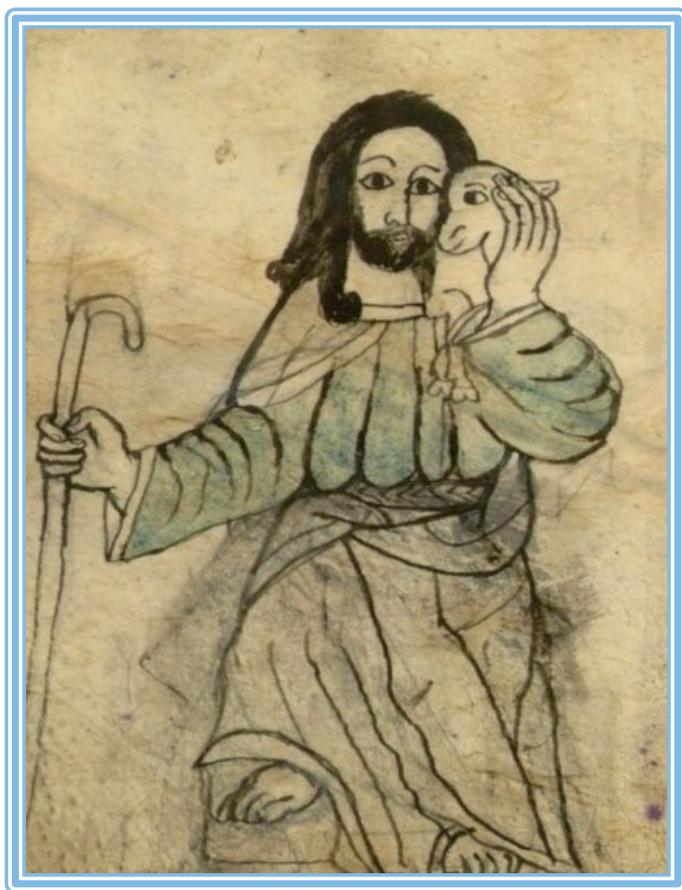


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 11, 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

David Weigle

Opening Sentences

Donna Wood-Martin

The surprise of grace is amazing indeed. Luke's parable tells of a shepherd foolish enough with love for a lost sheep that he will risk the safety and security of the other ninety-nine in order to find the single lost soul. This is the surprise of grace: a judgmental, cruel Pharisee becomes an apostle of Christ's church; a sinful people will be welcomed back by their loving God; and a foolish sheep will be sought and found by the good shepherd, even as the obedient sheep are left behind untended. This isn't just surprising grace, this is foolish, illogical love—a love that only makes sense in God's realm.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Elegy — G. T. Thalben-Ball

✠Call to Worship

Ray Cox, Chair of IT & Congregation

From our wanderings and wonderings,

we are welcomed home by God.

Lost on the highway or trapped on a cliff,

God comes to rescue and return us to safety.

Come to be found,

for all are welcome here.

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Persistent forgiving God, we are a stubborn people who try your patience; yet, instead of giving us up for lost, you seek us out until we return to you. Break our willfulness and bring us back from our wanderings; bend our pride and create in us pure and faithful hearts, which rejoice in your forgiveness made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Love Is Like a Searching Woman — HYFRYDOL

Words of Welcome

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

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

Kate Thompson

Luke 15:1-10 [Pew Bible page 850 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

Sarah Plunk

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

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

God's Great Love Is So Amazing! — CONVERSE
(stanzas one and two)

A Prayer of Remembrance

Cathy Walling, Chair of Worship & Congregation

Let us pray:

O God of all the nations, we gather on this day of remembrance confessing that as your children, the events of twenty-one years ago have not made us much wiser or enhanced our willingness to love one another without condition. Walls still divide, fear still separates, and strangers seem stranger than ever. Patient and loving God, look with mercy on your children gathered here today. Nudge us along the narrow way of Jesus, that we might be healed and become healers and helpers and leaven on this good earth you have given us to steward. Amen.

—Rev. Dr. Ronald M. Patterson, Bridge Minister for Plymouth UCC, Ft Collins, CO
Prayers for 9/11 Services of Remembrance

The Sounding of the Bell

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered — LLANGLOFFAN

Call to Confession

Sandy Washington, Chair of Education & Congregation

Fellow pilgrims, there is joy in the presence of God every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. With open hearts, let us pray.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Loving Shepherd, pour your grace upon us this day. Seek those who are wandering and lost, for they too need your grace. For you know when we are wandering, and you know when we are lost. You know when we have forsaken your call. Forgive us and bring us home. Reclaim us and make us your own. For you are our shepherd and we are the sheep of your pasture. For this grace and mercy, we are ever grateful. Amen.

We now share silence together

Promise of Forgiveness

Rejoice, God, has changed our circumstances for the better! Christ's mercy and grace redeem us and bring us home. We who are lost have been found.

Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Choir

A Promise for Strength — David Schwoebel
*They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.
They that wait upon the Lord shall mount up with wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.*

Sermon

Reann Tiemann

“ The Space Between ”

✠Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture — HYMN TO JOY
*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

Jamie Luckett

As a shepherd searches for a lost sheep, as a woman searches for a lost coin, God seeks us out to save us. With gratitude and joy, let us offer our lives to the Lord.

Offertory Prayer

We rejoice and give you thanks, O God, for the lost have been found and received mercy, and the dead have been restored to life. Send us out in your service to tend your sheep and show the riches of your grace, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Chorale Prelude on "Mit Fried und Freud" — Healey Willan

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

Litany of Farewell

Terry Berrier, Harry Wooten & Congregation

Harry Hunter

O God, you have called Harry Hunter to another place,
another community, another task.

**We are sad to see him go, but we recognize that,
just as he has been your gift to us,
so now he goes as a gift to another group of your people.**

We pray for each other now as our once-parallel roads of pilgrimage diverge.

We thank you for all that we have done or learned or shared together.

As we part, we affirm that it has been your Spirit
who brought us together in the first place,
your Spirit who has enlivened our fellowship.

**Your Spirit who goes with Harry
and your Spirit who stays with us.**

Your spirit who keeps us all together
in the worldwide family of your church.

Thanks be to God.

(continued)

Prayer of Response & Blessing

Congregation

Let us pray:

O God, whose everlasting love for us is trustworthy, help us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time when we were together here in your name saw our laughter, our tears, our hopes and our disappointments. Guide us as we hold close these cherished memories but help us now also to move in new directions, until that time comes when we are completely one with you, and with each other. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please greet Harry Hunter at the front as you make your way to the Cunningham Arcade and Box Gallery.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

O Day of Peace JERUSALEM — arranged by Charles Callahan

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Register Your Attendance

Royallane.org/register



Today is Rally Day

We invite you to gather in the Cunningham Arcade and Box Gallery for cookies and fellowship to learn more about the many divisions of the church and give you an opportunity to find your “niche” to give of your service at Royal Lane Baptist Church.

Reann Tiemann, Guest Preacher



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.

Doug Watts, Guest Preacher – September 18

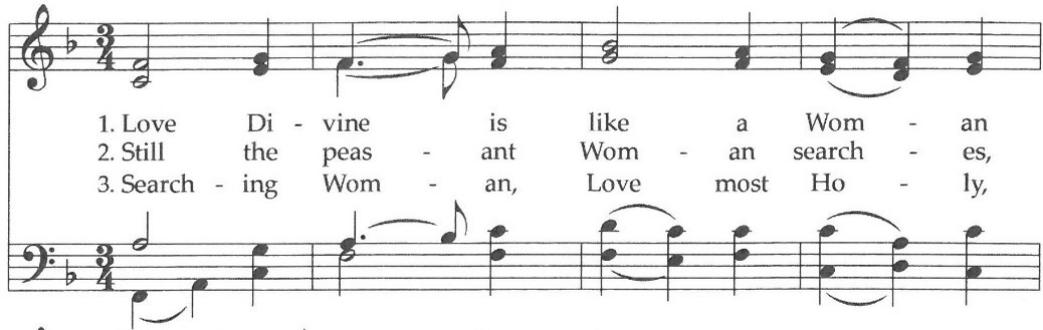
Doug Watts is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a certified educator with the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education. Doug has served as a pastor in Indiana, Ohio, and Texas and as a children's minister here at Royal Lane. He most recently served as Interim Pastor at Central Congregational Church. He is the Manager of Clinical Pastoral Education at UT Southwestern Medical Center here in Dallas.

He and his wife Charlotte share their life with their 4 children, 5 grandchildren and their dogs Madonna and Clara.



Love Divine Is Like a Searching Woman

Luke 15:8-10



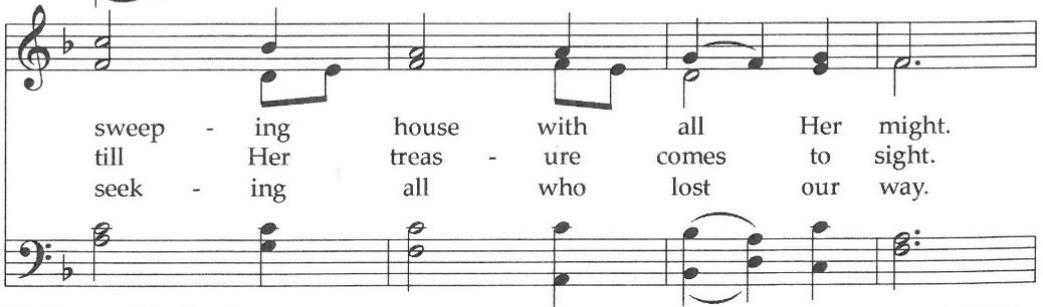
1. Love Di - vine is like a Wom - an
2. Still the peas - ant Wom - an search - es,
3. Search - ing Wom - an, Love most Ho - ly,



search - ing long all day and night,
hold - ing up Her lamp of light,
moves through all the world each day,



look - ing for a coin of sil - ver,
look - ing in the far - thest plac - es,
look - ing for the tired and lone - ly,



sweep - ing house with all Her might.
till Her treas - ure comes to sight.
seek - ing all who lost our way.

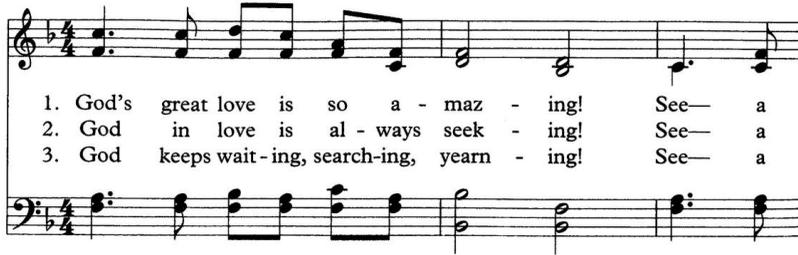
Search - ing, sweep - ing ev - ery cor - ner,
Like the coin, we all are pre - cious;
When She finds us, She re - joic - es;

lis - tening for the faint - est sound,
ev - ery - one has deep - est worth;
heaven and earth will hear Her call,

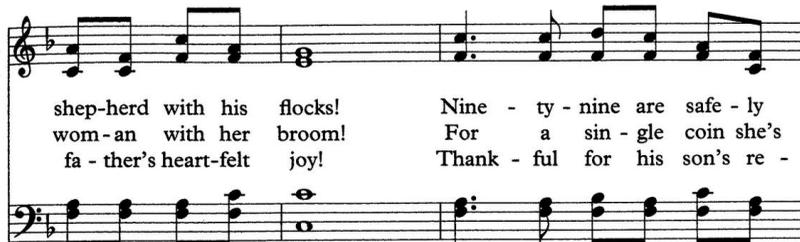
She will la - bor with - out ceas - ing,
so the Wom - an keeps on search - ing,
"Wel - come ev - ery - one with glad - ness;

till the miss - ing one is found.
cry - ing out through all the earth.
o - pen wide the ban - quet hall."

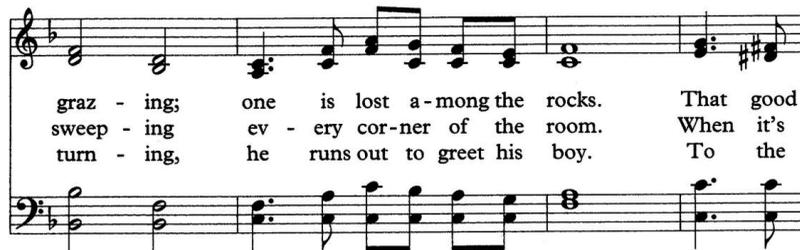
God's Great Love Is So Amazing!



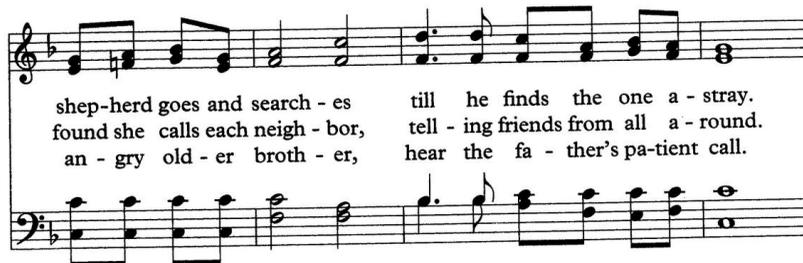
1. God's great love is so a - maz - ing! See— a
2. God in love is al - ways seek - ing! See— a
3. God keeps wait - ing, search - ing, yearn - ing! See— a



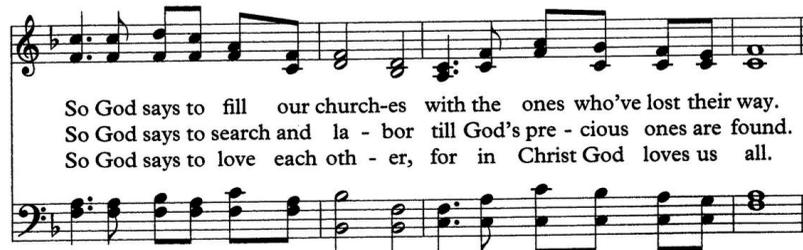
shep - herd with his flocks! Nine - ty - nine are safe - ly
wom - an with her broom! For a sin - gle coin she's
fa - ther's heart - felt joy! Thank - ful for his son's re -



graz - ing; one is lost a - mong the rocks. That good
sweep - ing ev - ery cor - ner of the room. When it's
turn - ing, he runs out to greet his boy. To the



shep - herd goes and search - es till he finds the one a - stray.
found she calls each neigh - bor, tell - ing friends from all a - round.
an - gry old - er broth - er, hear the fa - ther's pa - tient call.



So God says to fill our church - es with the ones who've lost their way.
So God says to search and la - bor till God's pre - cious ones are found.
So God says to love each oth - er, for in Christ God loves us all.

O God, Our Hearts Were Shattered

Words by CAROLYN WINFREY GILLETTE

Music from Welsh folk melody, Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*



1. O God, our hearts were shat - tered on that hor - ren - dous
2. *We heard of those who per - ished - of he - roes' sac - ri -*
3. Some sought to an - swer ter - ror the on - ly way they
4. *God, give us faith and wis - dom to be your heal - ing*



day; we heard the news and gath - ered to
fice. We paused a - gain to cher - ish the
knew - with an - ger toward the stran - ger and
hands; give o - pen minds that lis - ten to



grieve and then to pray. We cried to you and
gifts of love and life. We wor - ried for the
calls for ven - geance, too. Yet this is not your
truth from all your lands. Give strength to work for



won - dered, "Where did the vio - lence start?" The
fu - ture; we hugged our loved ones then. We
an - swer, nor what you would cre - ate. May
jus - tice; grant love that casts out fear. Then



world as we had known— it had just been torn a - part.
cried, "Can peace be found— here?" "We can't let ter - ror win!"
we live toward a fu - ture where love will con - quer hate.
peace and not de - struc - tion will be the vic - tor here.

Once a Sheep Was in a Pasture

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2022

Hymn to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven, adapt. Edward Hodges

1. Once a sheep was in a pas-ture with the oth-er nine-ty-nine.
2. Shep-herd, some-times we face trou-ble, far from oth-ers, far from you.
3. Like a shep-herd, Lord, you know us and the songs our spi-rits sing.
4. Shep-herd, by your love you find us, then you send us out in turn

Their good shep-herd loved those hun-dred, and he told them, "You are mine!"
There are dif-ferent ways we strug-ple, dif-ferent things that we can do.
You ac-cept us and you love us— and you know the gifts we bring,
to seek out all your be-lov-ed and to bring the wound-ed home.

As the hun-dred grazed to-geth-er, for some rea-son yet un-told,
There are times we're prone to wan-der; there are times we're pushed a-way.
With our sign-ing, with our voi-ces, with our hearts, may we ex-press:
As we lead and help each oth-er, as we ad-vo-cate and pray,

one found she was se-pa-ra-ted from the shep-herd, from the fold.
Shep-herd, by your love you find us— then in joy you ce-le-brate!
Shep-herd, by your love you find us— we are yours, and we are blessed!
may we shep-herd one a-noth-er on your faith-ful, lov-ing Way.

The Scripture this morning is Luke 15:1-10, which may be found on page 850 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

(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!**

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Thank You for Re-Stocking the Kitchen!

Thank you to everyone who donated spices, oils, flours, money, and other items to restock our kitchen. This project was very successful, and Carly Manson, our cook was so grateful to have everything ready for her! It has always been true that Baptists love to gather together to eat, and this project proves it! Your generosity is such a blessing. Thank you.

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.

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.

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>

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 September 12

Who are we? 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>



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.

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.

Questions? Contact Charlotte Sewell.



Study for Wednesday Evening
Midweek with Dean Dickens
“Paul and Barny: What Do We Do Now?”

For the Wednesday nights of September, our former member Dr. Dean Dickens will be our presenter. Dean and Karr La were Royal Lane members for many years. He currently keeps his membership in the churches where he is doing Intentional Interim ministries. Two years ago, he was recognized as Texas Baptists outstanding Intentional Interim minister.

Dean and Karr La spent 28 years as field missionaries, 15 years teaching preaching (Southwestern and the Philippine Baptist Seminary) and pastoring. The last 12 of those years (while they were at Royal Lane) they supervised field missionaries all around the world. Now retired, each year he still does three or four "Preaching in Culture" workshops usually in developing world countries, focusing on illiterate and semi-literate men and women leading churches.

Dean and Karr La are long-time friends of Royal Lane, and we are looking forward to having them join us for fellowship! Dean will begin these Wednesday nights talking with us about the normal traumas churches face in transition times: “Paul and Barny: What Do We Do Now?”

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

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.



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 - 2022 October Women's Retreat.



Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **September 11 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:30 am Deacon's Meeting — Youth Portable (childcare at 8:00 am, Vickrey Hall)
12:15 pm Rally Day — Cunningham Arcade & Box Gallery
2:00 pm Safety Sub-Committee — Library
- Monday** **September 12**
3:00 pm Building Action Task Force — Library
- Tuesday** **September 13**
6:30 pm Women of the Church Salad Supper — Vickrey Hall
7:00 pm Pastor Search Committee
- Wednesday** **September 14**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Youth Portable (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Chicken Sandwiches, Fries, Salad, Dessert: Trifle
6:15 pm Midweek Study with Dean Dickens — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable (Portable 1)
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **September 15**
6:30 pm Publicity/Outreach — Zoom
7:30 pm Children's Committee & SS Teachers — Zoom
- Saturday** **September 17**
 Third Saturday Youth Activity — Sister Grove Farm
9:00 am Hope Supply Volunteer Day — Hope Supply (9:00 – 11:00 am)
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- Sunday** **September 18 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
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, Doug Watts, Guest Preacher — Sanctuary
 or Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:30 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall
2:00 pm Racial Justice Committee — Vickrey Hall

The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic is Monday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

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

When WE Give: we support the many ministries of RLBC!

July 2022 Financials

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

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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