

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 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!

When our hearts are free from liking and judging people merely according to their natural gifts, we are not held captive by external and changing charms. We are instead free to love people as they really are, and we can penetrate more easily to the core of their personality, their true goodness.

When we love in this way our love is selfless and pleasing to God.

The more this kind of love grows the more our love of God grows with it; and the deeper our love for him the more we shall love our neighbor for the principle of both is the same.

—From John of the Cross, *The Ascent of Mount Camel*, book 3, 22,
in *Lamps of Fire: Daily Readings from St. John of the Cross*,
ed. Elizabeth Ruth, O.D.C. (London: Darton, Longman & Todd, 1985)

Voluntary

David Weigle

Fanfare: Shine, Jesus, Shine — Christopher Tambling

✠Call to Worship

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Come to praise God, all you faithful people!

Come, for God welcomes you and offers to draw close.

Praise to God, who rules over all the earth.

Praise to God, who is as near as our next breath.

Sun and moon and stars shine in praise to God.

God created them and established for each a place.

God has a place for us in this world;

we have come that God may instruct and equip us.

(continued)

Mountains and hills, trees and animals praise God.
Let all the rulers of the earth do so as well.

God provides abundantly for our needs.

God makes of one family all who dwell on earth.

—Based on Psalm 148

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Surprising God, in the resurrection of Jesus Christ you make all things new. Long ago you called your church to a love beyond all social and cultural differences and gave them the gift of your Holy Spirit to open their hearts to enact such love. Give us that same spirit of openness, that we too might discern new directions in our day for your dream to reconcile and heal all creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

†Hymn 217

Congregation

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus — HYMN TO JOY

Scripture Lesson

Samuel Quesada

Acts 11:1-18 (Pew Bible page 895 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.

Family Dedication

Michael Gregg, Laura Keller & Family

Ava Rae McKinzie-Waldrop

Daughter of Amanda & Jessica McKinzie-Waldrop

Grandparents

Michelle & Dixon McKinzie, John & Pat Waldrop

Family

Brittany & Emma Gullett

Lindsay Waldrop, JJ Simonetti & Rylee Simonetti

Minister

Amanda and Jessica, why have you come before this congregation?

Parents

We recognize the responsibility of parenthood and our dependence upon God for strength and wisdom to faithfully discharge our duties. We come to present Ava Rae before God in loving commitment.

Minister

And what is your commitment?

Parents

We covenant together with God to bring up Ava Rae in the nurture and admonition of God and to assist her in growing, as Jesus did, in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and humankind.

Minister

Where will you find strength for this task?

Family

Realizing our need for divine assistance, we recommit ourselves to Christ and to Christ's church.

Minister

Members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, what is your responsibility and commitment?

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Congregation

We will give our time, talents, and money, in order that we may help provide spiritual instruction and nurture for Ava Rae. We will love her, care for her, teach her, and model Christian living for her.

Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray:

**O God of everlasting covenant, we rejoice in every gift of life.
Be present always to strengthen and guide this your child
that she may increase in wisdom and in years,
and in divine and human favor.
Bind us in covenant that we, your people,
may be faithful in keeping the vows we have made.
We look to you for strength in the knowledge
that you will fulfill by your power every good resolve
and work of faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✠Hymn 532

Congregation

Hands of Blessing — ELLESDIE

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and our neighbor.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

God's promises are trustworthy and true; your sins are forgiven.

**Let us be at peace to serve the Lord,
and may we always be known by our love.**

Anthem

Choir

Canticle of Love — Hal Hopson

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. *When true love and charity are shown God is always found.*
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. *We are brought together by love, by Christ Jesus.*

Love is kind and suffers long; love is meek and thinks no wrong;
Love than death itself is strong; therefore, give us love.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. *Let us all be joyful in the Lord, now and always.*
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. *May all people love the Lord God Eternal.*

Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day;
Love will with us ever stay; therefore, give us love.

Faith and hope and love we see, joining hand in hand agree,
But the greatest of all is love, therefore, give us love.

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. *When true love and charity are shown God is always found.*
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. *May we now with sincere hearts be bound by love.*

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ There Is No Distinction Between Them and Us ”

✠Hymn of Commitment [see insert]

Congregation

Help Us Accept Each Other — NYLAND

*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

Emma Watson

Thank you, gracious God, for making your home with us and claiming us as your own people. We dedicate ourselves and our gifts toward the new world you are creating among us—a world where peace emerges from mutual respect and honest encounters. May your love be reflected in our attitudes and actions when we are together and when we are scattered. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

Aria on a Chaconne — Joel Martinson

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Go forth as those who resist and reject the false claims of
separateness, superiority, and privilege.

**We go forth as a people united in justice, embracing the gifts
of those whose contributions are too often ignored or denied.**

Go forth as those who know you are never alone in joy or in struggle.

**We go forth claiming the promise of a new heaven and new earth,
a place where all people and all creation are valued.**

Go forth as people of the resurrection, living the love you have received,
so that everyone may know the meaning, depth, and power of God's love.

**We go forth in solidarity, led by the spirit of God,
in whom all things are one.**

Amen.

Alleluia!

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Rigaudon — André Campra

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Wednesday Evening
Ramadan Dinner at 7:30 pm

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5 John 14:23-29



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

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



Worship Leaders

Samuel Quesada

Samuel has been a part of Royal Lane since his birth in 2001. He was baptized into this community in 2011, and now serves as a video tech for Sunday morning worship services. He is finishing his junior year at DISD's TAG magnet school at Townview.

Emma Watson

Emma Watson has been attending at Royal Lane her whole life. She loves volleyball, her dog, musicals, and new school supplies. She was baptized at Royal Lane, and became a member in 2016.

Cover Art — *Peter's Vision*, Church of St. Peter, Nottingham

This scene of Peter's vision of a sheet filled with animals carries great significance, because it underscores the disciples' understanding that the gospel was to be spread also to the Gentiles.

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Hymn Notes

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Dallas Pride 2019 – Saturday, June 1, 2019

11:00 am – 10:00 pm

Fair Park – 1121 First Avenue, Dallas, TX 75210

Royal Lane Baptist Church will be hosting two booths at this year's Dallas Pride Festival. Visit our booths at the Music Festival and in the Family Pride Zone on Saturday, June 1, at Fair Park.

Volunteers are needed from 12:00 – 4:00 pm to set up booths on Friday, May 31, and to greet visitors at our booths through the day on Saturday, June 1.

Sign up at SignUpGenius – <https://bit.ly/2VQ0AX6>




Help Us Accept Each Other

NYLAND



1.Help us ac-cept each— oth - er as Christ ac-cept-ed us; teach
2.Teach us, O God, your— les - sons, as in our dai-ly life we
3.Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved in
4.God, for to-day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need, who



us as sis - ter, — broth - er, each per - son — to — em - brace. Be
struggle to be — hu - man and search for — hope and faith. Teach
liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the — truth in love; To
hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness — and bread, Bring



pres-ent, God, a - mong — us, and bring us to be - lieve we
us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some, to
prac-tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart the
us new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on; re -



are our-selves ac - cept - ed and meant to — love — and live.
love them as we — find them, or as they may — be - come.
ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh-ter's — heal - ing art.
new us with your Spir - it; God! Free us, — make us one!



Ramadan Dinner – May 22

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 featured events.)

<https://tinyurl.com/y4tv45qe>



Have you recently joined or are you thinking about becoming a member of Royal Lane?
Do you want to know more about how you can connect and partner with the church?

Royal Welcome Class for New Members and Visitors

June 2nd – 23rd
9:45 am – Library

New Member Breakfast – June 30
9:45 am – Vickrey Hall

Child Protection Training

Child Protection Training will be held in Vickrey Hall on Sunday, June 9th, from 12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. All adults planning to work with youth and children in 2019 need to attend. Any youth planning to help with VBS or other children's activities need to attend as well. Lunch will be provided.

Sign up today at SignUpGenius – <https://tinyurl.com/yxvkgwa4>



Schedule for the Week

Sunday	May 19 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
12:15 pm	Program Council — Vickrey Hall
Wednesday	May 22 – Mosaic
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
6:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
7:30 pm	Ramadan Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Sunday	May 26 – Sixth 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
Monday	May 27 – Memorial Day
	Church Office closed

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

Vacation Bible School **July 8 – 12, 2019** **6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

Children from Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 6 are invited to discover the wonder of God's universe at this year's Vacation Bible School.



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

Daryl Willey & Karen Simmons

Safety Shepherd – Mike Gill

Godly Play

Kirsten Fleenor & Cookie Stokes

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Karen Miller

When WE Give: our children learn about missions on Wednesday evenings.

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 11:1-18, which may be found on
page 895 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how

he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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