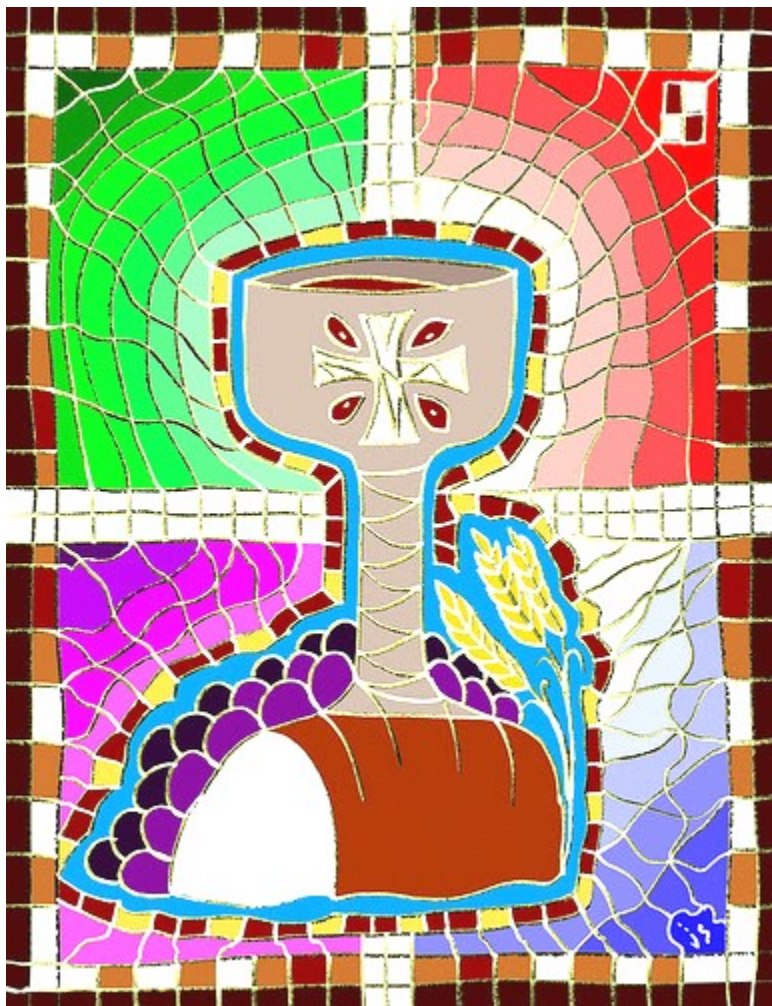


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Third Sunday of Easter*

May 5, 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

*Listening to Christ's call to be an Easter people puts us on a journey of transformation. Listening to this call means seeing differently, recognizing ways we have been blind to our complicity and participation in the brokenness of the world. As people of faith, we are called to live the hard edge of the gospel that accepts in grace and offers justice to those who have been unjust towards that very community. What trust is required from you to risk transformation, especially in places of brokenness, so God's spirit may bring restoration, renewal, and transformation?*

### Opening Voluntary

David Weigle

*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing* — arranged by Matthew Corl

### ✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Let us join in praise of the Holy One,  
who never lets the enemies of justice have the final word.

**God lifts us up from the pits of despair,  
the deep recesses of disappointment.**

Let us join creation's chorus rejoicing  
in the transforming presence of our creator.

**God brings vision to our blindness,  
enabling us to see in ways we never imagined.**

Let our souls unite in thanksgiving and praise to the Christ  
who brings healing and wholeness, restoring us to life.

**We worship the God who leads us to peace everlasting.  
To God be blessing and honor and glory.**

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**O Lord, as you appeared to Saul while he was bent on persecuting your followers, come to us as we, too, pursue those who do not believe as we do and ridicule those who seek peace in our time through the path of love. Blind us to the folly of our ways, and make clear to us the path you would have us follow that we may become true disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

†Hymn 206

Congregation

*Christ Is Alive* – TRURO

Welcome to Worshipers

Michael Gregg

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.]*

Introduction to the Word

Harry Wooten

Listen!

**Do you hear the Spirit moving in our midst?**

Listen!

**Jesus is calling us today.**

Listen!

**God's word of hope is about to be spoken in this very room.**

Listen!

**Open your ears, your eyes, and your hearts to hear the word of God.**

Scripture Lesson

Reann Tiemann

Acts 9:1-20 (Pew Bible page 893 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 473

Congregation

*Will You Come and Follow Me* — KELVINGROVE

Offertory Prayer

Mike Keith

Generous God, you have given us nothing less than new life. We pray that our thanksgiving and rejoicing will find a home through our gifts to you. In mission, in outreach, and in ministry, may we live out resurrection hope each day as we answer your call. With grateful hearts, we pray in the name of the living Christ. Amen.

Offertory

Choir

*Grace* — arranged by Mark Hayes

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ Saying Yes to Jesus ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 203

Congregation

*Day of Arising* — BUNESSAN

*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

Lift up your heads.

**We lift them up to God.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Lift up your hands.

**We dedicate our heads, our hearts, and our hands to the worship of God.**

We offer our entire being to the God of Creation,  
who made the sun and the moon to govern by day and by night  
and hung the stars in the sky.

**We offer our entire being to God who hollowed out the valleys  
and raised up the mountains, who formed the seas and oceans,  
and populated the world with glorious creatures.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord who created us and fashioned us from the dust  
**and breathed into us the breath of life.**

Sung Response [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Bless His Holy Name* — Andraé Crouch

Musical notation for the song "Bless His Holy Name" by Andraé Crouch. The music is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is with- in me, bless his ho - ly name." The word "Fine" is written above the final measure of the piece.

Response

Early on the morning of the third day Jesus laughed at death,  
shed his grave clothes, and walked among us alive!  
Forty days later, he ascended into heaven,  
where he is seated at the right hand of the God of our ancestors.

**Our eyes are turned toward the skies looking for the day  
when Jesus shall return to a kingdom without end,  
where the lion will lie down peaceably with the lamb,  
where sickness and disease are not known,  
where the wicked will cease from troubling  
and we will study war no more!**

Sung Response 562 (stanza one)

Congregation

*Soon and Very Soon* — Andraé Crouch

**Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.**

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine; make them be for us the body and blood of Christ. Wonder-working God, pour out your Spirit upon us; as we offer ourselves to be God's presence in the world until Jesus returns in glory.

Almighty God,

We your people cry out to you on behalf of our community:

Have mercy upon all who suffer the evils of poverty.

**Have Mercy, Lord!**

Have mercy upon all who have lost their way.

**Have Mercy, Lord!**

Have mercy upon all who have been offended by the church.

**Have Mercy, Lord!**

Have mercy upon all the forgotten and neglected.

**Have Mercy, Lord!**

As we remember the death and resurrection of Christ, let us remember those who need our prayer. Amen.

Have mercy upon us triune God,

and make us worthy to be called your people

who pray the prayer that Jesus taught to his disciples:

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.*

✠ Passing of the Peace

We are Easter people; let us embody the joy of the resurrection as we greet one another in the name of Christ.

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

†Sung Response

Hymn 587 (stanza one only)

Congregation

*Amazing Grace* — NEW BRITAIN

**Amazing Grace! how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**

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

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Never underestimate the power you have been given  
as witnesses to God's transforming love.

**Our vision has been restored.**

**We will live as instruments of God's peace, love, and justice.**

You are never alone.

The Spirit of God is at work among you and through you.

**Once we sought the safe path, the easy road,  
now we journey with confidence in the risen Christ who fills us with  
joy.**

Amen.

**Alleluia!**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Voluntary on "Thine Be the Glory"* — Matthew Corl

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**Called Church Conference, today, May 5,  
immediately following worship  
for the purpose of giving final approval  
for the ordination of  
Tim Schaefer.**

Study for Wednesday Evening  
**IN FOCUS: Mental Health Awareness**

# IN FOCUS

In observance of Mental Health Awareness Month, the May IN FOCUS will highlight techniques for maintaining good mental health. Together, we will learn how to better take care of ourselves and others through facilitated conversations led by Sarah Fuller Phillips and Tim Schaefer.

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Acts 9:36-43**    **Psalm 23**

**Revelation 7:9-17**    **John 10:22-30**

## For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.

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)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



## Worship Leaders

### Mike Keith

Mike grew up in Northwest Dallas just down the road from Royal Lane Baptist and is a graduate of W.T. White and Texas Tech University. He and his wife Pam have been married for almost 44 years and have two married sons, Phillip (Kelley) and Joel (Nicole), plus three grandchildren, Claire, Owen and Helena Rose. Mike retired from the building material business in 2016 and he and Pam joined RLBC in November of last year.

### Reann Tiemann

Reann is a Chaplain at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. She found Royal Lane while searching for a faith community that shared her values for diversity, justice, and the expanse of God's love for every person. She is currently in the discernment process for ordination. She moved to Texas via California, and currently lives in Van Alstyne with her daughters: Mara (10) and Lillie (8).





## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday**      **May 5 – Third Sunday of Easter**  
Called Church Conference immediately following service  
for final approval of the ordination of Tim Schaefer  
12:15 pm      Education Committee — Room 206
- Tuesday**     **May 7**  
7:00 pm      Personnel Committee — Library
- Wednesday** **May 8 – Mosaic**  
3:30 pm      Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm      Publicity/Outreach — Room 206  
5:30 pm      Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
                Chicken and Rice, Salad, Rolls, Strawberry Cake  
6:00 pm      Youth Study Hall — Youth Basement  
6:15 pm      Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building  
6:15 pm      Midweek Service – IN FOCUS: Mental Health Awareness — Vickrey Hall  
7:15 pm      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday**    **May 9**  
6:30 pm      Missions Committee — Library
- Friday**        **May 10**  
Women of the Church Spring Retreat — Prothro Center at Lake Texoma  
10:00 am     Second Friday at NDSM
- Saturday**     **May 11**  
Women of the Church Spring Retreat — Prothro Center at Lake Texoma
- Sunday**       **May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
9:30 am      Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery  
9:45 am      Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am     Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
3:00 pm      Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary  
4:00 pm      Ordination of Tim Schaefer — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)  
                Reception following — Vickrey Hall

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

# 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

Cathy Webb & Nancy Ferrell

**Safety Shepherd** – Phil Keith

## Godly Play

Kirsten Fleenor & Jack Mullinax

**Young Theologians** – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

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When WE Give: YBC can feed and minister to Vickrey Meadows children.

### March 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 219,807	\$ 166,108
Expenses	\$ 177,154	\$ 177,154
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 42,653	(\$ 11,046)

\*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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Ray Vickrey, Pastor Emeritus  
David Weigle, Organist  
Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

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The Scripture this morning is Acts 9:1-20, which may be found on page 833 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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**9** Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup>and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup>He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup>But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."<sup>7</sup>The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. <sup>8</sup>Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup>For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

<sup>10</sup>Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." <sup>11</sup>The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup>and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup>But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how

much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup>and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.” <sup>15</sup>But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup>I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”<sup>17</sup>So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup>and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, <sup>20</sup>and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.”

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