

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 4, 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.  
✠ – Please rise in body or in spirit.*

### Chiming of the Hour

*Jeremiah and Psalm 139 communicate how intimately God knows our individual and communal lives. Just as a potter will rework a misshapen pot, so too will God reshape our lives. God is the potter; we are the clay. Rest in gratitude on the potter's wheel, for we are being shaped according to God's purposes. We are being molded into vessels of great beauty and infinite worth.*

### Voluntary

*Festival Piece — Craig Phillips*

David Weigle

### ✠Call to Worship

Like clay, we arrive at this time of worship:

**Shapeless and full of potential, we arrive.**

Like clay, we prepare for this time of worship:

**Stretched and twisted into formation, we prepare.**

Like clay, we enter this time of worship:

**Formed and ready for warmth, we enter.**

Congregation

### ✠Invocation

Let us pray:

**O Lord, you are the potter, we are the clay. Take our lives, O God, and remake us anew. Pour out your Spirit upon us, that we may be filled with living water. Fit us for your purposes, that we may be wholly yours. Amen.**

Congregation

### ✠Hymn [ see insert ]

*O God, Our Creator, You Work Every Day — ST. DENIO*

Congregation

Words of Welcome

Charlotte Sewell

**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

Harper W.

Jeremiah 18:1-11 [ Pew Bible page 629 of the Old 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

Sarah Plunk

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

Call to Confession

Gary Wisdom & Congregation

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Merciful Maker, you created us for better use; remake us now. Where we are distorted, recenter and reshape us, bring us low and raise us up. Then fire our hearts until we shine with your glory and find your place in your purpose.**

*We now share silence together*

Promise of Forgiveness

When we fall short in life, God puts us on the potter's wheel and fashions us into vessels fit for the kingdom. This journey is rarely pleasant, but it is necessary for us to be made new and whole.

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*O God, as with a Potter's Hand* — FOREST GREEN

Offertory Prayer

Mike Keith

Loving Potter, you are ever mindful of your people. You fashion us into vessels fit for your service, and transform our gifts and offerings into vessels to serve your world well. You are worthy of our praise and glory. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* — Terre Johnson

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine way! Thou art the potter, I am the clay!  
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way! Search and try me, Master, today!  
Purer than snow, Lord, make me just now, as in thy presence, humbly I bow.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power surely is thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine.

Have thine own way, Lord, have thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me.

—Text: Adelaides A. Pollard

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

Sermon

Sarah Macias

### **“ A Labor of Love ”**

✠Hymn of Commitment 466 [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Jesus, at Your Holy Table* — BEACH SPRING

*(stanzas one and two)*

*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

Let us not die from poverty of caring, let us not starve, where love is to be shared.  
God, come, break us open to receive your healing: your broken body be our wine  
and bread.

—Shirley Ernea Murray, *In Every Corner Sing*  
(Carol Stream Il, Hope Publishing Company, 1992)

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## Words of Institution

We recall the supper of Jesus and his companions before his arrest. During the meal, Jesus took bread and blessed and broke it and said:

Take, eat: This is my body.

Jesus took a cup, gave thanks and passed it to each, saying:

Take, drink: This is the cup of the new covenant.

## Communion Prayer

Let us pray:

**Whenever we place ourselves into your hands, O God, we replace despair with hope, hurt with healing, and decline with refinement. We are grateful for God's steadfast and stubborn love that never ends. Through Christ. 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.*

## Meditation

Danny Wesley Ray

## ✠ Passing of the Peace

Christ calls us into service with him but warns us to count the cost before we put our shoulder to the plow. Though the cost may seem high, the cost of trying to go it alone is higher still. There is peace and ease in Christ's yoke. Let us share this peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

## ✠ Sung Response [ see insert ]

Worshippers

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord* — ADELAIDE  
**Have thine own way, Lord! have thine way!**  
**Thou art the potter, I am the clay!**  
**Mold me and make me after thy will,**  
**while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

*(continued)*

✠ Sending Forth

Sarah Macias

Before your birth, you were wonderfully and fearfully formed.  
Like clay, may God return to reform and reshape you  
into your truest self now and every day after.  
Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* — arranged by Marianne Kim

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## Register Your Attendance

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



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### Hymn Notes

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**Jesus At Your Holy Table**

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**Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

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## Sarah Macias, Guest Preacher

Rev. Sarah Macias is a member of Royal Lane and was ordained by this congregation in 2018. She and her husband Rodney live at Sister Grove Farm in the Lavon watershed of the Trinity River basin on ancestral lands of the Kitikiti'sh—or Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

For over thirty years, Austin was their home and Highland Park Baptist their church congregation. It was there where they were baptized, married, and ordained to serve as deacons. Their daughters Mary Katherine and Jane continue to call Austin home and serve as public school teachers there.

Sarah holds a Master of Divinity from Austin Seminary and a Master of Sacred Theology from Drew Theological School. She has recently been accepted to enter the DMin program at Memphis Theological Seminary in 2023 where she will specialize in Land, Food, and Faith Formation.



## Reann Tiemann Guest Preacher, September 11



Reann is a Certified Educator with ACPE: The Standard for Spiritual Care and Education. In this role she provides clinical pastoral education (CPE) training in the local hospital setting, which prepares participants for various ministries including hospital chaplaincy, congregational settings, volunteer ministries, and pastoral counseling.

Prior to CPE and Certified Educator Training, Reann completed her seminary training at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in 2010 and lived in California and Colorado, where she co-pastored local churches. Originally from Durant, Oklahoma, Reann considers living in Dallas to be a return to her roots. She was ordained at Royal Lane in 2019 and is endorsed by the Alliance of Baptists.

## Unexpired Deacon Term to be Filled

Sarah King recently reported that she will be stepping away from the Deacon Board as of October 31, 2022. The Member Resource Committee will be nominating someone to fill Sarah's unexpired term, which will end in 2024. The MRC will also be nominating the new class of six Deacons for a full three-year term.

## Member Interest Survey Deadline Extended to September 12

Who are we? Much as each star is a part of our galaxy, who we are together at Royal Lane is greater than who we are as individuals. This survey is a way for members of Royal Lane Baptist Church to invest their interests and special talents together into areas of service for our church and our neighbors. We are called to love, by giving our time, treasures, and talents to the ongoing and expanding work of Christ. To what kind of work are you being called? Which committees best reflect your interests and talents?

Please help by completing this survey by September 12th Thank you!

<https://bit.ly/3plADdY>



## Wednesday Evenings are Back in Vickrey Hall

September 7 – 5:30 – 7:00 pm

“Dear to the Church” Testimonies, Mix and Mingle, and Table Hosts!

**Meals will remain at these prices through September:**

Seniors \$5.00, Adults \$7.00, Families \$15.00

We will include a kid friendly menu option.

## Something New: Standing Dinner Reservations

We would love to know you are having dinner with us, so please feel free to make your standing reservation for dinner. See the link below or utilize the QR code to let us know you are planning to be with us.

**Standing Dinner Reservation** <https://bit.ly/3w9P88C>



## **Women of the Church - September 13, 2022, 6:30 pm**

Our first event of the year! Join us in Vickrey Hall as we catch up with each other with our traditional Salad Supper. We will reminisce about our Spring, 2022, women's retreat and get a preview of our Fall Retreat with Christine Nicolette-Gonzales.

If you have pictures from the Spring Retreat, send a few of your best to Christin Lavery.

### **Save the Date for the first Women of the Church Fall Retreat**

**Saturday, October 1st  
9am-3pm...Sister Grove Farm  
This is Us: Building our Community**

If you still haven't registered for the fall WOC retreat, please make sure your spot is reserved now, as there is only room for 50 blessed women! Come learn more about some fabulous women in our church community who span seven generations! Do you know what brings them joy? How you can pray for them? How they stay young? The seven-decade speaker line-up: Kenna Curry, Sarah King, Jill Hill, Melanie Ferguson, Leslie Cechan, Patsy Meier, and four amazing women in their 80s (Anne Sewell, Margaret Darden, DeeDee Young, and Barbara Gunnin)!

Breakfast, lunch, and communion are included. Write a check for \$40 to the church with Women's Retreat in the subject area or call Janet in the church office at 214-361,2809, ext. 11, with your credit card information. Or pay online at [royallane.org/give](http://royallane.org/give) - 2022 October Women's Retreat.



### **September Missions Project for Cornerstone Baptist Church**

Donate new or gently used men's pants/slacks/jeans during the month of September for Cornerstone Baptist Church. Donation bins located in the Narthex and Vickrey Hall. Contact Charlotte Sewell.

### **Hope Supply Volunteer Day Saturday September 17, 9am -11am**



Please join us at Hope Supply Saturday morning September 17th from 9am to 11am as we repackage diapers for vulnerable babies in our beloved community. Hope Supply delivers 55,000 diapers to families experiencing homelessness each week, and they rely on people like us to help prepare these diapers for delivery. We need 15 volunteers, and all ages are welcome. Please sign up through the link below or contact Charlotte Sewell. <https://bit.ly/3KDIFJb>

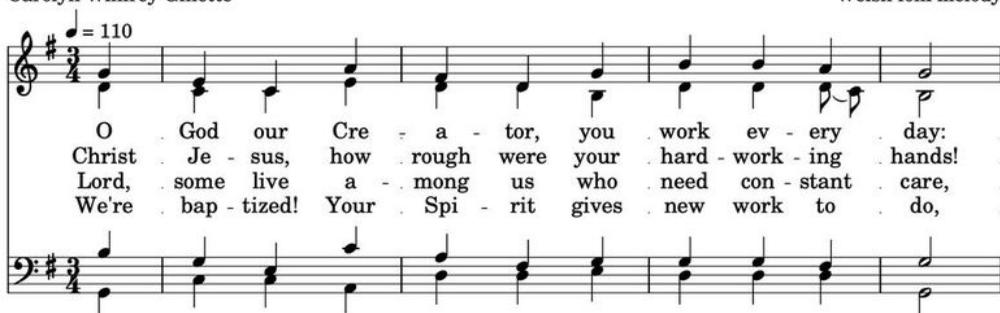
# O God Our Creator, You Work Every Day

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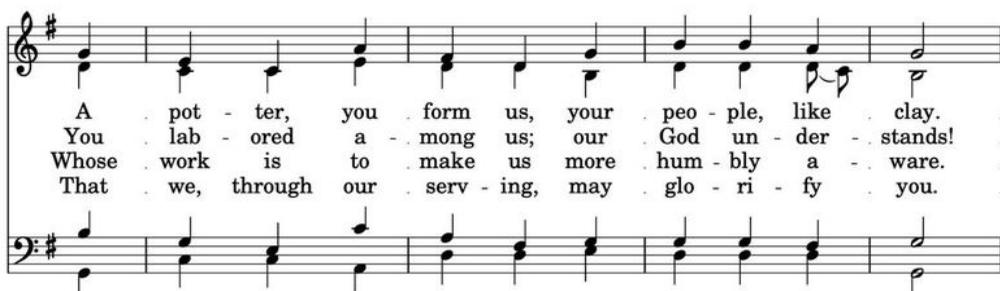
Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Welsh folk melody

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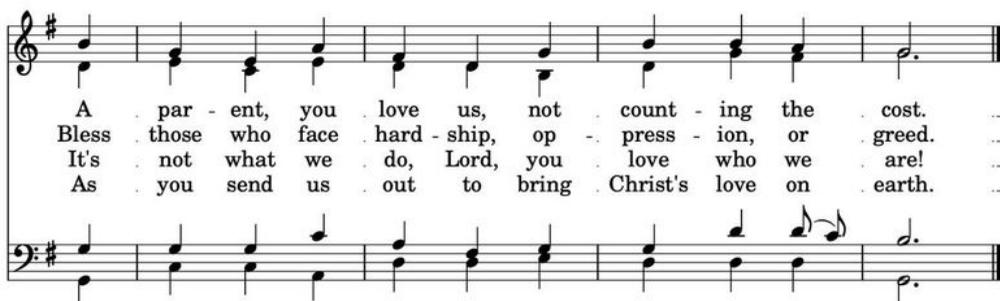
O God our Cre - a - tor, you work ev - ery day:  
Christ Je - sus, how rough were your hard - work - ing hands!  
Lord, some live a - mong us who need con - stant care,  
We're bap - tized! Your Spi - rit gives new work to do,



A pot - ter, you form us, your peo - ple, like clay.  
You lab - ored a - mong us; our God un - der - stands!  
Whose work is to make us more hum - bly a - ware.  
That we, through our serv - ing, may glo - ri - fy you.

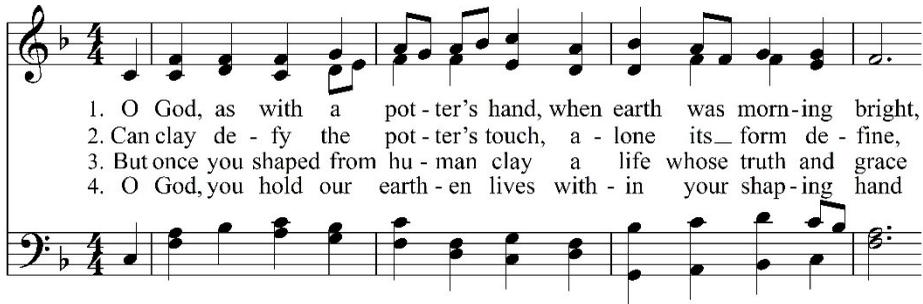


A shep - herd, you guide us and seek out the lost.  
Bless work - ers who strug - gle, their fami - lies to feed;  
They teach us the best of your les - sons, by far:  
Each per - son's vo - ca - tion, each call - ing, has worth

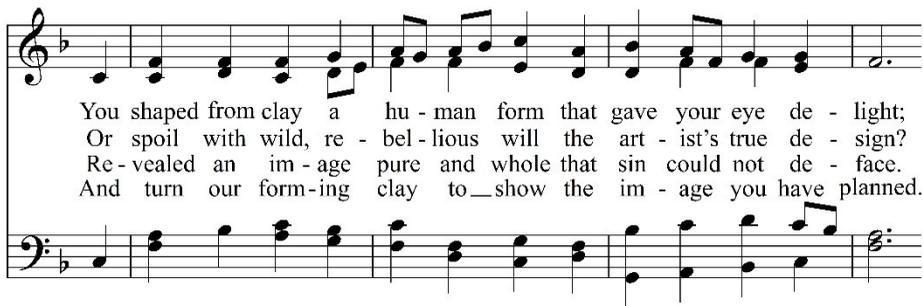


A par - ent, you love us, not count - ing the cost.  
Bless those who face hard - ship, op - press - ion, or greed.  
It's not what we do, Lord, you love who we are!  
As you send us out to bring Christ's love on earth.

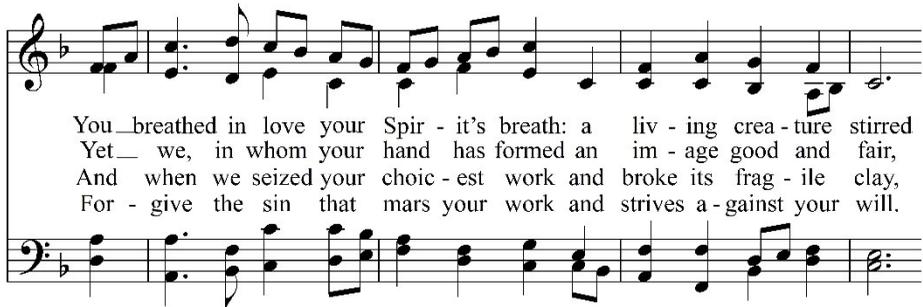
# O God, as with a Potter's Hand



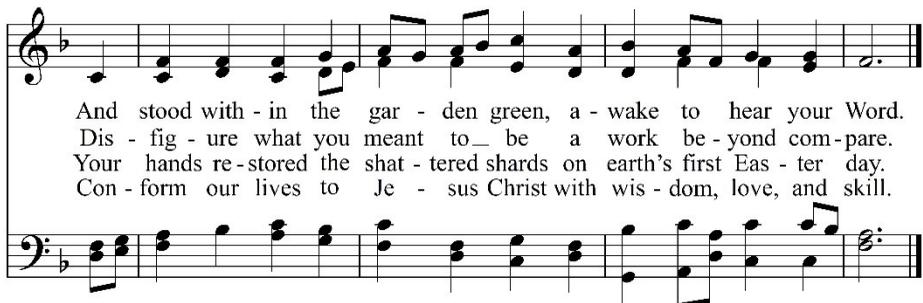
1. O God, as with a pot-ter's hand, when earth was morn-ing bright,  
2. Can clay de - fy the pot-ter's touch, a - lone its\_ form de - fine,  
3. But once you shaped from hu - man clay a life whose truth and grace  
4. O God, you hold our earth - en lives with - in your shap - ing hand



You shaped from clay a hu - man form that gave your eye de - light;  
Or spoil with wild, re - bel - lious will the art - ist's true de - sign?  
Re - vealed an im - age pure and whole that sin could not de - face.  
And turn our form - ing clay to\_ show the im - age you have planned.



You\_ breathed in love your Spir - it's breath: a liv - ing crea - ture stirred  
Yet\_ we, in whom your hand has formed an im - age good and fair,  
And when we seized your choic - est work and broke its frag - ile clay,  
For - give the sin that mars your work and strives a - gainst your will.



And stood with - in the gar - den green, a - wake to hear your Word.  
Dis - fig - ure what you meant to\_ be a work be - yond com - pare.  
Your hands re - stored the shat - tered shards on earth's first Eas - ter day.  
Con - form our lives to Je - sus Christ with wis - dom, love, and skill.

# Jesus, at Your Holy Table

Unison

1. Je - sus, at Your ho - ly ta - ble, may our hearts u - nit - ed be.  
2. Christ, re - mind us of Your pas - sion, of Your pre - cious life out - poured,  
3. Lift your hearts and raise your voic - es, cel - e - brate this won - drous love.

Bind us with Your grace and pres - ence that re - deem and set us free.  
of the love which none can fath - om, and our vic - tory ev - er - more.  
Join the cho - rus with all Chris - tians, and with saints who live a - bove.

Cru - ci - fy our pride and ha - tred, light the path on which we walk.  
Bread of heav - en, wine of prom - ise, feed us with Your ho - ly Word.  
Si - lent lips now sing with glad - ness, blind - ed eyes are filled with sight.

Teach us how to love each oth - er, in the way that You have taught.  
Nour - ish us with Your strong pres - ence, ris - en Sav - ior, on - ly Lord.  
Je - sus' love has pierced our dark - ness, brought us home to peace and light.

# Have Thine Own Way, Lord

1. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the  
2. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and  
3. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wound-ed and  
4. Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my

pot - ter, I am the clay! Mold me and make me af - ter Thy  
try me, Mas-ter, to - day! Whit-er than snow, Lord, wash me just  
wea - ry, help me, I pray! Pow - er, all pow - er sure - ly is  
be - ing ab - so - lute sway! Fill with Thy Spir - it till all shall

will, while I am wait - ing, yield - ed and still.  
now, as in Thy pres - ence hum - bly I bow.  
Thine! Touch me and heal me, Sav - ior di - vine.  
see Christ on - ly, al - ways, liv - ing in me.

## 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](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



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The Scripture this morning is Jeremiah 18:1-11, which may be found on page 629 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

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The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

<sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.  
(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!**

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14**  
**1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10**

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **September 4 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
Following Worship – Called Church Conference — Sanctuary  
12:15 pm    First Sunday Youth Lunch  
12:15 pm    Missions Division — Library  
7:30 pm     Education Division — Zoom
- Monday**     **September 5 – Labor Day**  
Church Office Closed for Labor Day
- Tuesday**    **September 6**  
7:00 pm    Pastor Search Committee
- Wednesday** **September 7 – Mosaic**  
3:30 pm    Holy Rollers — Vickrey Hall (3:30 - 5:30 pm)  
5:30 pm    Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall (no childcare)  
              Beef Tacos with Fixings, Rice, Refried Beans, Chocolate Cake  
6:15 pm    “Dear to the Church” Testimonies, Mix & Mingle, & Table Hosts  
              Vickrey Hall & Zoom  
7:15 pm    Choir — Sanctuary
- Thursday**   **September 8**  
6:30 pm    Publicity/Outreach — Zoom
- Saturday**    **September 10**  
2:00 pm    Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday**      **September 11 – Sunday**  
9:45 am    Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building  
9:45 am    Children’s Christian Education — Vickrey Hall  
10:00 am   Youth SS Class — Youth Portable (Portable 1)  
10:10 am   Non-Traditional Class — Room 212  
10:55 am   Morning Worship, Reann Tiemann, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary  
              or Royal Lane YouTube Channel  
12:15 pm   Rally Day — Cunningham Arcade & Box Gallery  
2:00 pm    Safety Sub-Committee — Library  
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](http://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](http://royallane.org/prayer)  
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



## Deacons on Call

Mike Keith & Garey Wisdom

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When WE Give: our children and youth have a safe place to grow in faith!

### July 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 436,062
Expenses	\$ 456,290
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (20,228)

\*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

*Standard text message rates may apply.*

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