Royal Lane Baptist Church

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 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 (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. To help maintain the spirit of worship of the building.

Chiming of the Hour

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

Voluntary

*Call to Worship

When disasters strike, where can we go?

God is always there.

When enemies surround us, whom can we trust?

Christ is always with us.

When life is hard, who can ease the load?

The spirit is always there to sustain us. Come! Let us worship the God of our salvation. Michael T. Smith

Sarah Macias & Congregation

Congregation

Let us pray: Servant Christ, help us to follow you into the desert, with you to fast, denying false luxury, refusing the tempting ways of self-indulgence, the way of success at all costs, the way of coercive persuasion. Servant Christ, help us to follow you. Amen.

--from "Litany of the Disciples of Christ the Servant" (India), in Worship in an Indian Context, ed. Eric J. Lott (Bangalore: United Theological College, 1986.

#Hymn 169 [see insert]

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days — ST. FLAVIAN

Words of Welcome

*Invocation

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

Scripture Lesson

Luke 4:1-13 [Pew Bible page 835 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 Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play,

Hymn [see insert]

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley — LONESOME VALLEY

You may collect your children in Vickrey Hall following the service.

Offertory Prayer

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Steve Graham

Lillie T.

Congregation

Laura Keller

Congregation

Andrea Nuss

Offertory

Arnold Rawls

Ride the Morning Winds — arranged by Michael T. Smith We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry. See back cover for ways to give.

Prayers of the People

Patsy Meier & Congregation

Shake Us From Our Slumber

When our eyes do not see the gravity of racial justice,

Shake us from our slumber and open our eyes, O Lord.

When out of fear we are frozen into inaction,

Give us a spirit of bravery, O Lord.

When we try our best but say the wrong things,

Give us a spirit of humility, O Lord.

When the chaos dies down,

Give us a lasting spirit of solidarity, O Lord

When it becomes easier to point fingers outwards,

Help us to examine our own hearts, O Lord.

God in your truth, in your wisdom,

Enlighten us.

God of hope in your kindness,

Heal us.

Creator of All People, in your generosity,

Guide Us.

Racism breaks our hearts,

Break our hearts for what breaks yours, O Lord

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:

Ever present God, you called us to be in relationship with one another and promised to dwell wherever two or three are gathered. In our community, we are many different people; we come from many different places, have many different cultures. Open our hearts that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion and the treasures of diversity among us. We pray in faith. Amen.

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Solo

Arnold Rawls

Steve Graham

Sermon

" When You Are Good and Hungry! "

Communion

All Believers

Invitation to the Table Because it matters we all matter because bread and wine matter all are welcome her to taste and see the good things God is doing.

Words of Institution

Here is bread and drink for the journey.

Take and be filled.

Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake of communion and return via the outside aisles.

Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.

Sung Response 707 [see insert] Worshipers *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* — OLD HUNDREDTH

Commissioning and Blessing of Kenna Curry

Charlotte Sewell

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and his church, and on behalf of Royal Lane Baptist Church, we commission you to this service in El Salvador. May God bless you, and make you a blessing. Amen.

(continued)

*Sending Forth As you leave this place, abide in the shadow of the Most High. God is our refuge and our strength.

As you wander through the wilderness, put your trust in the Holy One.

Christ is our shelter in times of temptation and fear. As you face times of trial,

call on the name of the Lord and be saved.

The Comforter leads us safely through.

Go with God's blessing. Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

The Glory of These Forty Days - Robert J. Powell

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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My Lenten Resolves

The pattern of "giving up" something for Lent has long been a symbol of penitence and personal piety during the season. This year, in concert with the Racial Justice Team initiatives we are suggesting you ADD something to your Lenten experiences that furthers your personal and corporate understanding of and response to racism.

As a prompt the Racial Justice Team will be providing thought provoking questions for you to consider, along with educational and inspirational resources; books, podcasts, articles, videos, etc. These will be listed on the Lenten Resolves page each week in the order of worship. This will be an organic "growing" list of resources which will be available on our website.

Additionally, the Racial Justice Team has been interviewing members of our congregation who were involved in early Royal Lane efforts for social and racial justice. Transcripts of these interviews will also be available each week.

Please consider these matters of the heart and soul as you journey thru this season of Lent.

2022 Lenten Devotionals

"Drawn to the Cross" – Inspiration from Henri J. M. Nouwen

Print Copies available for your personal use. (Start date – March 2, Ash Wednesday)

or

"Making the Road - Walking through Lent" – by Teri McDowell Ott

Lenten Devotionals – posted online and distributed via email. Reproduced by permission of Presbyterian OUTLOOK (Start Date – March 6 – First Sunday in Lent

Prepackaged Utensils for Cornerstone Baptist Ministries

Do you have a plethora of prepackaged plastic utensil packets taking up space? During the pandemic, many of us have accumulated a lot of sealed packets of plastic utensils from take out orders. The Missions Committee would like us to put these to good use by donating them to Cornerstone Kitchen's food ministry. We are already partnered with Cornerstone with our "Holy Rollers" project. This will be an extension of that program.

Baskets for your donations of prepackaged utensils will be in the Narthex and throughout heavily trafficked areas of the church.

Guest Musicians, Sunday, March 6 Arnold Rawls

A native of West Monroe, Louisiana, Arnold Rawls has served as Artist/Professor at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago and at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkansas. Currently he is Artist in Residence at White's Chapel Methodist Church of Southlake. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University (Music Ed and Church Music), Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Master of Arts) and the University of



Oklahoma (Doctorate of Musical Arts in Voice). He and his wife Julie have two children Graham (26) and Madison (21).

Dr. Rawls is a professional opera singer and has travelled to perform in opera houses around the world. He is a regular member on the roster of the Metropolitan Opera where he has performed Manrico in Verdi's *Il Trovatore* and Calaf in Puccini's *Turandot*. He has been a frequent guest at the Sydney Opera House, Seattle Opera, Bregenzer Festival (Austria) and the Royal Opera Liège in Belgium.

Dr. Rawls' professional career started out as a Minister of Music serving First Baptist Church of Ada, Oklahoma and Spring Creek Baptist Church of Oklahoma City where he served with Pastor Steve Graham.



Michael T. Smith

Born in Nashville, Tennessee, and finding God's call in his life at age 17, Michael T. Smith has served as Minister of Music in churches across the country, presenting over 170 major productions and concerts, and over 125 music tours—domestic and abroad—for youth, adults, and senior adults. In addition to being a worship leader, Michael is an accomplished pianist, composer, and arranger.

With over 40 years of experience working with choirs around the United States, Michael feels strongly about the role of the

church choir in local church ministry and outreach beyond the four walls of the church and continues to share, encourage, and inspire church musicians in Biblical worship.

Michael and his high school sweetheart, Sharon, have recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have two daughters, Shelley Thames and her husband Knox of Falls Church, Virginia and Kelley Higgs and her husband Lynn of San Antonio, Texas. They enjoy five wonderful grandchildren!

Cornerstone Community Garden Project (S Ervay St & Al Lipscomb)

The Cornerstone Garden Day scheduled for February 26 was postponed due to weather conditions, but we will prepare the soil AND plant on March 12th.

Please join us Saturday March 12 from 9:00am - 1:00 pm (arrive anytime you can and go when you need to) as we help prepare the soil and plant the garden at the Cornerstone Community Garden. Cornerstone will not have tools for us to use, so please bring your gardening gloves, your favorite gardening tools, water, sunscreen, and insect repellant.

Here is the Sign Up Genius link and QR Code: https://bit.ly/3sxYDMl

Parking is available at the "Old Church" at 2713 South Ervay St., or at Jesse's Place at 2904 South Ervay St. (across the street from South Point Community Market)



Royal Lane Missions Seasons of Service...Easter

Please help us make Easter special for children experiencing homelessness. We want to create 60 Easter baskets for the families served by Hope Supply. You can donate items for the Easter baskets, or money that we will use to purchase toys and other goodies to make these baskets special for these special children.



We are collecting chocolate Easter bunnies, small stuffed animals, plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy, small Easter toys, crayons / small coloring books, play doh, slime, stickers, small sports balls, hot wheels cars, card games, fun socks, bubbles, flavored chapstick, etc.

Donations will be collected in the Narthex and in Vickrey Hall

Thank you all for helping to make Easter special for our beloved community!

Study for Wednesday Evening Holy Envy Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor with Steve Graham & Barbara Gunnin

Scriptures for Next Sunday Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35

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.

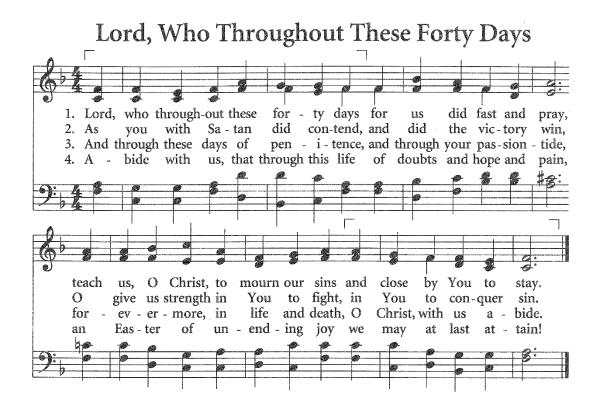
Women of the Church presents Hidden Treasures Dinner and Show

Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 pm - Vickrey Hall

Come join WOC for an unforgettable evening of entertainment by talented members of Royal Lane. Our performers include Mara T., Lillie T., Darrin Fleenor, Jacob H., Steven Rhodes, Terry Berrier, Garey Wisdom, Jamie & Melissa Walker-Luckett. And of course, our sound technician, Blake Vickrey.

There will be singing, there will be dancing, there will be music and drama. All are invited.

Come for dinner and stay for the show!



Come Away and Rest for Awhile: WOC Retreat 2022

Calling all women aged 18-98 who need a restorative day of relaxation filled with food for your body, soul, and spirit:

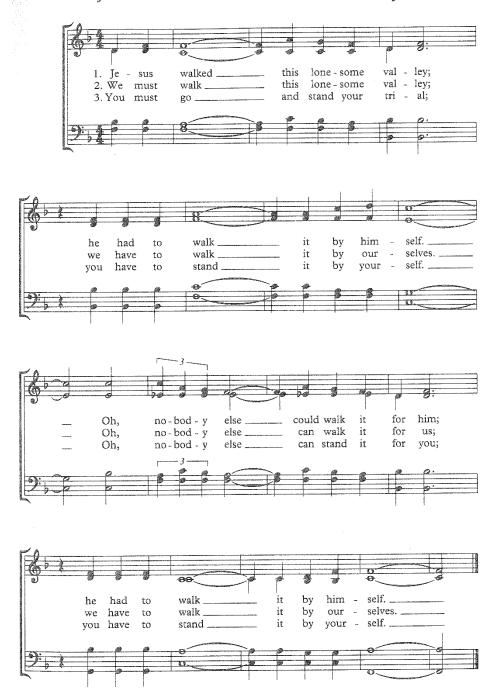
Join us on Saturday, April 30th from 10am-8pm at the inspiring Sister Grove Farm in Van Alstyne, Texas.

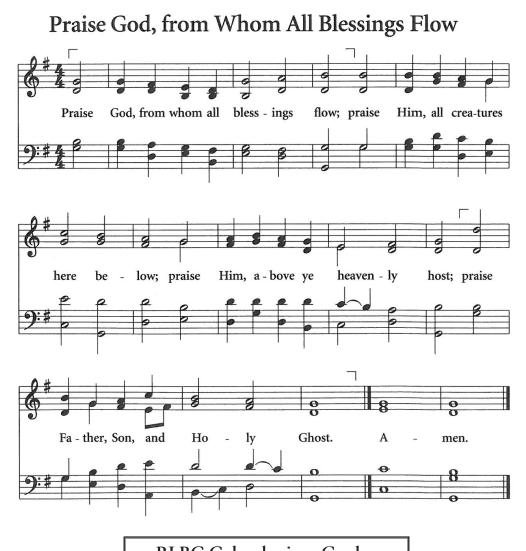
The retreat is limited to 50 women, and the spots are filling up fast. To reserve your place, submit a check for \$50, payable to Royal Lane Baptist Church, with "WOC Retreat" written in the memo area.

Can't wait to see you there!

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez and Sarah Macias

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley





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The Scripture this morning is Luke 4:1-13, which may be found on page 835 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

4 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." 4Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone." 5Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. 7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."" ⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, 10 for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' 11 and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test."¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time. (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	March 6 – First Sunday in Lent
	Following Worship – Cookies & Conversation — Cunningham Arcade
12:15 pm	Hidden Treasures Rehearsal — Vickrey Hall
12:30 pm	Youth First Sunday Lunch
2:00 pm	Missions Division — Library
7:30 pm	Education Division — Zoom
Monday	March 7
6:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Zoom
7:30 pm	Transition Support Team — Zoom
7:30 pm	Building Action Task Force — Zoom
Tuesday	March 8
6:30 pm	Women of the Church Dinner & Program — Vickrey Hall "Hidden Treasures"
Wednesday	March 9
10:00 am	Holy Rollers — Room 202
6:15 pm	Midweek Study — Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Choir — Sanctuary
Thursday	March 10
6:30 pm	Publicity/Outreach Division — Zoom
Saturday	March 12
9:00 am	Cornerstone Garden Prep & Planting (9:00 am – 1:00 pm)
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	March 13 – Second Sunday in Lent / Daylight Savings Begins
9:15 am	Children's SS Classes — Zoom
9:45 am	Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
10:00 am	Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
	Following Time for Young Disciples
	Godly Play for Children ages 3 year through 5th grade — Vickrey Hall The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

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 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 placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call

Jamie Luckett & Donna Wood-Martin

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