

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit.*

*—Luke 12:35*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 11, 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 says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part today in assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.*

Voluntary

David Weigle

*He Who Would Valiant Be* — arranged by Fred Bock

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

Let us be ready...

**Our God comes at unexpected times  
and in unexpected places.**

Let us dress for action...

**God has work for us and requires our hands and feet,  
as well as our hearts and minds.**

Let us dress with love and compassion...

**God asks us to keep our lamps lit  
and to be the light of the world.**

Let us be ready...

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**God of salvation, all the earth cries out for the beauty within us that comes from the covenant you made with creation. We, your little flock of young and old, rich and poor, strong and weak, are not afraid, for it is your good pleasure to give us now your kingdom on earth as in heaven. We have come: we are dressed for action and have our lamps lit, we are ready for a new dawn that brings an everlasting day. Amen.**

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Don't Fear, Little Flock* — ASH GROVE

Scripture Lesson

Leonard Gresham

Luke 12:32-40 (Pew Bible page 847 of the New Testament)

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Mike Gregg

*Children through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play,  
You may collect your children in the Children's Building following the service.*

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Have No Fear Little Flock* — LITTLE FLOCK

Call to Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Even in our faithlessness, God loves us still and waits in mercy to forgive. Trusting in the promises given at our baptism, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Forgive us, O God, when our prayers and devotions are divorced from works of love and justice. We long to be washed with your grace, and cleansed in your mercy. We yearn to store up treasure in heaven where no thief comes and no moth destroys, but we balk at the idea of selling our possessions and giving to the poor. We seek to remove the evil we harbor in our hearts, but it is a struggle to do good all the time. Transform our deeds of shame into acts of righteousness, that we might be instruments of your mercy and bearers of your compassion and grace. In your holy name we pray. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

Do not be afraid, little flock, for God delights in giving us the kingdom.

**Through the Spirit of the living God,  
we are washed clean and made whole;  
we receive the treasure of God's mercy and love!**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*My Lord, What a Morning* — BURLEIGH

Prayers of the People

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

God of blessing, you fling the stars into the heavens and show us more blessings than we can count. You give us treasure that cannot be destroyed. You promise us a feast and peace without end. And you hear our prayers.

We pray for your world, wounded and scarred:

**heal earth's body and lead us to care.**

We pray for the lost, the forgotten, the lonely:

**gather them in, and show us how to love.**

We pray for the addicted:

**save them and strengthen them.**

We pray for those who have no hope:

**give them faith in you.**

We pray for the greedy:

**make them generous.**

We pray for the poor:

**sustain them and give them hope.**

We pray for all those whose burdens we carry in our hearts,  
and offer them up to you:

**heal them, comfort them, guide them, make them whole.**

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:

**Now increase our faith, and amplify our hope, that by the power of your Spirit we might serve you well and be ready to greet you when Christ comes in glory. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Keep Your Lamps!* — arranged by André Thomas

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ Where Is Your Heart? ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 55

Congregation

*Give to the Winds Your Fears* — FESTAL SONG

*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

Becky Fuller

Offertory

David Weigle

*My Lord, What a Morning* — arranged by Charles Callahan

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

People get ready.

**We are dressed for love.**

People get ready.

**We are dressed for service.**

People get ready.

**We are dressed for mercy and compassion.**

People get ready.

**We are dressed to shine the light of Christ.**

Go...for you are dressed as children of God.

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

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**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)



# Worship Leaders

## Becky Fuller

Becky has been a member of RLBC since moving to Texas from Arkansas in 2005 and lives in Plano with husband Jonathan and sons Alexander, Franklin, and Josiah. She is an attorney turned stay at home mom for now, and a fitness and reading enthusiast.

## Leonard Gresham

Leonard was born in Sydney, Australia, where his family moved through the state of New South Wales and where he earned his hairdressing certification before leaving to work in London and travel throughout Europe. Returning home in the late 60's, he soon left again to work in Hong Kong, opening his first business, Leonard of Wellington Street. From Hong Kong, Leonard moved to Dallas in 1980 where he opened Leonard International in Prestonwood. After selling his business and leasing space in salons in Dallas, he returned to Sydney in 2000 and retired in 2010. Leonard then attended the Royal Art Society where he was able to learn and hone his painting skills. He also likes to read, cook and entertain friends. He married his lifelong partner, Steve, on November 13, 2014, in Oklahoma City and they now reside in Dallas, where they enjoy friends and family.

## Study for Wednesday Evening

### IN FOCUS: Mission Month

### Presentation by RLBC Youth from Austin Mission Trip

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

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Hymn Notes

### **Don't Fear, Little Flock**

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### **Have No Fear Little Flock**

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### **My Lord, What a Morning**

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# Don't Fear, Little Flock



1. "Don't fear, lit-tle flock!" Je - sus lov - ing - ly told us, For  
2. Don't fear, lit-tle flock, don't be filled with dis - trac - tion, When  
3. Don't fear, lit-tle flock, but take no - tice a - round you, For



it is your Fa - ther's good plea - sure to give. While fear, greed and  
pow - er - ful peo - ple cause suf - f'ring and hurt. Light lamps for God's  
right where you are, there is work you can do. So sell what you



ha - tred might seem now to hold us, God of - fers a  
king - dom, be read - y for ac - tion, Seek new ways of  
have! With no wealth to con - found you, You'll find, un - dis -



king - dom - a new way to live. So sell your pos - ses - sions, give  
serv - ing; O Church, stay a - lert! Show kind - ness to all and show  
tradt - ed: God's claim is on you! In this world of suf - f'ring be -



gifts to the need - y, Make pur - ses that no - thing on  
love to your neigh - bor, Help chil - dren who need you and  
yond hu - man mea - sure, In this world of ly - ing and

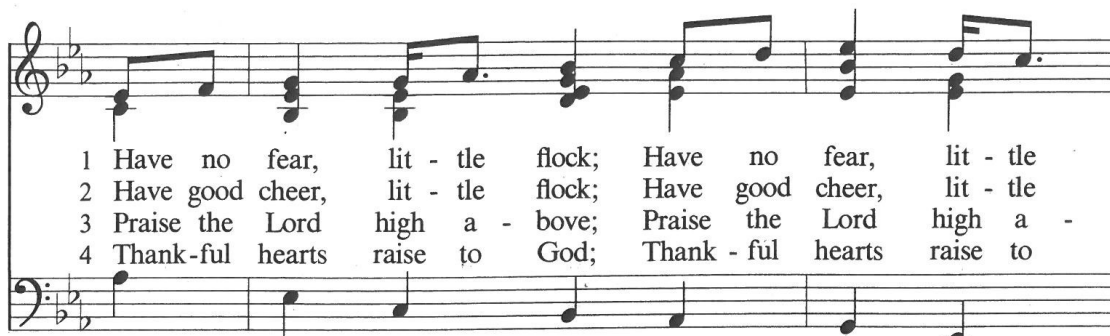


earth can de - stroy. God's trea - sure can nev - er be bought by the  
cher - ish the old. God gives us the king - dom and calls us to  
vio - lence and strife, God gives us the king - dom; God gives us the

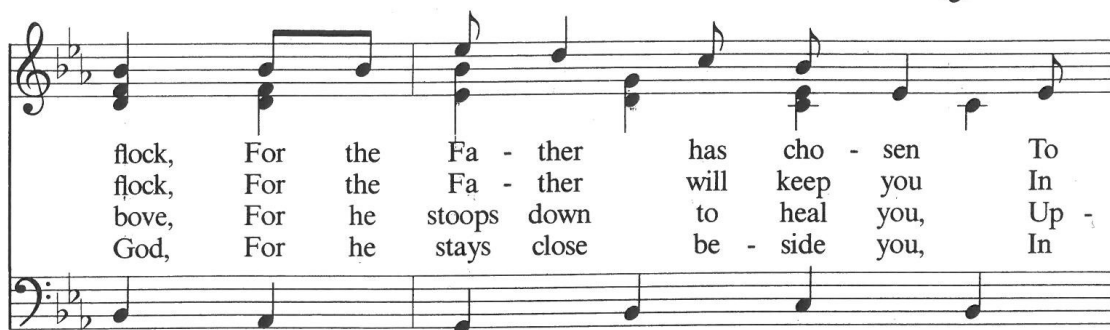


greed - y; It's made out of jus - tice, com - pas - sion and joy.  
la - bor In ways that are fear - less and lov - ing and bold.  
treasure. God gives us the Way and the Truth and the Life.

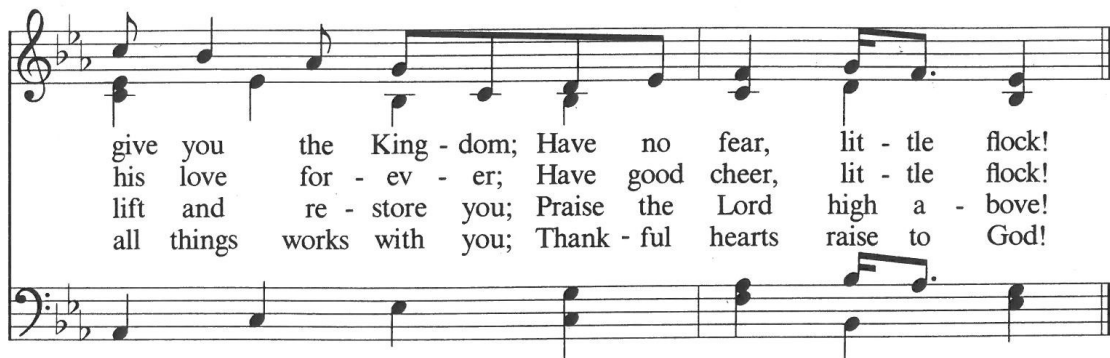
# Have No Fear, Little Flock



1 Have no fear, lit - tle flock; Have no fear, lit - tle  
2 Have good cheer, lit - tle flock; Have good cheer, lit - tle  
3 Praise the Lord high a - bove; Praise the Lord high a -  
4 Thank - ful hearts raise to God; Thank - ful hearts raise to



flock, For the Fa - ther has cho - sen To  
flock, For the Fa - ther will keep you In  
bove, For he stoops down to heal you, Up -  
God, For he stays close be - side you, In



give you the King - dom; Have no fear, lit - tle flock!  
his love for - ev - er; Have good cheer, lit - tle flock!  
lift and re - store you; Praise the Lord high a - bove!  
all things works with you; Thank - ful hearts raise to God!



# My Lord! What a Morning

*Refrain*

My Lord! what a morn - ing; my Lord! what a morn - ing;

O, my Lord! what a morn ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.

1 You'll hear the trum - pet sound  
2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry to wake the na - tions un - der - ground,  
3 You'll hear the Chris - tian shout

look - ing to my God's right hand when the stars be - gin to fall.

*to Refrain*

# IN FOCUS

## Missions In Focus

Wednesday, August 14, 6:15 pm

This August we celebrate Missions Month. Join us to hear our youth's presentation on their recent mission trip to Austin through stories and photos.



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## It's Summer Time — Temperatures are Rising and Contributions are Declining! Please help

- Catch up on your contributions
- Give a summertime extra gift or
- Use on-line or credit monthly giving. (Check with Janet on how to do on-line or credit/debit card giving)

## *Schedule for the Week*

- Sunday August 11 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
12:15 pm Desmond Blair Artist Reception — Box Gallery (12:15 – 1:30 pm)  
12:15 pm Second Sunday Youth Lunch — Meet in the Library following worship
- Tuesday August 13**  
8:30 pm Tech Committee — Conference Call
- Wednesday August 14**  
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202  
5:30 pm Publicity/Outreach — Room 206  
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
    Vidalia Onion Chicken, Roasted Veggies, Salad, Roll, Strawberry Trifle  
6:00 pm Wacky Wednesdays – Pool Party — Home of the Washington's  
6:15 pm Midweek Service – IN FOCUS— Vickrey Hall  
    Missions Month – Youth Missions Trip to Austin in Pictures & Stories  
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Saturday August 17**  
9:00 am MOC Breakfast – Crossroads Diner, 17194 Preston Rd, Dallas, 75231  
9:00 am NDSM Missions Project — 2875 Merrell Rd, Dallas, 75229 (9:00-11:30 am)
- Sunday August 18 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
9:30 am SS Teacher Potluck Breakfast & Recognition — Vickrey Hall  
    Bring a Breakfast Dish to Share  
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary

*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

Scott Bryant & Melanie Ferguson

## Godly Play

Phil Keith & Cookie Stokes

## Safety Shepherd – Ed Meier

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When WE Give: we can support missions through many avenues.

### June 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 429,570	\$ 349,932
Expenses	\$ 366,840	\$ 366,840
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 62,730	(\$ 16,908)

\*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

Text **Royallane** to **73256** to give to the General Fund.

*Standard text message rates apply.*

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David Weigle, Organist  
Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 12:32-40, which may be found on page 847 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. <sup>35</sup>“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. <sup>39</sup>“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*(NRSV)*

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