

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 19, 2022

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](http://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

*God imparts the miracle of transformation in myriad ways; turning a jar of water into wine, imparting divine gifts to us, loving us with a steadfast love that never ends, rescuing us from exile, and restoring us with abundant love. The miracle of transformation flows through our lives, as it does through today's scripture readings. Fill the emptiness of our lives with the abundant love of God. Then watch the miracles grow.*

—John 2, Psalm 36

### Voluntary

Scott Ayers

### ✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

Come to the feast.

**God welcomes us here.**

Come to be fed.

**Christ nourishes us with love.**

Come to be transformed.

**The Spirit re-creates us anew each day.**

### ✠ Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Living Water, flow through our worship. Nourish us with your loving presence. Draw us ever closer to you, that our empty vessels may be filled, and that our dry souls may be transformed into fountains of love, life, and joy. Amen.**

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Come, Join in Cana's Feast* — ST. THOMAS

Words of Welcome

Steve Graham

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

Scripture Lesson

Mara T.

*The Wedding Party* – based on John 2:1-11 [ see insert ]

Call to Confession

Alan Greider & Congregation

In the light of Christ, we see the darkness of our world and of our hearts. Trusting in God's saving love, let us confess our sin.

The Confession of Sin

When hope runs dry, lift us out of despair, O God,

**and fill us with the waters of renewal.**

When our efforts fall short, forgive our failings,

**and reclaim us with your promise.**

When the weight of worry holds us down, lift us up with your comfort,

**and show us the way forward.**

Transform our lives, as you once transformed water into wine,  
that we may flow with abundant love.

**Transform your creation and your people, as you once transformed a formless void into this good and fruitful earth. In hope and gratitude, we pray. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

God's steadfast love shines as a fountain of light, transforming our lives with goodness and grace. God does this as easily as Christ turned water into wine.

†Hymn 638 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* — James Weldon Johnson & J. Rosamond Johnson

Prayers of Justice and Remembrance

Sandy Washington & Congregation

As we remember and honor the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we embrace his global vision of Beloved Community, in which all people can share in the wealth of the earth. We pray for a world that honors standards of human decency which refuses to tolerate poverty, hunger, and homelessness. We pray for the eradication of racism and all forms of discrimination, bigotry, and prejudice. We pray that love and trust will triumph over fear and hatred. We pray that peace with justice will prevail over war and military conflict. With all this in our hearts and on our minds, we come to you in prayer.

God of mercy and justice:

We ask for your guidance as we strive towards Beloved Community.

As your servants, you call us to the mission of continuing this work.

We are not about to turn around.

**We are on the move now.**

Yes, we are on the move and no wave of racism can stop us.

**We are on the move now.**

Acts of violence against our places of worship will not deter us.

Fear and hatred that target your beloved children will not dissuade us.

**We are on the move now.**

The shooting and killing of our young people will not divert us.

**We are on the move now.**

Like an idea whose time has come,

not even the marching of mighty armies can halt us.

**We are on the move now.**

And we are on the move because the Spirit of God is upon us...

to preach good tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted,

to proclaim liberation to the captives,

and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

**We are on the move, and we thank you God for going with us.**

**Amen.**

—Adapted from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech in  
Montgomery, AL on March 25, 1965.

Solo

Rita Nsumbu

*Steal Away to Heaven* — arranged by Mark Hayes

*Nobody knows the trouble I've seen. Nobody knows but Jesus.*

*Nobody knows the trouble I've seen. Glory hallelujah!*

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down.

Oh yes, Lord, Sometimes I'm almost to the ground.

*Sometimes I feel like a motherless child a long way from home.*

*Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone, way up in the heav'nly land.*

I'll steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home

I ain't got long to stay here, No I ain't got long to stay here.

Sermon

Steve Graham

### **“ The Miracle is Believing! ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment [ see insert ]

Congregation

*They'll Know We Are Christians* — ST. BRENDAN'S

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,*

*please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Offertory Prayer

Sharon Vickrey

Whether your jars are empty or full of wine, whether your gifts seem mighty or small, they are gifts to be treasured and shared, just as we are gifts to be treasured and shared.

Let us share ourselves and our gifts with the world this day. Christ of miracles, transform the gifts we return to you, that they may be gifts of abundant life, and ever-flowing love, for a world thirsting for your grace. In gratitude and joy, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Scott Ayers

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

*See back cover for ways to give.*

✠ Sending Forth

Steve Graham

As we have been filled,

**We go now to fill the world.**

Let us fill the world with love.

**Let us fill the world with hope.**

Fill the world with Christ.

**For as we nourish others,**

**God transforms the world through us.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

Scott Ayers

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[Royallane.org/register](http://Royallane.org/register)



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Hymn Notes

**Come, Join in Cana's Feast**

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## Guest Organist – Scott Ayers



A native of Greenville, South Carolina, Scott has been a church musician since the age of twelve and has accompanied musical theater productions since his late teens. He has served churches in South Carolina, Oklahoma and Texas, as well as presenting keyboard concerts in more than a dozen states.

Scott is the musical director for several local theaters as well as several schools in the Plano area. He holds a degree in Music Theory and Composition from Oklahoma Baptist University and has done graduate work in Jazz Theory and Composition at the University of South Carolina. He has produced four albums and has a number of published

arrangements for choir, keyboard and orchestra.

## Soloist – Rita Nsumbu

Mudibu Rita Nsumbu is a Fort Worth native who performs all over the DFW. She is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University where she competed and won 2 NATS Great Plains competitions. Rita was a member of both The Irving Chorale and The Dallas Symphony Chorus. In 2019 appeared with the Fort Worth Opera in a production of *Porgy and Bess* composed by George Gershwin. She has previously been seen in musical theatre shows such as *The Sound of Music*, *Mary Poppins*, *Aida*, *Phantom*, and *The Little Mermaid*. Rita also wrote and performed lyrics for the song cycle, *The 5 Stages of Grief*, composed by up-and-coming composer Stephen Ryan Jackson.



Thank you to Terry Berrier for serving as worship music leader today.

# **Quarterly Church Conference**

## **Wednesday, January 19**

### **6:15 pm – Zoom**

An update of the 2022 budget will be presented at the Quarterly Church Conference. When the budget is finalized, a called meeting will be scheduled to present the budget for a vote. Please contact Janet Schultz at [jschultz@royallane.org](mailto:jschultz@royallane.org), or 214-361-2809, ext. 11 if you would like to receive a mailed copy of the proposed budget.

The Deacon Board has approved an amendment to our mission statement which will be presented to the church membership for approval. See proposed change: underlined.

## *Royal Lane Baptist Church*

### *Mission and Vision Statement*

Royal Lane Baptist Church is an inclusive, multi-generational community of believers in God as revealed in Jesus Christ. We believe in the inspiration of scripture, the equality of all persons, unity in diversity, and the priesthood of all believers. In communion with and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we follow the way of Christ and share the good news through worship, education, missions, and ministries.

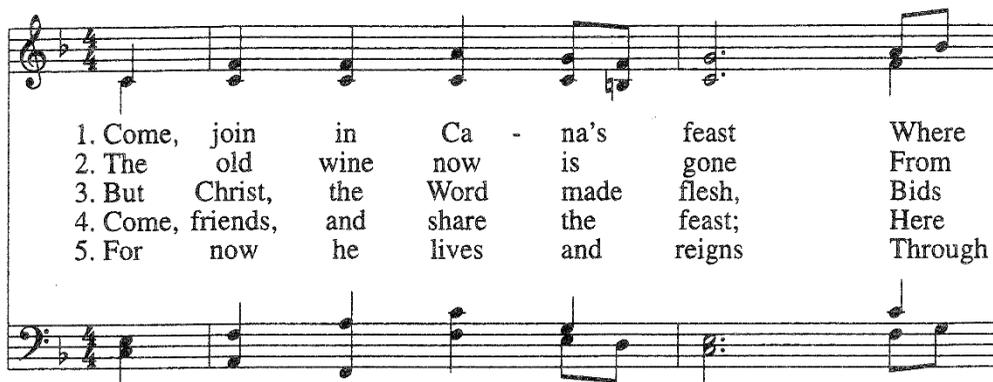
We are a vibrant welcoming and affirming mosaic of ethnicities, racial identities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and socio-economics. We affirm the sacredness, dignity, and equality of every person.

Royal Lane is a progressive and autonomous Baptist church valuing the freedom to minister alongside other groups, both Christian and non-Christian.

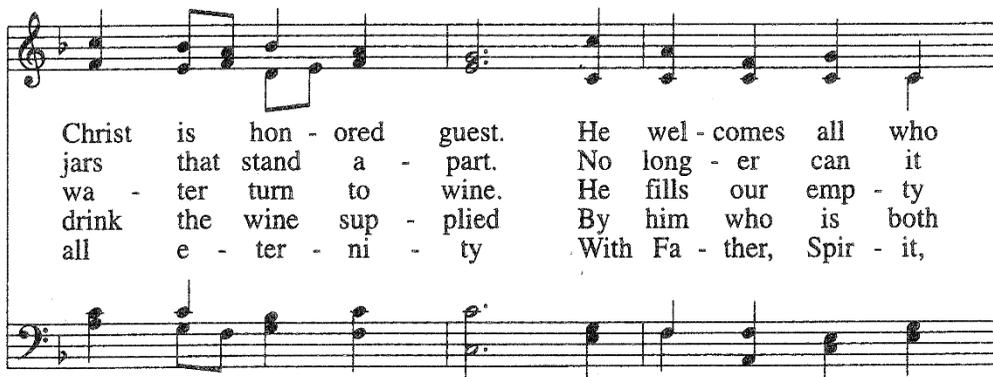
#### **We commit ourselves to:**

- Worship that challenges the mind, stirs the heart, and lifts the spirit within the context of music, art, and liturgy.
- Christian education that is relevant, innovative, and based on thoughtful biblical information.
- Love one another as God loves us. We put this love into action through missions and ministries in our church, our community, and our world.
- A proclamation of the Christian faith that is responsible and free, socially concerned, and relevant to our needs as a caring and inclusive fellowship in today's society.

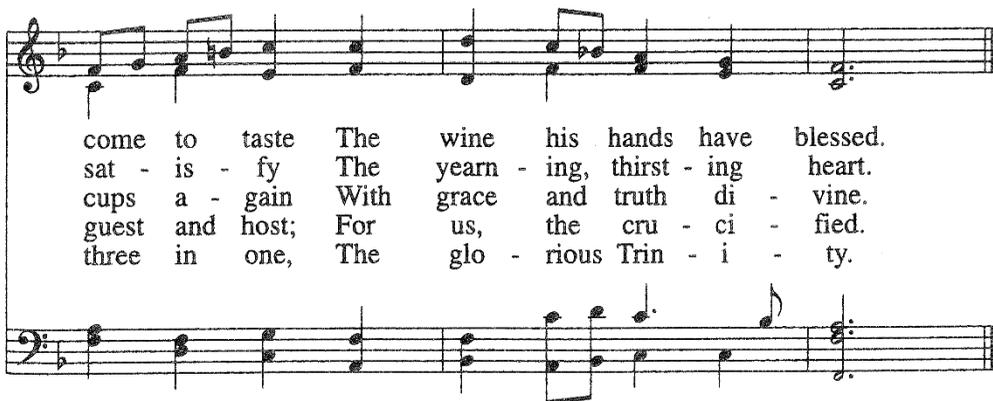
# Come, Join in Cana's Feast



1. Come, join in Ca - na's feast Where  
2. The old wine now is gone From  
3. But Christ, the Word made flesh, Bids  
4. Come, friends, and share the feast; Here  
5. For now he lives and reigns Through



Christ is hon - ored guest. He wel - comes all who  
jars that stand a - part. No long - er can it  
wa - ter turn to wine. He fills our emp - ty  
drink the wine sup - plied By him who is both  
all e - ter - ni - ty With Fa - ther, Spir - it,



come to taste The wine his hands have blessed.  
sat - is - fy The yearn - ing, thirst - ing heart.  
cups a - gain With grace and truth di - vine.  
guest and host; For us, the cru - ci - fied.  
three in one, The glo - rious Trin - i - ty.

# Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift ev - ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en  
2. Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chast - ening  
3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -  
rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had the  
tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty; let our re - joic - ing rise, high as the lis - tening  
died; yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry  
way; Thou who hast by Thy might, led us in - to the

skies, let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.  
feet, come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?  
light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered,  
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee.

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought  
 we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -  
 Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -  
 tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at  
 Thee; shad-owed be - neath Thy hand, may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.  
 last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.  
 stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

# They'll Know We Are Christians

*Unison*

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord.  
We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand.  
We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side.  
And all praise to Christ Je - sus, his on - ly Son.

And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored.  
And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
And we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.  
And all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one.

*Refrain*

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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The Scripture this morning is John 2:1-11, which may be found on page 863 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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**2** On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

*(NRSV)*

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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**     **January 16 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**  
1:00 pm     Program Council — Zoom
- Monday**     **January 17**  
Church Office Closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Wednesday**     **January 19**  
10:00 am     Holy Rollers — Room 212  
6:15 pm     Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom  
7:00 pm     Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
- Saturday**     **January 22**  
2:00 pm     Questers Class — Zoom  
8:00 pm     Non-Traditional Class — Zoom
- Sunday**     **January 23 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
9:15 am     Children's SS Classes — Zoom  
9:45 am     Formations Class — Room 202  
9:45 am     Foundation Stones Class — Room 208  
10:00 am     Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)  
10:30 am     Children ages 3 year through 5th grade — Vickrey Hall  
10:55 am     Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
                  or Royal Lane YouTube Channel

*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](mailto:info@royallane.org).

## **How to Connect**

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — [royallane.org/resources/events](http://royallane.org/resources/events)  
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalm 19**  
**1 Corinthians 12:12-31a Luke 4:14-21**

### 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](http://royallane.org/prayer)  
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

**Deacons on Call**  
Alan Greider & Sandy Washington

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