

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.

*Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,
and to record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew, and pass it to others.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.*

✠ — *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Chiming of the Hour

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

Jesus we come — to walk the road with you — to follow you to the cross. We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints in the dust. To understand how you died. To understand how we die. To understand how you lived. To understand how we should live.

You are fully human — thirsty as you hung there, in the hot sun. You felt the urgent need of a parched throat and a dry tongue. You have quenched our thirst with your living water.

May we, in turn, choose to quench the physical thirst of others. May we, in turn, choose to quench the spiritual thirst of others.

Voluntary

Adagio in G Minor — Thomas Albinoni

David Weigle

✠ Call to Worship

Congregation

The cross is the way of the lost

the cross is the staff of the lame

the cross is the guide of the blind

the cross is the strength of the weak

the cross is the hope of the hopeless

the cross is the freedom of the slaves

the cross is the water of the seeds

the cross is the source of those who seek water.

—tenth-century African hymn

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

O God, you have made us for yourself, and against your longing there is no defense. Mark us with your love, and release in us a passion for your justice in our disfigured world; that we may turn from our guilt and face you, our heart's desire. Amen.

—Chiming and invocation: – Janet Morley *All Desires Known*,
quoted in Rebecca Dudley and Janet Morley,
Praying for a Change: A Christian Aid Lent Course.

✠Hymn 406

Congregation

Jesus, Lover of My Soul — ABERYSTWYTH

Scripture Lesson

Ruth May

Isaiah 55:1-3 (Pew Bible page 598 of the Old Testament)

John 19:28-29 (Pew Bible page 882 of the New Testament)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

*Children through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play,
1st through 4th grade to Young Theologians.
You may collect your children in the Children's Building following the service.*

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Ten Thousand Angels — Ray Overholt

Ray Cox, Rita Nsumbu, soloists

Sing refrain on direction

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Certainly we feel separated from God in this Lenten season. Have we, indeed, caused the separation we feel so keenly? Has Jesus died because of our idolatry? What do we need to confess today?

(continued)

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

O God, your tears fall as a judgment on us. We did not recognize Jesus in the poor whom we ignored. We did not know that the child who died of starvation in the arms of his grieving mother was Jesus. We did not realize that the angry words we hurled pierced the heart of our Savior. We did not comprehend the damage we inflicted on Jesus with our deceptions, our self-centered passions, our violations of trust. O Christ, you have borne our grief and carried our sorrows. How can you forgive? Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

The one we grieve, the one we killed, died for us. The one who loves us with a perfect love risked everything to bring us to a realization of God's love for us. God wants us to live in the Spirit, to give care and compassion to everyone we encounter, to share forgiveness and grace.

God calls us to maintain constant love for one another. It is in that love that we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

His Are the Thousand Sparkling Rills — ELMHURST

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

O God, whose face shines upon us, we offer the prayers we carry deep in our hearts that those who need deliverance may know your steadfast love and salvation.

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:

Suffering Savior, in all our thirst, in all our sickness, in all our longing, in all our pain, you are there. Come alongside us in the darkness and walk with us through all our suffering. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Fifth Word from The Seven Last Words of Christ — Théodore Dubois

Blair Wooten & Dan Thompson, soloists

I am athirst!

And the Jews then passing by him, all did rail upon him
and wagging their heads at him, they said unto him:

Ah! Thou wouldst fain destroy the temple;
if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father, now from the cross descend thou,
that we behold it, and believe on thee when we behold it.
If thou art king over Israel, save thyself, then!

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ The Fifth Word: I Am Thirsty ”

†Hymn of Commitment 182

Congregation

Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed — AVON

*Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess or reaffirm
your faith or identify with this fellowship. A minister will greet and receive you.*

Offertory Prayer

Michael Estill

Offertory

David Weigle

Jesu, Priceless Treasure — Paul Manz

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Let your thirst open you to the suffering of others.

Let awareness of your own sin put you in touch with theirs.

We will not judge others but welcome them.

As we listen, we will also care in the spirit of Jesus.

Work and wait with openness to good news.

See the promises of new life that are emerging.

We are drawn by God's love to new acts of service.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Once More, My Soul — George Shearing

Ten Thousand Angels

And He shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels. Matt. 26:53

RAY OVERHOLT

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Slowly, with much feeling

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1. They bound the hands of Je - sus in the gar - den where He prayed;
2. Up - on His pre - cious head they placed a crown of thorns;
3. When they nailed Him to the cross, His moth - er stood near by;
4. To the howl - ing mob He yield - ed; He did not for mer - cy cry.

They led Him thro' the streets in shame. They spat up - on the
They laughed and said, "Be - hold the King." They struck Him and they
He said, "Wom - an, be - hold thy son!" He cried, "I thirst for
The cross of shame He took a - lone. And when He cried, "It's

Sav - ior so pure and free from sin; They said,
cursed Him and mocked His ho - ly name. All a -
wa - ter," but they gave Him none to drink. Then the
fin - ished," He gave Him - self to die; Sal -

Chorus
f Faster

"Cru - ci - fy Him; He's to blame."
lone He suf - fered ev - ery - thing. He could have
sin - ful work of man was done.
va - tion's won - drous plan was done.

called ten thousand an-gels To de-destroy the world and set Him
the world
free. He could have called ten thou-sand
rall.
an-gels, But He died a-lone, a-lone, for you and me.

IN FOCUS

April 3, 2019

Lana Ahrens is a Licensed Master Social Worker and has worked in child welfare for 13.5 years. She began her career with Child Protective Services as a Conservatorship Caseworker and then became a supervisor of caseworkers. After this, she became a trainer for new CPS employees and staff and eventually became the manager of the training academy. She recently joined the Education team at the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center in February 2019 as the Education Specialist.

His Are the Thousand Sparkling Rills

ELMHURST

Text alterations by
DANNY WESLEY RAY (ASCAP)

Words by CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER 1823-1895

Music by EDWIN DREWETT, 1887

1. His are the thou - sand spark - ling rills That
2. All fie - ry pangs of bat - tle - fields, On
3. But more than a - go ny and pain Was
4. O Love most pa - tient, give me grace; Make

from a thou - sand foun - tains burst, And fill with mu - sic
fe - vered beds where wound - ed toss, Are in that hu - man
that deep long - ing thirst di - vine To ease the souls' dread
all my soul a - thirst for thee; That parched dry lip, that

all the hills; And yet he saith, "I thirst."
cry he yields To an - guish on the cross.
sin - ful stain; Dear Lord! and one was mine.
fad - ing face, That thirst, were all for me.

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Hymn Notes

Ten Thousand Angels

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His Are the Thousand Sparkling Rills

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, Text Alterations, Danny Wesley Ray

Music: Edwin Drewett, Public Domain

Worship Leaders

Michael Estill

Michael has worked for JCPenney Corporate in the Marketing/Advertising Department for 15 years and lives in far north Carrollton.

Ruth May

Ruth moved to Denton, Texas, in 1991 to pursue her Ph.D. at the University of North Texas. She eventually found Royal Lane on a quest for a sister church to Northminster Baptist in Jackson, Mississippi, where she had been a member since 1984. Ruth joined Royal Lane with Donna Ledgerwood in 1993, and both agree that they have been blessed immeasurably by the friendship, support and opportunities for service that Royal Lane offers to all who find their way here. Ruth has served three terms as a deacon and has served as the director of the Finance division. She is a Professor in the College of Business at the University of Dallas and loves her work almost as much as she loves her church.

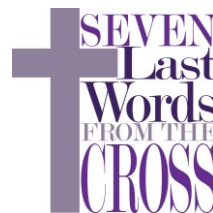
Box Gallery Exhibit

“NATURESCAPES” by Sherry Houpt

**Vivid landscapes that capture the bold beauty of
Northern New Mexico, Wyoming, and East Texas.**

“Naturescapes” by regional artist Sherry Houpt is exhibited at the Box Gallery at Royal Lane Baptist Church, from April 1 to June 28. Public receptions are Friday, April 12, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 14, 12:15 to 1:30 p.m.

Lent & Holy Week



Lenten Series (March 6 – April 14)

7 Last Words of Jesus

Sunday April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday

10:55 am Morning Worship – Procession of Palms

Wednesday April 17

5:30 pm Family Supper — Vickrey Hall

6:00 pm Youth Study Hall — Youth Basement

6:15 pm Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall

6:15 pm Children's Seder — Children's Building

7:15 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Friday April 19 – Good Friday

5:30 pm Choir Dinner — Library

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

8:00 pm Good Friday Service – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)
“The Seven Last Words of Christ” – Théodore DuBois

8:00 pm Children's Good Friday Service — Children's Building

Saturday April 20

2:00 pm Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

Sunday April 21 – Easter Sunday

8:00 am Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary

Testimony of Joy – Karen Miller

8:30 am Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall

9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1

10:55 am Morning Worship – “A New Word of Beginning” — Sanctuary

Schedule for the Week

Sunday March 31 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 12:15 pm Choir Lunch & Rehearsal — Vickrey Hall & Sanctuary (childcare provided)
- 12:15 pm Youth Lunch & Work Day — Vickrey Hall & Portables
- Kosher Chili Cook-Off — Tiferet Israel

Wednesday April 3 – Mosaic

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 - Lemon Garlic Chicken, Mixed Vegetables, Salad Texas Toast, Chocolate Cake
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall
 - IN FOCUS: Child Abuse Prevention Month
 - with Lana Ahrens, Dallas Children's Advocacy Center
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Sunday April 6 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

- 8:30 am Finance Committee — Library
- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
- 2:00 pm Bridal Shower – Shannon Simmons & Blake Miller — Library

The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.

Nathan Watts Ordination – Request for Fabric Swatches

Nathan Watts has been called to serve as the pastor of First Congregational Church, Flagstaff, Arizona and will be ordained on May 5, 2019, at The Good Shepherd UCC, Sahuarita, Arizona.

RLBC will participate in this celebration by collecting swatches of fabric to be made into a stole and presented to Nathan at his ordination. Please include an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper (suitable to be placed in a notebook) with this information:

- Your name
- Why you chose this fabric
- A note of encouragement for Nathan

Bring to the church office on or before April 15.

Prayer Cards

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. These may be placed in the offering plate or handed to a minister or deacon of the week.

Deacons on Call

Percy Parrish & Charlotte Sewell

Safety Shepherd – Charlotte Sewell

Godly Play

Amy Ward-Meier & Ed Meier

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

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February 28, 2019 Financials

	YTD	Feb 2019
Budget/Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 108,055	\$ 54,028
Actual Pledges & Plate Offerings	\$ 151,980	\$ 36,180
Budget/Offerings & Revenues	\$ 117,622	\$ 59,011
Actual Offerings & Revenues	\$ 164,140	\$ 40,524
Expenses	\$ 122,682	\$ 60,450
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 41,458	(\$ 19,926)

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Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

The Hebrew Scripture this morning is Isaiah 55:1-3, which may be found on page 598 of the Old Testament of the pew Bible.

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

The Gospel Lesson is John 19:28-29, which may be found on page 882 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

28 After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.'²⁹A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word...**Thanks be to God.**