

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# *The Worship of God*

## *Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 8, 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!**

*With our whole hearts, let us spend our love with abandon. Let us risk our love with no thought for our own gain so that our neighbors will know your caring love, the hurting will know your healing love, and those whom we say we love will know that indeed we do. Love that will not let us go, we rest our weary souls in thee.*

Voluntary

David Weigle

*This Little Light of Mine* — arranged by Joe Utterback

✠Call to Worship

Congregation

O Lord, you have searched me, you know me.

**You know when I sit down and when I rise.**

**You discern my thoughts from far away.**

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

**Wonderful are your works.**

**This I know very well.**

With all your children,

**I will give you thanks and praise!**

—Psalm 139

✠Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Extravagant God, you pour out blessings upon us and lead us on the path of true life. Help us to choose your way again and again, that we might revel in your love and reflect it to all we meet. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.**

†Hymn 183

Congregation

*In the Cross of Christ I Glory* — RATHBUN

Scripture Lesson

Karen Miller

Luke 14:25-33 (Pew Bible page 850 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.*

Living Out Love

Kelley & Phil Keith

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*For God Risk Everything* — TERRA BEATA

Call to Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

In penitence and in faith, let us confess our sin to the One who waits to pour out mercy upon us.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Spirit of Jesus, walk among us as you walked with your followers long ago. Touch us, heal us, and send us to a world longing for your grace. Forgive us when we seek your blessings for ourselves, while hesitating to heed your call to serve others. Correct us when we dwell on what we lack, while neglecting to share what we have received. Free us, Spirit of Christ, to live and to love as generously as you have loved us. This we pray in your holy name. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

God has forgiven us, freed us,

**and called us to serve with joy.**

**Thanks be to God.**

*Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* — RESTORATION

Prayers of the People

Melissa Walker-Luckett &amp; Congregation

Loving God, we offer our prayers this day in gratitude and thanksgiving, for in Christ you have laid a foundation for us that we might follow you more closely.

**We pray for the mission of your church and thank you for the joy and encouragement we receive from you through our church family: give us the grace to plant faith and build love wherever you lead us to the benefit of your reign.**

We pray for all leaders and people of this world; give us a clear vision of the world as you intend and the will to realize that dream of justice and peace for all.

**We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit: bring refreshment to their hearts through Christ that they may know your abiding presence and power to comfort and heal.**

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:

**We pray for your creation: convict us of the ways in which we break down and destroy the fabric of our ways as we seek to live in harmony with the goodness you have created. Now to you be all glory, Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* — Sid Davis

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ Love is Budgeting ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 650

Congregation

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* — JOYFUL SINGING

*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

Bruce Luedke

Offertory

David Weigle

*Cavatina* — Stanley Myers

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

God welcomes your partnership in the gospel;  
accept the cross of Christ and carry it.

**We have considered the cost of discipleship.**

**We are willing and eager to pay the price.**

God expects to hold first place in our lives.

We put everything we own on the line of faithfulness.

**We want to be obedient to the law of love.**

**We want to show God's love in all we do.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Fantasy on* FOUNDATION — Alice Jordan

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Hymn Notes — *For God Risk Everything*

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## Worship Leaders

### Bruce Luedke

Bruce has been a member of Royal Lane since 2011, coming from a Lutheran/Presbyterian background. He completed his first term as a Deacon in 2018, currently serves on the Faith and Arts Committee, tabulation team, and co-facilitates (with Mike) the Abundant Life group. Bruce is retired from the federal government and resides in Far North Dallas, within driving distance of his two daughters and five illustrious grandchildren. Bruce finds joy and fulfillment through participation in the worship, fellowship, and service opportunities afforded by membership in the Royal Lane community.

### Karen Miller

Karen is a retired Special Educator, with a long and diverse career in Richardson ISD. A life changing event in her life was the adoption of her daughter, Lauren, in Honduras. She loves being a part of the work of the Missions Committee and the Equity in Access task force. Teaching 3, 4 and 5-year-olds in Sunday School is a blessing. She was ordained as a deacon in October, 2018.

## Study for Wednesday Evening

### **Faith and Fear**

### **Exploring Gun Violence & Safety**

A guest panel will discuss how they have personally intersected with families who have experienced gun violence.

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

## Scriptures for Next Sunday

**Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14**

**1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10**

## 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)





## Wednesday Midweek – 6:15 pm

- **September 11** - A panel made up of Melissa Walker-Luckett, Janina Washington, and Jeff Hammett will discuss how they have personally intersected with families who have experienced gun violence.
- **September 18** - Rev. Deanna Hollas, the first “Minister of Gun Violence Prevention,” will share how her faith informs her work.
- **September 25** - Blair Taylor of Moms Demand Action will give us a legislative update and speak about safe gun storage.

## Understanding Baptism Class

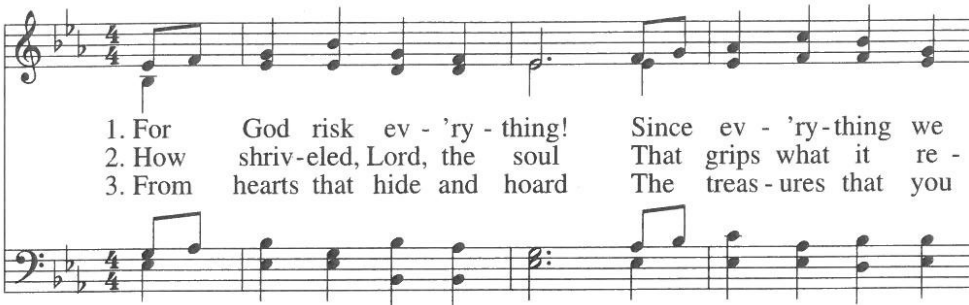
September 8-22, 9:45 am

Youth are invited to join us for conversations about baptism. Two classes will be offered for this 3-week series in preparation for baptism:

Junior High (grades 6-8) - led by Rev. Laura Keller

Senior High (grades 9-12) - led by Rev. Dr. Mike Gregg

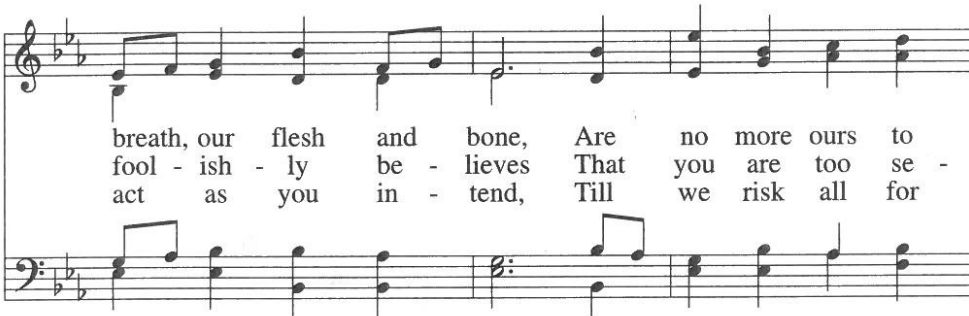
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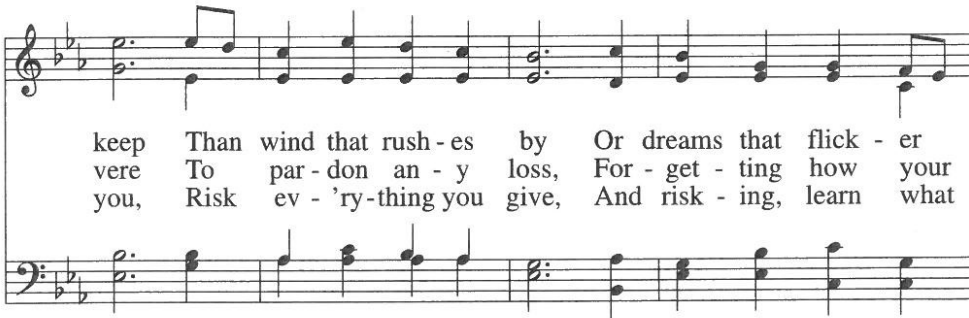
1. For God risk ev - 'ry - thing! Since ev - 'ry-thing we  
 2. How shriv-eled, Lord, the soul That grips what it re -  
 3. From hearts that hide and hoard The treas - ures that you



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 ceives And dares not free its an - xious hold But  
 send Free us, till we by faith, O Lord, Shall

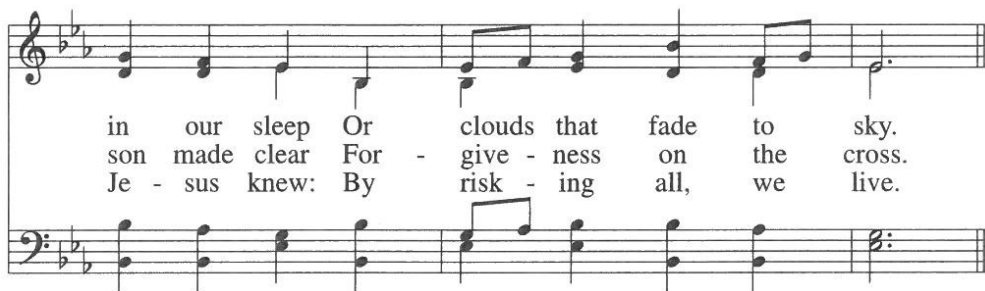


breath, our flesh and bone, Are no more ours to  
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 act as you in - tend, Till we risk all for



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## Rally Day – September 29

10:55 am – Worship Guest Preacher, Amanda Tyler

Baptist Joint Committee, Sanctuary

12:15 pm – Rally Day Celebration, Vickrey Hall

Think of Rally Day as a “Ministry Fair” a chance to see the work of our various ministry areas, how your gifts support these ministries, AND, how you can become involved.

Visit each table and fill out your Rally tickets for a chance at our gift certificate drawings, and if you’ve not done so by September 29, turn in your Estimated Giving Cards.



## PUMPKIN PATCH & FALL FESTIVAL

# Sign Up Now!

September 28 - October 31  
Monday - Friday 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM  
Saturday 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
Sunday 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM



### PUMPKIN UNLOADING

SEPTEMBER 28 AND OCTOBER 12 - 8:30 AM

TO VOLUNTEER TO UNLOAD AND/OR SALE PUMPKINS SIGN UP ON  
**SIGN UP GENIUS** OR CONTACT JACK MULLINAX OR JJ BERRIER

### FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 4:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK FALL FESTIVAL SIGN UP ON **SIGN UP  
GENIUS** OR CONTACT AMANDA GREGG OR JANINA WASHINGTON

<https://bit.ly/2IC0Hny>



## *Schedule for the Week*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 8 – Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
12:15 pm	Second Sunday Youth Lunch — Meet in the Library following worship
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>September 10</b>
8:30 pm	Tech Committee — Conference Call
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>September 11</b>
3:30 pm	Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm	Publicity/Outreach — Room 206
5:30 pm	Member Resource Committee — Room 202
5:30 pm	Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall Chicken Tenders with Potatoes, Salad, Cookies
6:15 pm	Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
6:15 pm	Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall IN FOCUS: Faith and Fear – Exploring Gun Violence and Safety
7:15 pm	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>September 12</b>
6:30 pm	Missions Committee — Library
<b>Friday</b>	<b>September 13</b>
10:00 am	Second Friday at NDSM (10:00 – 11:30 am)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>September 15 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>
9:00 am	Equity in Access — Library
9:30 am	Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am	Understanding Baptism Class — Youth Basement
9:45 am	Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm	Women of the Church — 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

Paulette Harrison & Dennis Turnbull

**Safety Shepherd** – Phil Keith

### Godly Play

Amy Ward-Meier & Ed Meier

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

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When WE Give: we can grow in our capacity to love and care for others.

### July 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 495,993	\$ 417,948
Expenses	\$ 436,882	\$ 366,840
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 59,111	(\$ 18,934)

\*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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

*Standard text message rates apply.*

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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 Luke 14:25-33, which may be found on page 850 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions. (NRSV)

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