

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



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The Worship of God
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

May 12, 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!**

For many people, the identity of the church has become associated with a rigid morality more focused on individual sins than on the common good. Too often the church is seen as the defender of dominance rather than living as communities of resistance. Tabitha's story in Acts 9 reminds us that everyday individual and congregational acts of love, compassion, and kindness have the power to lift people to life. Tabitha was devoted to the transformation of her community. Peter lifts her up in her service to others. That movement reinforces the idea of a church identity that is dynamic, in motion, and moving beyond its walls. In what ways is our congregational identity one of a congregation moving beyond its walls on behalf of God's justice?

Voluntary

Sheep May Sately Graze — J. S. Bach

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Do you know who you are?

**We are those who resist fear,
courageously walking in the valley of darkness,
knowing we are never alone.**

Do you know who you are?

**We are those who resist all manner of violence,
trusting in the way of the Christ.**

Congregation

(continued)

Do you know who you are?

**We are those who resist conforming to the demands
and norms of injustice,
putting our trust in the One who says,
“My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.”**

Do you know who you are?

**We are those who have been given a new identity
in the resurrected Christ and known through the love we share.**

Do you know who you are?

**We are those who will rise up in worship and service
to the God of justice and compassion
for surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives.**

—based on Psalm 23

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Shepherd of life, we enter this time of worship in need of the green pastures of your grace, which provides rest and renewal for the work that lies before us. The still waters of your peace calm our anxious spirits. The word of your rod and the wisdom of your staff is the strength and comfort we need to journey through the valley. Even in the face of suffering and injustice, you fill our spirits with the abundance of your love, and you anoint us in service to bring this hope to the world. This is the place we would dwell our whole life long. Amen.

†Hymn 66

Congregation

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need — RESIGNATION

Scripture Lesson

Patsy Meier

Acts 9:36-43 (Pew Bible page 894 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 540

Congregation

We Cannot Measure How You Heal — YE BANKS AND BRAES

The Confession of Sin

Ray Cox & Congregation

Holy One, it is our intention and desire to be forgiving of those who have harmed us, but forgiveness can appear to many as weakness, and so we nurture our bitterness.

Holy One, it is our intention and desire to be generous and sharing, but we are told resources are limited, there is never enough, and so we hold back.

Holy One, it is our intention and desire to speak up for those whose voices are silenced by injustice, but then we become convinced of what we might lose and hold our tongues.

Holy One, it is our intention and desire to live with confidence in our own fundamental value and worth, but then we give in to those constant messages telling us our value and worth is solely measured by our success.

Holy One, you come to us with the promise that in you we can rise up to a new way of life.

Help us to know the salvation you offer and claim once again the identity of your love. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Jesus reminds us that no one and nothing can separate the love of God from us. This is an eternal promise that can and will shape who we are and who we might become.

Thanks be to the One who is our resurrection. Amen.

Hymn 400

Congregation

Precious Lord, Take My Hand — PRECIOUS LORD

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Shepherding God, many voices are telling us who we are, who we should be.

Help us to listen to the voice that unites us with your eternal love.

Many people feel they must hide their true identity if they are to be fully accepted and welcomed.

Help us be a community that welcomes people from every ethnicity, orientation and identity without exception.

There are many who are ill in mind and body.

Help us rise up to a way of living where peace comes through our capacity for caring and generosity.

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:

Renew us in our commitment and dedication to following the way of compassion. May our lives and our living testify to the truth of your love and grace. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Good Shepherd — Dan Forrest

Shepherd, go before me, Wise and loving Guide;
I have seen Your goodness Proven sure when tried.

Shepherd, chose the pathway You deem best for me.
Plan and pace the journey, Swift or slow to be.

Shepherd, go before me. Shepherd, place the fences,
Closing in my way. Safe behind the Shepherd I would ever stay.

Shepherd, when the shadows Dim Your loving light,
Lift me, hold me near You; Bear me through the night.

Shepherd, you have suffered Deepest pain for me;
Offered up Your lifeblood, That I might go free.

*Shepherd, You have loved me As no other could.
I will trust and follow, Knowing You are good.*

—Eileen Berry

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ It’s Time to Get Up! ”

†Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Now the Green Blade Rises — NOEL NOUVELET

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

Garey Wisdom

Risen Christ, you who show us the way to resurrected living, may the gifts we bring this day be a mark of the work we would do in giving testimony to your love for all. May Tabitha and all those whose example is one of generosity and compassion inspire us and motivate us toward the joy of living in faithfulness to you and our calling. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need — arranged by Robert Hebble

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Go forth as those who resist the limitations, boundaries, and confines that this world often expects, trusting instead in the power and strength of God’s grace to make all things new.

We go as followers of the risen Christ, committed to the fulfillment of God’s love and justice and that day when hunger and thirst will be no more, and all people are nourished by the living waters.

Amen.

Alleluia!

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna — Matthew H. Corl

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Ramadan Dinner – May 22

We will NOT have regular Wednesday evening programming and meal on May 22.

The Sanctuary Choir will practice at 6:15 - 7:15 PM.

The Ramadan event will begin at 7:30 PM and will include a Turkish meal.

RSVP is required on Facebook or with the Church Office. You may also register through the Royal Lane website. (See calendar of upcoming events.)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4tv45qe>



Study for Wednesday Evening
Bible Study with Mike Gregg
Luke 4:1-44
The Temptation and Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

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



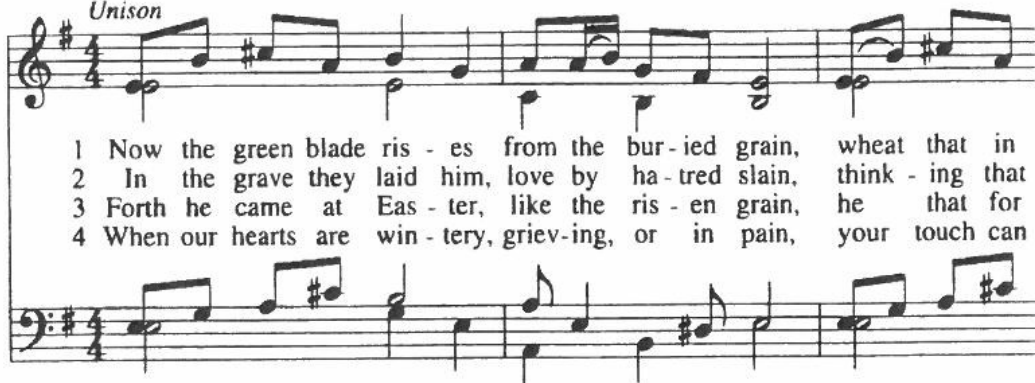
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Now the Green Blade Rises

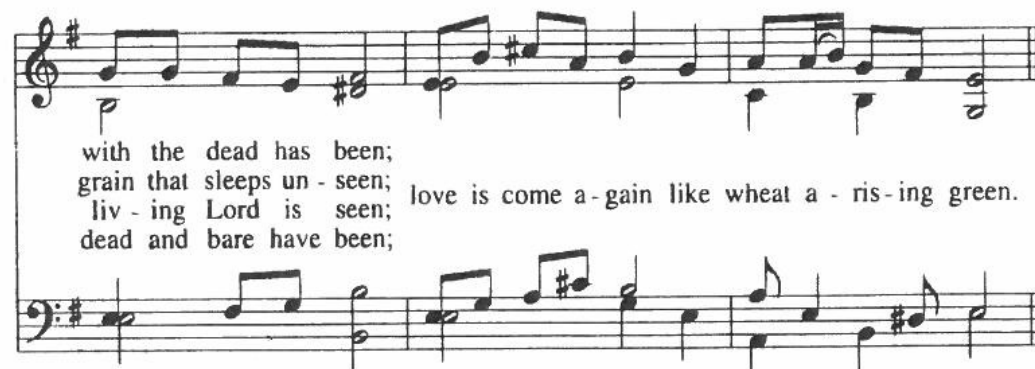
Unison



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, wheat that in
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain, think - ing that
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, he that for
4 When our hearts are win - tery, griev - ing, or in pain, your touch can



dark earth man - y days has lain; love lives a - gain that
he would nev - er wake a - gain, laid in the earth like
three days in the grave had lain; raised from the dead, my
call us back to life a - gain, fields of our hearts that



with the dead has been;
grain that sleeps un - seen; love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
liv - ing Lord is seen;
dead and bare have been;

Worship Leaders

Ray Cox

A musician since the cradle, Ray Cox began service as a church music director his senior year in high school and spent most Sunday mornings in front of a congregation until joining Royal Lane Baptist Church in 2016. Along the way, there's been twenty years of service as a music educator, two wonderful boys and a granddaughter, membership in the Turtle Creek Chorale, and six years of marriage with the love of his life, Bryan Tomes. Ray is blessed to be part of such a fine church family.

Patsy Meier

Patsy and Don Meier were part of the Royal Lane family from 1972-77, while Don was a Surgery resident at Parkland. Their three children were born during those years: Lara, '72; Molly, '74; and Ed '76. After Don's 2-year Army service, they returned to RLBC in 1979 and were part of the church until they departed as medical missionaries to Nigeria, West Africa in 1982. They were the last expatriate medical missionaries in the Ogbomoso Baptist Hospital when they decided to return to the USA in 1999. After a brief stay in Dallas, they moved to El Paso for 14 years to provide pediatric surgical care. Returning to Dallas and RLBC in 2017 was truly coming home to family.

Garey Wisdom

Garey has been coming to Royal Lane for over 25 years. He came to Royal Lane in 1989 as the church pianist and became a member in 1993. Over the years he has been church pianist, served on the Deacon Board and the Program Council, and has also served on the tabulating committee. In June 2015 he "retired" from the piano bench and took a seat in the bass/baritone section of the choir. Garey retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on August 1, 2016. In 2017 he returned to the Deacon Board for a three-year term. He is enjoying having time to work on home projects and volunteer at RLBC.

Schedule for the Week

Sunday May 12 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

3:00 pm Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

4:00 pm Ordination of Tim Schaefer — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)

Reception immediately following service — Vickrey Hall

Tuesday May 14

8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call

Wednesday May 15

3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202

5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Beef Tacos with Toppings, Black Beans, Rice, Salad, Tres Leches

6:00 pm Youth Activities/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 4:1-44, The Temptation and Beginning of Jesus' Ministry

7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

Thursday May 16

6:30 pm Men of the Church — Las Flamas Mexican Kitchen

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Sunday May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Equity in Access — Library

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 Program Council — 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

Ray Cox & Kelley Keith

Safety Shepherd – Kirsten Fleenor

Godly Play

Jack Mullinax & Sandy Washington

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

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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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The Scripture this morning is Acts 9:36-43, which may be found on page 894 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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