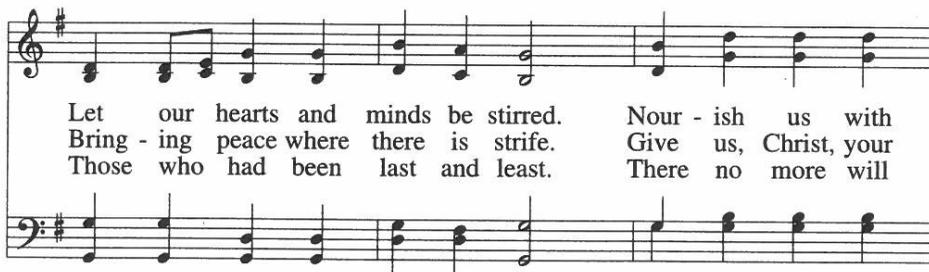
1. As we gath - er at your Ta - ble,
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon



As we lis - ten to your Word,
In the sac - ra - ment of life;
Oth - er guests to share that feast



Help us know, O God, your pres - ence:
Send us forth to love and serve you,
Where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come



Let our hearts and minds be stirred. Nour - ish us with
Bring - ing peace where there is strife. Give us, Christ, your
Those who had been last and least. There no more will

sa - cred sto - ry Till we claim it as our own;
 great com - pas - sion To for - give as you for - gave;
 en - vy blind us Nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

Teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet
 May we still be - hold your im - age
 As we join with saints and an - gels

How to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 In the world you died to save.
 To re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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.

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.

We Dream of a Turning



1. We dream of a turn - ing from ag - es of wrong, earth to
2. We dream of a feast where there's no one out-side, turned a -
3. We dream of a moun - tain where no harm is done, where the



E - den re - stored, and our par - don. Like Eve and Ad - am, join in a
way due to dif - f'rence or la - bel, when all the weap - ons forged to de -
wolf and the lamb lie to - geth - er, a lit - tle child shall dance, lead - ing



sto - ry and a song as we wan - der with God through the gar - den.
stroy or to di - vide turn to rust far from God's ho - ly ta - ble.
all the crea - tures on, as we join hand to hoof, claw, and feath - er!



Where true peace is shin - ing as hate rolls a - way, see, God's



bright new cre - a - tion is gleam - ing. The morn - ing rays that dawn on our



wea - ry, wak - ing day bring a hope far be - yond all our dream - ing.

The Love of Jesus Calls Us

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Love of Jesus Calls Us'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The first system contains four numbered verses. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system includes a breath mark '(b)' at the beginning of the vocal line. The fourth system concludes the piece with a double bar line.

1. The love of Je - sus calls us our joy - ous praise to sing;
2. The love of Je - sus calls us, that we may al - ways be
3. The love of Je - sus calls us to go where He would go,
4. The love of Je - sus calls us in swift - ly chang - ing days,

our deep - ly felt thanks - giv - ings we now to - geth - er bring,
com - pan - ions on a jour - ney, where all the world may see
to chal - lenge all that lim - its, to change, to learn, to grow,
to be God's co - cre - a - tors in new and won - drous ways;

(b) for all God's man - y bless - ings, un - asked yet still re - ceived,
that serv - ing Christ is free - dom which time does not des - troy;
to know that Christ has freed us, that pris - ons are no more;
that God with men and wom - en may so trans - form the earth,

and for the gen - er - a - tions who faith - ful - ly be - lieved.
where Christ's com - mand is du - ty, and ev - ery du - ty joy.
for those who seek His king - dom, Christ o - pens ev - ery door.
that love and peace and jus - tice may give God's king - dom birth.

The Scripture this morning is Matthew 22:1-14, which may be found on page 803 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

(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!**

Wednesday Evening
Quarterly Church Conference

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

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 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 17 – Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost**

Youth Retreat — Sister Grove Farm

12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal & Lunch — Sanctuary & Library

1:00 pm Pumpkin Patch Open (1:00 – 5:00 pm)

Monday – Friday

11:00 am – 6:00 pm — Pumpkin Patch Open

Monday **October 18**

7:30 pm Transition Support Team — Zoom

Wednesday **October 20 – Mosaic**

10:00 am Holy Rollers — Room 210

6:30 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom

7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)

Saturday **October 23**

9:00 am Pumpkin Patch Open (9:00 am – 6:00 pm)

1:00 pm Celebration of the Life of Jo Ferguson — Sanctuary

(This service will be livestreamed on the Royal Lane YouTube Channel)

Greet the family — west end of the Cunningham Arcade

8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday **October 24 – Twenty-second 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

3:00 pm Fall Festival — Church Grounds (3:00 – 5:00 pm)

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

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://qrgo.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!



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

Alan Greider & Christin Lavery

When WE Give: we can reassess our thoughts, values, gifts, and strengths.

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.

Donate online at royallane.org/give/



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