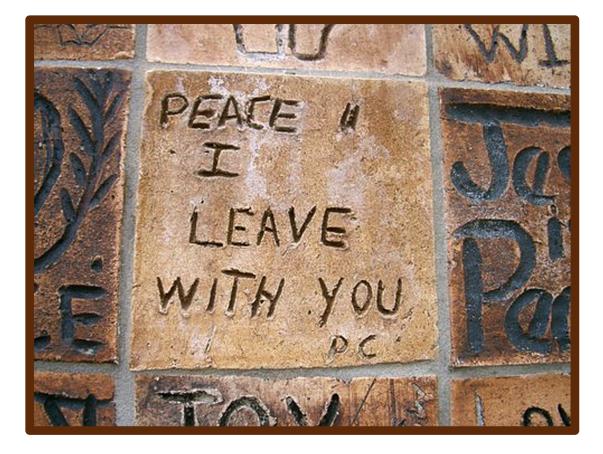
Royal Lane Baptist Church

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God Sixth Sunday of Easter Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 22, 2022

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Procession of Graduates. To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices. $\P - Please$ rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

John and Acts show us that we are welcomed in God's kingdom, as were our ancestors before us, and as generations will that come after us. Those who devote their love to God receive unending love and devotion.

Procession of Graduates

Toccata in Seven — John Rutter

Call to Worship

Jesus dwells among us, teaching us to believe in his name.

Let us offer God our thanks. The Holy Spirit dwells among us, guiding us down the paths of life.

Let us offer God our praise. God dwells among us, beckoning us to worship.

Let us offer God our worship.

Invocation

Let us pray:

Loving companion, you give your people visions, allowing us to believe in your words. We come to you today to keep our word, profess our love, and proclaim our faith. Nurture our hearts with your teachings and nurture our minds with your grace. Amen.

#Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

We Are People of God's Peace — TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM

David Weigle

Congregation

10:55 A.M.

Congregation

Words of Welcome

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

[Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others. You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]

Time for Young Disciples & 2022 Graduates

Presentation of Bruce & Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship

Prayer of Blessing

Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children, your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these graduates. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion, you have offered direction. In times of sorrow, you have offered hope. In times of doubt, your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Amen.

#Hymn [see insert]

God, In Our Church's Teaching — AURELIA Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play, You may collect your children in Vickrey Hall following the service.

Scripture Lesson

John 14:23-29 [Pew Bible page 877 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!**

Patricia McNutt & Congregation

Congregation

Daniel Robinson

Nancy Ferrell

Laura Keller

Barrett Wooten

Call to Confession

Samantha Fleenor* & Congregation

Congregation

Do not let your hearts be troubled but confess your sins and God will give you peace.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

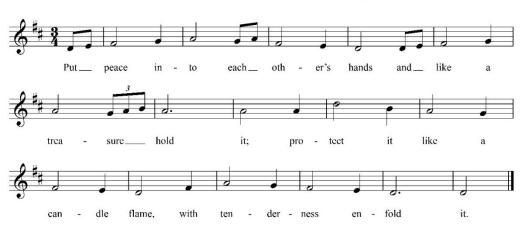
Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people who deny your blessings and fail to keep your word. Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sins, that we might live in peace and reflect your love in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Let your hearts be still, for God loves you and forgives all your wrongdoing. Beloved, receive the peace of Christ.

*Hymn



Put Peace into Each Other's Hands

Darrin Fleenor* & Congregation

Prayers of the People

In this season of the Spirit, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings for the world, saying, Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

All creation lives to praise you, O God As the earth yields its blessing, may we honor and protect the precious gifts of nature and give thanks for the beauty, healing, and substance it proves for all. Lord, send your spirit.

and renew the face of the earth.

We bless your church through all the ages with leaders like Paul and Lydia to share in the spreading of the gospel. Give to your church this day a profound sense of mission to which you now call us for the life and health of the world. Lord, send out your Spirit

and renew the face of the world.

You promise to be with us always through the comfort of your Holy Spirit. Give to all who suffer violence, grief or pain an enduring trust in Jesus that joy will rise again. Lord, send out your spirit

and renew the face of the world.

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 give thanks for the many blessings of our lives, that as we follow Jesus, he journeys with us day by day through the presence of your Holy Spirit, our Advocate and teacher. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

It Is Well With My Soul - John Ness Beck

Sermon

Steve Graham

" The Peace Christ Leaves, He Gives! "

#Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

O God of Love, O Power of Peace — CANONBURY If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship, please refer to pew rack card – "How to Become a Member"

Invitation to the Offering

The earth has yielded its increase and God has richly blessed us. Therefore, bring your tithes and offerings and come into God's courts with praise.

Offertory Prayer

Giving God, as spring burst forth its blossoms in witness to your love, you bless us from generation to generation with the new life of Easter faith. All that we have and all that we are come from you, O God, so we gladly share this offering, that others too may be blessed, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

La Calavera — Alice Gomez

We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry. See back cover for ways to give.

*Sending Forth

Worshipers of God, we are called into the world We cannot stay here; God has work for us to do.

God invites us to follow where Jesus leads. Our presence is needed in unexpected places.

The peace of God goes with you, today and always; let not your hearts be troubled or afraid;

God is blessing us every day; praise God! We will carry God's saving power to all nations.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Processional of Peace — Alan Hovhaness

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*Previous recipients of the Bruce and Anna Marie Lowe Scholarship.

Jonah Hammett*

Steve Graham

Congregation

Jackson Maddox*

Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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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



Celebrate our Royal Lane Graduates

Senior Reception, Today, following worship Admire their hard-earned accomplishments and be inspired by their plans and dreams

Inurnment Service for Ray Vickrey Sanctuary & Columbarium Reception following service Vickrey Hall Saturday, May 28, 4:00 pm



Scriptures for Next Sunday Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

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 In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

The members and friends of

Royal Lane Baptist Church extend our best wishes and hearty congratulations to our Graduates & Scholarship Recipients. May God bless you richly.



Scottie Gonzalez

Scottie, son of Steve and Socorro Gonzalez, graduated from Texas A&M University in December 2021 with a degree in Industrial Distribution. Following graduation, he moved to Austin to begin his full-time role as a Marketing Development Representative at Molecula, a data and analytics start-up. He is excited to start his career in tech sales and is loving Austin!

Ryah Hill

Ryah, daughter of Joe and Jill Hill and sister to Jaxson Hill, has been a part of the Royal Lane family since she was born. She has grown up alongside many of the other graduates here this morning, attending many VBSs, music camp performances (*Oh Jonah, It's Cool in the Furnace,* and *The Troubbable of Zerubbabel,* anyone?), children's camps, youth camps and many other church events. She will be graduating from Wylie East High School on Saturday, May 28, ranked 13 out of 500 students. While at East, she led Student Council as president, the yearbook as Editor-in-Chief, National Honors Society as Vice President, and took several AP classes, one including calculus with her dad! After graduation, Ryah plans to attend the University of Texas to major in Advertising. Ryah would like to thank



all members of Royal Lane for shaping her into the person she is today. Hook 'em!

Rebecca Biyu Huang

Rebecca, our Royal Lane guest from Shenzhen, China, graduated from Dallas Baptist University with a Master of Arts in Theological Studies.





Jillian Luna

Jillian, granddaughter of Bruce Luedke, will graduate cum laude from Mansfield Lake Ridge High School on May 27. In August she will be heading to Texas Tech University where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and perform with the Red Raider Band. In addition to her academic pursuits Jillian has worked part-time at Sprouts Farmers Market for the past two years. Her high school activities have been largely focused on band, where she plays trombone and has served as section leader, brass captain, and as an All-District Band honoree. She received the Girl Scout Silver Award for supporting children and families at Children's Health in Dallas in

2019. Jillian is an active member of the youth group at St. John Lutheran Church in Mansfield. Her summer activities, before leaving for Lubbock in August, will include work, travel, and socializing with long-term friends and family.

Austen Maddox

My first visit to Royal Lane was when I was six weeks old with my mom, Jennifer, dad, Matthew and older brother, Jackson. I remember my first time speaking at church reading scripture. Cookie and Theresa helped me practice during Sunday School. I was involved in gymnastics until I was 12 and then moved to diving for a few years. In high school, I learned French for 3 years. I was in yearbook starting my sophomore year and in my junior year took on the role of design editor. For my senior year I switched my focus to my hope for the future, teaching. The class is known as Ready, Set. Teach, but the program is Texas Association of Future Educators. I am heading to TAFE state with my interactive lesson. Next year, I am heading to the University of



Oklahoma. My major is social studies education and a minor in sociology. I am hoping to go to Mexico and Uganda with the College of Education to study and teach abroad.



Sarah Rebecca Stokes Mesich & Mathias Mesich

Sarah Rebecca Stokes Mesich, granddaughter of Cookie Stokes and a past recipient of the Lowes Scholarship, received a Graduate Certificate in Advanced International Affairs from the George Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University. Sarah's husband, Mathias Mesich, received his Masters Degree in International Affairs from the George Bush School of Government & Public Service, Texas A&M University after six years of study. Sarah and Mathias did a scholars program at University of St. Petersburg in 2019. Sarah and Mathias, with their 9-month old daughter, Riah

Renée, will leave for Washington, D.C., in June to work with the Department of Defense.

Jayda Parrish

Jayda Parrish studied marketing at St. John's University and will graduate on Sunday, May 22nd, 2022. During her undergraduate career, she worked in Business Engineering and Partner Solutions at Meta, Global Marketing at L'Oreal and Video Distribution at QVC/HSN. She was actively involved in two mentorships, two fellowships and enjoyed being a member of St. John's University's Chamber Music Ensemble. Jayda is excited about the opportunity to bring a fresh perspective to her full-time role where she will be pursuing Digital Marketing based in Hudson Yards, New York. She would like to express gratitude to her family and the Royal Lane community for their support and guidance.





Daniel Robinson

Daniel, son of Cheryl Robinson, is graduating from Hillcrest High School. He played varsity basketball this past year at Hillcrest and is hoping to play college basketball next year. He has been a part of the church for eleven years and has loved belonging to a church with such amazing people. He is currently playing AAU with Be Elite basketball and is looking to pick up some last second offers. He loves to hang out with friends and family. He will be getting his Eagle Scout tomorrow Monday May 23rd at Central Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm. He wants to say thank you to everyone for believing in him and taking him as one of their own. He loves you

all and will miss everyone very much when he goes off to college.

Luke Speaker

Luke, grandson of Bruce Luedke, will be graduating from Wylie High School on May 28. Besides his academic pursuits Luke has been an outstanding percussionist in "That Wylie Band" and has pitched for the WHS varsity baseball team. He is an active member of his youth group at Wylie United Methodist Church, plays baseball, and has enjoyed coaching and mentoring younger aspiring athletes. Luke hopes to play baseball at junior college in the fall, with the long-range goal of pursuing a physical therapy or sports-related business degree. He will work this summer as counselor and lifeguard at Sabine Creek Ranch Christian Camp in



Royse City and he looks forward to his annual family vacation. Luke is confident that God will over time continue to reveal His plan for Luke's future, and he remains open to that calling.



Cora Stokes

Cora Stokes, granddaughter of Cookie Stokes, is graduating from Founders Classical Academy of Leander after six years of schooling there. She has been heavily involved in athletics through all of high school, including cheerleading, soccer, and track. She serves as the President of the National Honor Society at her school and leads the House of Shakespeare as Head Girl. In her free time, Cora enjoys working at Texas Paintball, playing music, hanging out with her friends and family, and spending time with her newborn niece. She plans to attend Texas State University to graduate from the

Honors College with a major in history and a minor in philosophy while obtaining her teaching certification.

Grace Watson

Grace Watson is a member of Royal Lane and has been attending since she was born. She is the daughter of Brian Watson and Charlotte Sewell, sister of Emma and Sadie Watson, and the granddaughter of Anne Sewell. Grace is a member of the National Art Honor Society and has been taking Architecture classes for the past three years. She loves to hang out with friends, walk her dog, play tennis, and loves all things Harry Potter. Grace is graduating from The Covenant School of Dallas and will be attending Belmont University in the fall to study Architecture. Grace will miss her Royal Lane family and is excited to see everyone when she comes home for breaks from school.





Diana Zavala

Diana, daughter of Sophia, graduated from the University of North Texas, Denton, Texas and plans to work in Dallas DISD as an orchestra director this coming fall. She was selected for, and received, the Emerald Eagle Award for her high school grades and test scores as an incoming freshman, which covered her tuition and fees for all four years.

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Bikes for Cornerstone in June



We are collecting bicycles in any condition for Cornerstone Baptist Church throughout the month of June. Cornerstone Baptist Church has a program where community members can learn to repair and maintain bicycles, and then can keep a bicycle once they complete the program. Bring your bikes to the church on Sundays and Wednesdays in the month of June, and we will take them to Cornerstone. If you have a bike to donate, but can't get it to the church, call JJ Berrier at 469-831-7339 to arrange a pickup.

Farewell to Laura Keller Events for Youth, Children and All-Church

June 18 – PJs with Pastor Laura

The youth will gather at the home of Grace, Emma and Sadie Watson for an evening of laughs - and maybe a few tears - with Laura. Bring your best anecdotes, comedic insults, praise and tributes to roast your beloved youth minister. Burgers and drinks provided - bring your favorite side. Join us on June 18th from 6-10 p.m.

June 22 - Children's Goodbye with Talent Show

Create an unforgettable evening with Laura with serenades, dance routines and jokes for a farewell talent show. The party will be held in Vickrey Hall on June 22nd at 6 p.m. Pizza and drinks provided - bring your favorite snack.

June 26 – All-Church Farewell

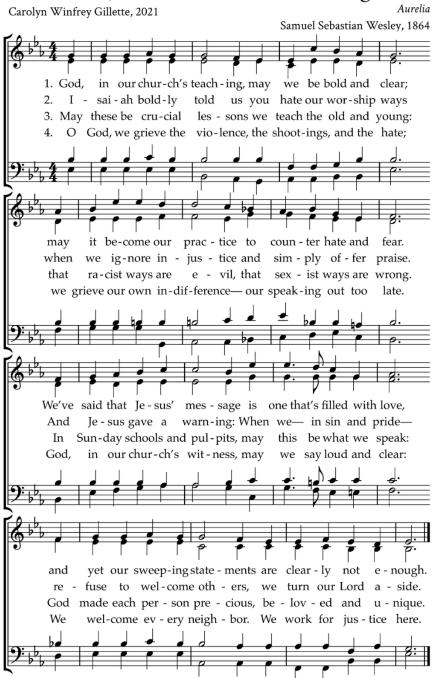
After almost 8 years, we bid farewell to Laura Keller, our beloved children and youth minister. Please join us in celebrating Laura's devotion to our children and thank her for the life-changing impacts she has made. We will celebrate her on June 26th in Vickrey Hall immediately following worship service.



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



God, In Our Church's Teaching





The Scripture this morning is John 14:23-29, which may be found on page 877 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

²³Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

(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	May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter
12:15 pm	Graduate Recognition Reception — Vickrey Hall
12:15 pm	Lunch Bunch
Monday	May 23
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Library
6:00 pm	Member Resource Committee — Zoom
Tuesday	May 24
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee — Library
Wednesday	May 25
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Room 202 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm	Bring Your Own Dinner — Vickrey Hall (drinks provided, no childcare)
6:15 pm	Midweek Study — Zoom
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm	Choir — Sanctuary
Saturday	May 28
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
4:00 pm	Inurnment Service for Ray Vickrey & Reception
	Sanctuary, Columbarium & Vickrey Hall
Sunday	May 29 – Seventh Sunday if Easter
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
	The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

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

We invite you to gather in Vickrey Hall on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Bring your own dinner. Drinks will be provided. The Mid-Week program will begin at 6:15 pm for in person or zoom participation. (No childcare provided.)

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 Alan Greider & Sandy Washington

When WE Give: we can support our college bound students with scholarships.

April 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 267,462
Expenses	\$ 246,427
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