

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 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.

After all. After everything. After the pain, the rejection, the sorrow—you entrusted your spirit to God. Although you felt the forsakenness of sin in its fullest, you trusted in God. Now you entrust us to God—sitting at God's right hand, and interceding for us. May we, in turn, trust. May we learn the extent of your faithfulness. May we trust ourselves to you.

Opening Voluntary

David Weigle

O Man, Bemoan Thy Grievous Fall—J. S. Bach

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Through the gloom of this season our souls are bowed down.

Yet God's mercies are new every morning.

Though prayers seem unanswered, we cry out to God.

Great is God's faithfulness day to day.

Though our bones are broken, we hope in God.

Through bitter affliction, we continue to trust.

We seek refuge in God who is righteous.

God is our strong fortress, to save us.

Our times are in God's hands.

We look to God to deliver us from our enemies.

We will discipline ourselves to pray.

We will hold one another in constant love.

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

O God, into whose hands your Son Jesus Christ commended his spirit, grant that we too, following his example, may in all life and at the moment of our death entrust our lives into your faithful hands of love. In the name of Jesus who gave his life for us all. Amen.

†Hymn 415

Congregation

Lift High the Cross — CRUCIFER

Scripture Lesson

Deanna Green

Luke 23:44-49 (Pew Bible page 860 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

Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley — LONESOME VALLEY

Offertory Prayer

Susie Leinneweber

Offertory

Choir

Sixth Word from *The Seven Last Words of Christ* — Théodore Dubois

Dan Thompson, Blair Wooten, soloists
Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit.
For Thou art my God and my Father;
Thou art my savior.
Into Thy hands I commend my soul.

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ The Sixth Word: Into Your Hands ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Who Would Ever Have Believed It? — TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

*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.*

Communion

All Believers

May God be with you

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

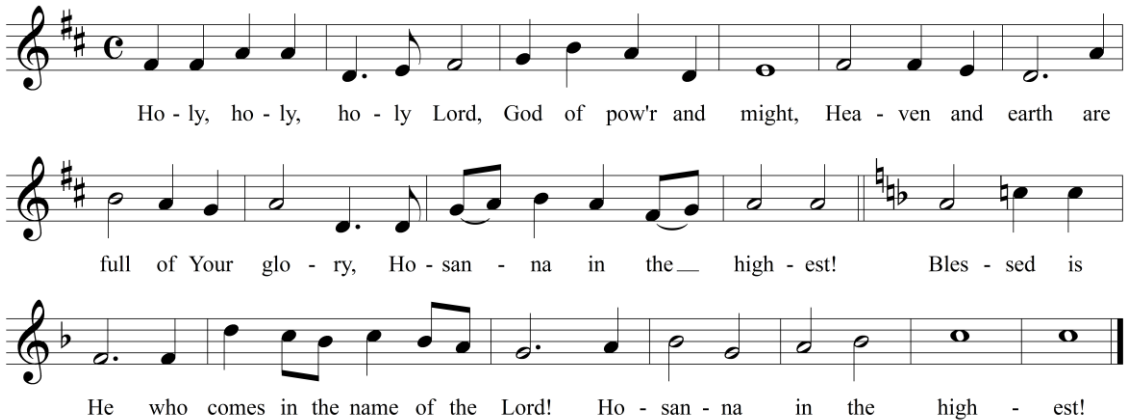
Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right and good, beautiful and holy
that we should, in ceaseless joy
Give our thanks and praise to you,
Holy and merciful God,
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise
With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,
We glorify you, joining this unending song:

Sanctus — Mark Snow



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are
full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bles - sed is
He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Communion Prayer & Blessing of Bread & Cup

Michael Gregg

Response

Life's greatest feast before us,
We excitedly proclaim:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

Dear God, you transform.
You transform all that is before you
So that at the touch of your grace
We are never the same.

Dear God, you illumine.
You bring light to all peoples
Light to the nations
Light into our hearts
Light on your Way.

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit.
Transform, illumine, bless.
Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup
Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

**In so doing,
Hold us as your own
Renew us as your people
For the sake of the world you love.**

For all honor and glory are yours, O God,
Through Jesus Christ,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation
Both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer (*using trespasses*)

The Receiving of Communion

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake
of communion by intinction* or separate cups.
Gluten free bread is available in the center of the paten. Return via the outside aisles.*

** - intinction, the administering of the elements of Communion
by dipping the bread in the cup and receiving both together.*

†Passing of the Peace

Believing that we will see the goodness of God in our fellowship today, let us share signs of this goodness as we pass the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you. . . **The Peace of Christ be with you always.**

†Sung Response

Congregation

Rock of Ages — TOPLADY

Could my tears for - ev - er flow, could my zeal no lan - guor

know; these for sin could not a - tone - thou must save, and thou a -

lone: in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Life, as we know it here and now, does not last.

Yet God's mercies are new every morning.

Hope endures through and beyond the shadows.

Great is God's faithfulness and steadfast love.

Live, then, as children of the light.

Trust in God, who is our refuge, our rock, and our guide.

We will take the risks of faith and we will witness.

If we must suffer for truth, we will do so.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Festal Piece — G. F. Handel

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Hymn Notes

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Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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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.

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley



1. Je - sus walked _____ this lone-some val - ley;
2. We must walk _____ this lone-some val - ley;
3. You must go _____ and stand your tri - al;



he had to walk _____ it by him - self. _____
we have to walk _____ it by our - selves. _____
you have to stand _____ it by your - self. _____



— Oh, no-bod - y else _____ could walk it for him;
— Oh, no-bod - y else _____ can walk it for us;
— Oh, no-bod - y else _____ can stand it for you;



he had to walk _____ it by him - self. _____
we have to walk _____ it by our - selves. _____
you have to stand _____ it by your - self. _____

Nathan Watts Ordination – Request for Fabric Swatches

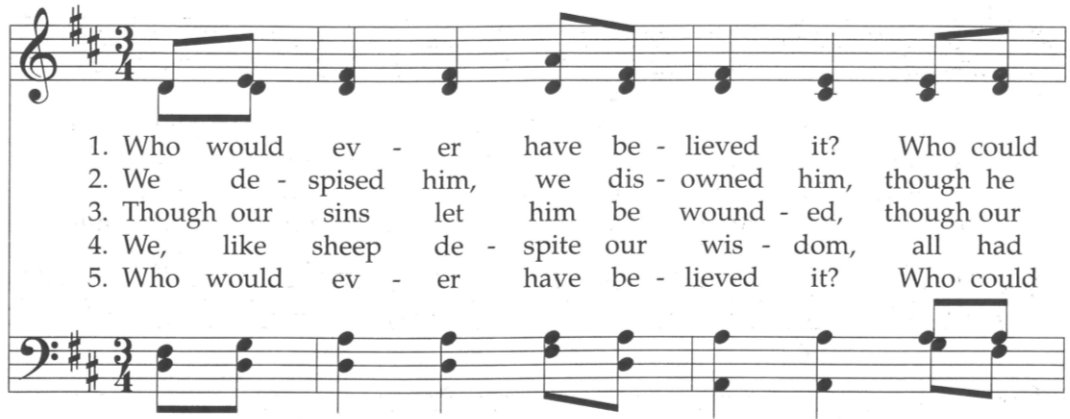
Nathan Watts has been called to serve as the pastor of First Congregational Church, Flagstaff, Arizona and will be ordained on May 5, 2019, at The Good Shepherd UCC, Sahuarita, Arizona.

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:

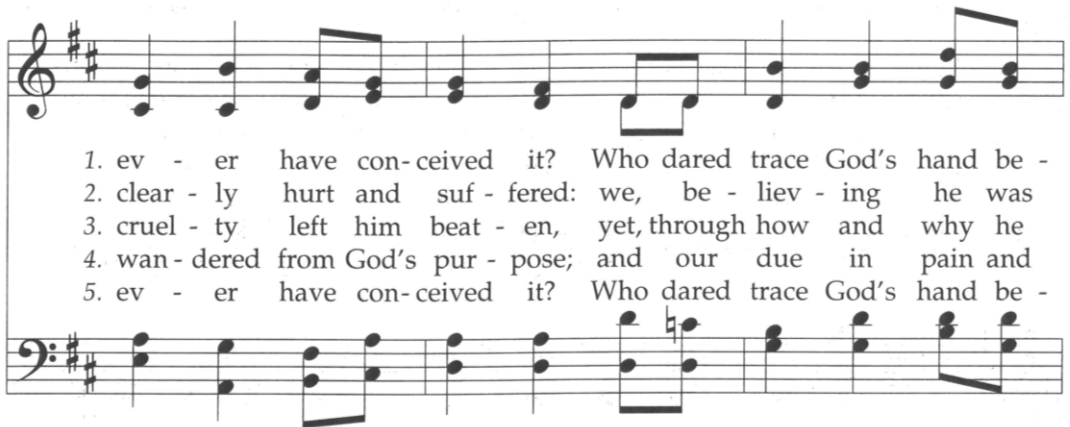
- Your name
- Why you chose this fabric
- A note of encouragement for Nathan

Bring to the church office on or before April 15.


Who Would Ever Have Believed It?



1. Who would ev - er have be - lieved it? Who could
2. We de - spised him, we dis - owned him, though he
3. Though our sins let him be wound - ed, though our
4. We, like sheep de - spite our wis - dom, all had
5. Who would ev - er have be - lieved it? Who could

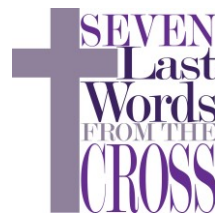


1. ev - er have con - ceived it? Who dared trace God's hand be -
2. clear - ly hurt and suf - fered: we, be - liev - ing he was
3. cruel - ty left him beat - en, yet, through how and why he
4. wan - dered from God's pur - pose; and our due in pain and
5. ev - er have con - ceived it? Who dared trace God's hand be -



1. hind it when a ser - vant came a - mong us?
2. worth - less, nev - er looked on him with fa - vor.
3. suf - fered, God re - vealed our hope of heal - ing.
4. an - ger God let fall on one a - mong us.
5. hind it when a ser - vant came a - mong us?

Lent & Holy Week



Lenten Series 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

Presented by the Sanctuary Choir & soloists

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** **April 7 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
2:00 pm Bridal Shower – Shannon Simmons & Blake Miller — Library
- Tuesday** **April 9**
6:00 pm Personnel Committee — Library
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday** **April 10**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Committee — Room 206
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Beef and Rice Stuffed Peppers, Salad, Rolls, Coconut Cake
6:00 pm Youth Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Vickrey Hall
 Luke 2:22-52, Jesus at the Temple
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **April 11**
6:30 pm Missions Committee — Library
- Friday** **April 12**
10:00 am Second Friday at NDSM — North Dallas Shared Ministries, (10-11:30 am)
6:00 pm Artist Reception, Sherry Houpt — Box Gallery (6-8 pm)
- Saturday** **April 13**
9:00 am We Over Me Farm — Paul Quinn College (9-11 am)
- Sunday** **April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday**
8:30 am Deacons Meeting — Portable 1
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Artist Reception, Sherry Houpt — Box Gallery (12:15 – 1:30 pm)
12:15 pm Second Sunday Youth Lunch & Work Day

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



May 3 & May 4

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

Garey Wisdom & Margaret Darden

Godly Play

Blake Miller & Shannon Simmons

Safety Shepherd – Jeff & Jennifer Hammett

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: our youngest to our oldest learn to apply faith during Sunday School.

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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The Scripture this morning is Luke 23:44-49, which may be found on page 860 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

⁴⁴It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, ⁴⁵while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. ⁴⁶Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Having said this, he breathed his last. ⁴⁷When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, "Certainly this man was innocent." ⁴⁸And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

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