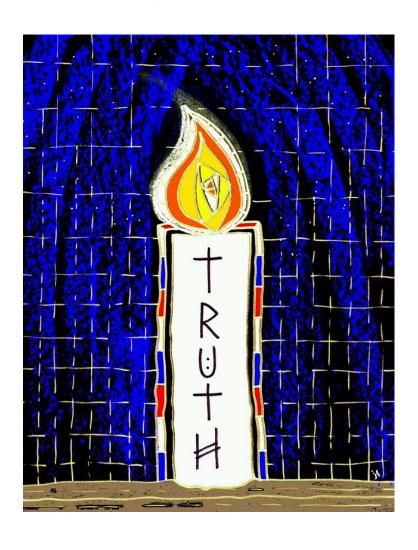
ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary. To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

Pelease rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

In the spirit of Christ, may we bear one another's burdens; correct one another with gentleness; and heal one another with signs of peace. Let us question our deeply held assumptions and challenge our unconscious convictions. Grant us the courage to speak Christ's word of peace and to share Christ's word of comfort: "The kin-dom of God has come near."

Voluntary David Weigle

Diademata — arranged by Charles Callahan

Call to Worship (please remain seated)

Congregation

Magistrates are not by virtue of their office to meddle with religion or matters of conscience, or force or compel people to this or that form of religion. (John Smyth, 1612)

We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.

No ruler or religious leader can or is able to command faith. That is the gift of God. To constrain all peoples to receive the one true religion of the gospel is wholly against the mind and merciful law of Christ.

(Leonard Busher, 1614)

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Every person ought to be left free with respect to matters of religion. The Holy Author of our religion needs no compulsive measures for the promotion of God's cause.

(General Committee of Baptists in Virginia, 1785)

We rejoice in our freedom and accept the charge to live faithfully within it.

Everyone must give a personal account to God, and therefore all people ought to be at liberty to serve God in a way that each can best reconcile to their own conscience.

(John Leland, 1791)

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Religion must be forever voluntary and uncoerced. It is not the prerogative of any power to compel people to conform to any religious creed or form of worship, or to worship, or to pay taxes for the support of a creed they do not believe. God wants free worshipers and no other kind.

(George W. Truett, 1920)

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Baptists believe in free churches within a free state. We believe religious liberty to be an inalienable human right and indispensable to human welfare. Profoundly convinced that any deprivation of this right is a wrong to be challenged, we condemn every form of compulsion or restraint in religion. (*The American Baptist Bill of Rights, 1939*)

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*Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

We Utter Our Cry — LYONS

*Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

O God our Creator, we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard and the freedom of conscience of all people of every faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Welcome Steve Graham

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.]

Scripture Lesson

Harper W.

Galatians 6:7-16 [Pew Bible page 948 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!

Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play, You may collect your children in Vickrey Hall following the service.

Prayers of the People

Garey Wisdom & Congregation

O Lord, since first the blood of Abel cried to you from the ground that drank it, your heart has been defiled with the blood shed by his brother's hand, and the centuries sob with the ceaseless horror of war.

Even the pride of leaders and the covetousness of the strong have driven peaceful nations to slaughter.

Ever the songs of the past and the pomp of armies have been used to inflame the passions of the people.

Our spirit cries out to you in revolt against it, and we know that our righteous anger is answered by your holy wrath.

Break the spell of the enchantments that make the nations drunk with the lust of battle and draw them on as willing tools of death.

Grant us a quiet and steadfast mind when our own nation clamors for vengeance or aggression.

Strengthen our sense of justice and our regard for the equal worth of other peoples and races.

Grant to the rulers of nations faith in the possibility of peace through justice, and grant to the common people a new and stern enthusiasm for the cause of peace.

Teach us nobler methods of matching our strength and more effective ways of giving our life for the causes of peace and justice.

We now share silence together

Let us pray:

O God of all nations, draw all your great family together with an increasing sense of our common destiny, that peace may come on earth at last, and your sun may shed its light rejoicing on a holy communion of people. Amen.

—Adapted from Prayers of the Social Awakening by Walter Rachenbusch, New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1910

Hymn 697 [see insert]

Congregation

Offertory Prayer Mike Keith

Bountiful God, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. May the offerings we bring before you this day be a sign of our commitment to labor in your vineyard. May the gifts we share with the world reflect our commitment to bring your kin-dom here on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen.

Offertory

Let There be Peace on Earth — arranged by Hawley Ades
We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.

See back cover for ways to give.

Sermon Steve Graham

" Radical Religious Liberty!"

*Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

When Will Justice Flow Like Waters — EBENEZER If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship, please refer to pew rack card — "How to Become a Member"

Communion All Believers

Invitation to the Table

Wisdom calls:

Come eat the bread of life.

Wisdom calls:

Come drink the cup of fellowship.

Wisdom calls:

Come partake of truth and grace.

Wisdom calls:

Come and be enlightened by the Holy Spirit.

Words of Institution

On the night in which he gave himself up, Jesus took bread, broke it, saying,

"Take, eat, all of you. This is my body, broken for you.

Whenever you eat it, do so in remembrance of me.?

After supper, he took the cup, saying,

"This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out for the healing of the world.

Whenever you drink it, do so in remembrance of me." (continued)

Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of grain and grape, fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ, feeding a world that hungers for wholeness. Amen.

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

The Communion elements are gluten free.

Passing of the Peace

Congregation

Fellow followers of Christ, we are like lambs in the midst of wolves. Still, Christ calls us to share blessings of peace. Still, Christ calls us to share blessings of peace. Turn to one another and share signs of this peace, that we may draw strength for the work Christ calls us to do.

Peace of Christ be with you . . . and also with you.

*Sung Benediction

Congregation

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Fireworks Music — G. F. Handel

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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Hymn Notes We Utter Our Cry

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Scriptures for Next Sunday
Amos 7:7-17 Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

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 Education, Missions, and Worship Divisions invite you to participate in A Celebration of Public Education

on Saturday July 16 from 4:30pm-6pm in Vickrey Hall with Charles Foster Johnson, Executive Director of Pastors for Texas Children.

- 4:30pm to 5pm a time to gather and visit with light refreshments
- 5pm to 5:20pm a time to hear about the work of PTC and the cause of public education
- 5:20pm to 6pm a time for facilitated conversation on how we can cultivate support of our schools through acts of social justice and legislation that puts the needs of Texas children, families, and communities first.

Pastors for Texas Children believe that public education is a human right, a constitutional guarantee, and a central part of God's plan for human flourishing. Not beholden to any special interest group, political party, or church office they believe in local democracy, cooperation across lines of difference, and organizing to support public education opportunities for Texas children. This is lived out in acts of prayer, service, and advocacy that respect God's good gifts of religious liberty and church-state separation.



Charles Foster Johnson
Executive Director
Pastors for Texas Children
Guest Preacher
Sunday, July17

Summer Fun Days

Get ready to have some fun!

When? Monday-Thursday, July 11-14 from 6-7:30pm

Ages 3 (potty-trained) through Grade 5

What? We will play games, get silly, learn some Bible stories, and have lots of fun! Themes:

M-Camping Under the Stars

T-Christmas in July (wear your favorite Christmas stuff)

W-Water World (swimsuits and change of dry clothes recommended)

Th-Pizza and Movie (Rated G Movie TBD)

Children do not have to attend every night. Please use the QR code or signup link below to let us know if you plan on coming or not!



Sign Up Online - https://bit.ly/3yu4nuK



We Utter Our Cry





When Will Justice Flow Like Waters?

Amos 5:24; Proverbs 3:13-18; Galatians 6:2; Luke 4:18-19





The Scripture this morning is Galatians 6:7-16, which may be found on page 948 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest-time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

(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

July 3 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 12:00 pm First Sunday Youth Lunch 3:00 pm Properties Sub Committee on Safety — Library Education Committee — Zoom 7:30 pm Monday July 4 Church Office Closed Tuesday July 5 7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee Wednesday July 6 – Mosaic No Wednesday Evening Activities

Thursday July 7

6:15 pm

6:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Committee —Zoom

Wacky Wednesdays – Confetti Eggs

Saturday July 9

2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom

Sunday July 10 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

12:15 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall

7:30 pm Deacon's Meeting — Zoom

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

Mike Keith & Garey Wisdom

When WE Give: we can reach out to the marginalized in our community and world.

May 2022 Financials

 Kevenues*
 \$ 305,081

 Expenses
 \$ 327,798

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 (\$ 22,717)

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