Royal Lane Baptist Church

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 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. \P – Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own.

Dear God, for these three things we pray: to love you more dearly, see you more clearly, and follow you more nearly every day. Amen. —based on the prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

Voluntary

David Weigle

Congregation

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms — arranged by Gilbert Martin

Call to Worship Come, people of God. Here is the door to life. Bring all you are. God is waiting.
We stand at the door and knock. Come, people of God. Here is the door to justice. Leave behind all you do not need. God is waiting.
We stand at the door and knock.

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Come, people of God. Here is the door to truth. Behind it is a new way of living. God is waiting. We stand at the door and knock.

Come, people of God. The door is opened for all. Come in and worship. God is waiting.

*Invocation

Let us pray:

We gather in your realm of love, O God. May we find ways and words to proclaim your name. May we be sustained and nurtured by your word. May we be surrounded in prayer. May your reign grow in us and in the world. Amen.

#Hymn 406 | see insert |

Jesus, Lover of My Soul — ABERYSTWYTH

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.]

Scripture Lesson

Luke 11:1-13 [Pew Bible page 845 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, You may collect your children in Vickrey Hall following the service. Alan Greider

Congregation

Turner W.

Congregation

Sarah Plunk

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

God, in Our Praying — ST. ELIZABETH

Call to Confession

Sandy Washington & Congregation

Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray: We ask

> but we are so unsure of what that answer should be, we don't always catch what the answer is.

We search

but we lose track of what it is we are searching for.

We knock

but at too many doors, and we miss when one opens.

Forgive us, God when we ask, search, or knock more for our own reasons than in support of your vision for us. We are your community builders, dear God. Help us to trust a blueprint that we cannot see. Amen.

We now share silence together

Promise of Forgiveness In our search, God is with us. In our seeking, God is with us. Even in our mistakes, God is still with us.

Let us begin again. Let us give thanks for God's gracious, loving presence.

Hymn 409 [see insert]

Congregation

What a Friend We Have in Jesus — CONVERSE

Prayers of the People

Barrett Wooten & Congregation

We remember, O God that we are surrounded by prayer: in every deed done, every word spoken, every grace felt, every act forgiven by others.

These are the persistent prayers of the people. We open the door, and share a neighbor's need.

These are the persistent prayers of the people. A path stretches, and we share the journey with a friend.

These are the persistent prayers of the people. A story is told, and we listen to the needs of the companion.

These are the persistent prayers of the people.

A letter is written for a cause, and justice is done.

These are the persistent prayers of the people. A tree is planted, and a world breathes a little easier.

These are the persistent prayers of the people. A meal is shared, and hunger is appeased.

These are the persistent prayers of the people.

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.)

We now share silence together

Let us pray:

We remember, O God, that we are surrounded by prayer: in every deed done, every word spoken, every grace felt, every act forgiven by others. These are the persistent prayers of the people. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray — Donna Jo Butler

Sermon

" That's All You Have to Do "

#Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Lord, Teach Us How to Pray — ST. THOMAS If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship, please refer to pew rack card – "How to Become a Member" Congregation

Rick Carpenter

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus teaches us that if we ask, it will be given to us. Let us participate in God's purpose, then, by giving generously for all who are in need.

Offertory Prayer

Holy One, we give you thanks for your steadfast love and faithfulness. Bless these offerings and transform them into gifts of hospitality for those who need them most. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Bettie Meachum

Be Thou My Vision — arranged by Zslot Gardonyi We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry. See back cover for ways to give.

*Sending Forth

Rick Carpenter & Congregation

Eternal Spirit, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Love-Maker, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The Hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The Way of your Justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your Heavenly Will be done by all created beings! Your Commonwealth of Peace and Freedom sustain our hope and come on earth!

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too sharp to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

-Jim Cotter, Prayer at Night's Approaching: A Book for the Darkness

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Fanfare on an Original Theme — Gilbert Martin

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



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Rick Carpenter, Guest Preacher



After graduating from Samford University in 1972, and a Baptist Theological Seminary called Southern (not to be confused with one by the same name today) in 1974, Rick Carpenter served in local church pastoral ministry for 46 years before retirement in 2021. For the last 28 of those years, he was the Pastor of Care Ministries at University Baptist Church in Houston (Clear Lake), also leading with his passion for Spiritual Formation and Worship ministries. Rick and Kay have been married for 46 years and have two incredible sons, two lovely daughtersin-law, and six brilliant grandchildren (can you tell, he's been in the UK

the last few weeks?). Rick's loves, beyond family and ministry, include music, writing, and attempts at hitting the golf ball.

Scriptures for Next Sunday Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

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.

Wednesday Night Dinners are Coming Back! Help us Restock the Kitchen!

Midweek Dinner at Royal Lane is returning August 24th, and Carly Manson, our fabulous cook, is looking forward to being back with us! Plans are being made for some relational, intergenerational, and sensational activities to kick-off the return of Wednesday Night Dinners. Here is our modified schedule:

5:30 pm	Dinner
6:00 pm	Announcements, Prayers, Birthdays
6:15 – 7:00 pm	Program

You can help by making donations to restock the kitchen with some staple items. Click the link below which will take you to the SignUpGenius website to sign up for specific items. After signing up, you may bring the items Sunday mornings to the Sanctuary Narthex, or to the Church Office during the work week. Items are requested by August 21st. *Please...only bring newly purchased items, and brands you trust.*

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RLBC Church Profile

If you were a member of this church for twenty-five years and had served on a copious number of committees, had sung in the choir, been a deacon, started a Sunday School class, and attended church regularly, would you expect that you knew our church well? Of course, you would! And that is exactly what my response would be a few months ago before I was asked by Terry Berrier to be part of a team of four who would create a new church profile for the prospective pastoral candidates who we're soon interviewing.

You may have received a phone call from me as I called over 100 people to update our church membership list. I also helped to write a few revised sections and edited the final draft. Shannon Miller, even in her final stages of pregnancy (!), compiled the interesting church survey and then helped to solicit 137 responses—an amazing feat. Scott Bryant worked assiduously to revise several of the sections and then competently put together the entire document—complete with new pictures. And Margaret Darden, our excellent leader, filled in so many of the gaps as she ensured that all the information we needed was collected and inspired our team to keep progressing. I am not one who relishes committee work, but I told our team several times that if every committee worked as efficiently and harmoniously like ours did, I sure would say "yes" to committee work more often!

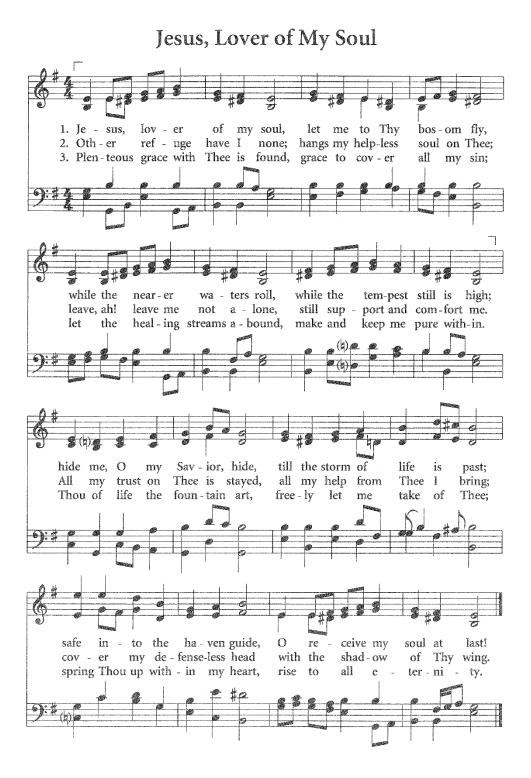
We have SO much of which to be proud. In addition to reading the interesting responses to the church survey questions, I learned about our rich history and the many activities that occur each month. I learned about our financial history and how our church is governed. I learned about parts of our church that I was so blind to but am grateful for, especially at this important chapter in our church history.

Now, as we are at the beginning of a new and exciting chapter, you may want to know more about who we've been, who we are, and what we hope to continue to be. To do this, simply open the Church Profile link on the About Us section of our church website and read away; I suspect that you will be happy you did.

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

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God, in Our Praying







The Scripture this morning is Luke 11:1-13, which may be found on page 845 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." ⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' 7And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ⁹"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" (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

12:30 pm	July 24 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall Congregational Affiliation Committee — Zoom
Monday	July 25
3:00 pm	Building Action Task Force — Library
Tuesday	July 26
7:00 pm	Pastor Search Committee
Wednesday	July 27
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
6:15 pm	Wacky Wednesdays
-	No Wednesday Evening Activities
7:00 pm	Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
Saturday	July 31
2:00 pm	Questers Class — Zoom
Sunday	July 31 – Eighth 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	Lunch Bunch — Zoe's Kitchen (Preston & Royal)
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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.

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 Alan Greider & Sandy Washington

When WE Give: we benefit from quality office support for our ministries.

May 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 305,081
Expenses	\$ 327,798
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(22,717)
*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.	

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