

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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!

By seeking what is lost and seeking to restore the world, God brings hope. The powerful ways in which God acts in our world can be seen in people like Paul and Timothy, and also in our own lives. Such saving love stirs us to respond and live into God's hope. When have you experienced God's gifts of mercy and overflowing grace? In what ways are your lives and your church being transformed as you are growing in God's love?

Voluntary

God of Grace — arranged by Paul Manz

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Hear the good news:

People who are lost are being found.

Glory be to God!

Hear the good news:

God goes out into the wilderness of our lives,
seeking us when we are lost.

Glory be to God!

To Christ Jesus, full of faith and love;
to the Ruler of the ages, immortal, invisible;
to the Spirit of peace and mercy,

**all honor and glory are yours
forever and ever!**

Congregation

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Persistently forgiving God, we are a stiff-necked and stubborn people who try your patience; yet, instead of giving us up for lost, you seek us out until we return to you. Break our willfulness and bring us back from our wanderings; bend our pride and create in us pure and faithful hearts, which rejoice in your forgiveness made known through Jesus Christ. Amen.

†Hymn 607

Congregation

I Will Sing the Wondrous Story — HYFRYDOL

Scripture Lesson

Austen Maddox

Luke 15:1-10 (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

Jennifer & Austen Maddox

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Shepherd, Do You Tramp the Hills — AFRON

The Confession of Sin

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

O most patient God, we recognize how much we need you for life itself.

**But how often have we behaved
as if we did not know or even care about you?**

How often have we become the ones who do not carry out justice?

**How often have we tried to dominate others
even as you stand with them?**

(continued)

How often have we participated in the desolation of your creation by our treatment of the heavens, the earth and its waters?

Forgive us for these times when we have lost our way.

Know, all loving God, that we want to be among those whom you seek.

Show your mercy upon us.

Find us, and lead us safely home to faithfulness.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost.

God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around,

Gathering us in to the people of God.

Let us rejoice in God's mercy! Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

God's Great Love Is So Amazing! — CONVERSE

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

God of grace, hear our prayers for your church, your world,
and all those whom we love.

Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.

We pray for those who face disaster:
deliver them from evil by your mighty hand.

Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.

We pray for those who are lost or lonely:
seek them out and bring them home to safety.

We pray for those who suffer persecution and violence:
help them and heal them.

Have mercy, O God, according to your steadfast love.

We pray for those who are poor and hungry:
provide for them by your generous Spirit.

We pray for those who cannot believe:
be their refuge and show them your grace.

Silence Is Kept

**According to your abundant mercy, receive all these prayers and
accomplish your purpose in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling — David Willcocks

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Love is Losing ”

†Hymn of Commitment 587

Congregation

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound — NEW BRITAIN

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

Jonah Hammett

Offertory

David Weigle

Love Divine — arranged by Charles Callahan

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Go forth like a shepherd:

We go to seek the lost, seek the fallen,

Welcome the sinner, and bring them home.

Always remember that our eternal dwelling
is the very presence of God.

**Let us rejoice for our God has found us
and carries us home.**

To Christ Jesus, our Lord,
who loves us and will not let us go.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Salutation on “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” — arranged by Alice Jordan

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Study for Wednesday Evening

Faith and Fear

Exploring Gun Violence & Safety

Rev. Deanna Hollas, the first “Minister of Gun Violence Prevention,” will share how her faith informs her work.

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9

1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

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



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.

Hymn Notes

Shepherd, Do You Tramp the Hills

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God’s Great Love is So Amazing!

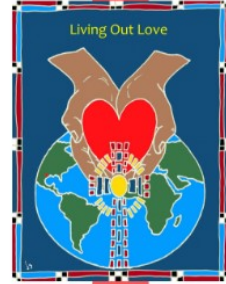
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Rally Day – September 29
10:55 am – Worship Guest Preacher, Amanda Tyler
Baptist Joint Committee, Sanctuary

LIVING OUT LOVE

RALLY DAY



A celebration of how to purposefully and passionately invest in ourselves, the church, and our neighbors.

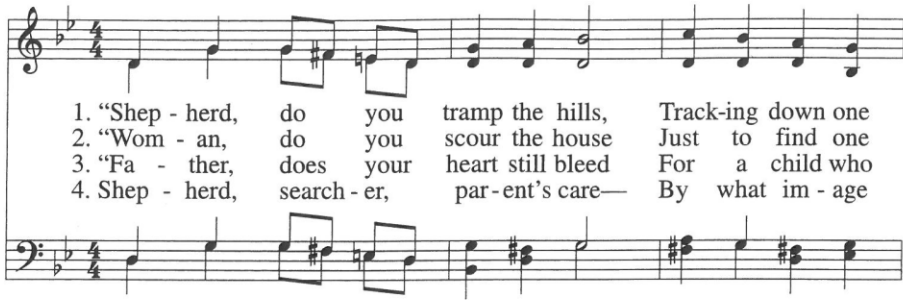
Sunday • September 29 • After Worship to 1:00 PM
Vickrey Hall

It will be a great time of fun, door prizes, food, boundless information, and ways for you to invest in Jesus' work of love in Dallas.


We are called to love by giving our time, treasures, and talents to the ongoing and expanding work of Christ.



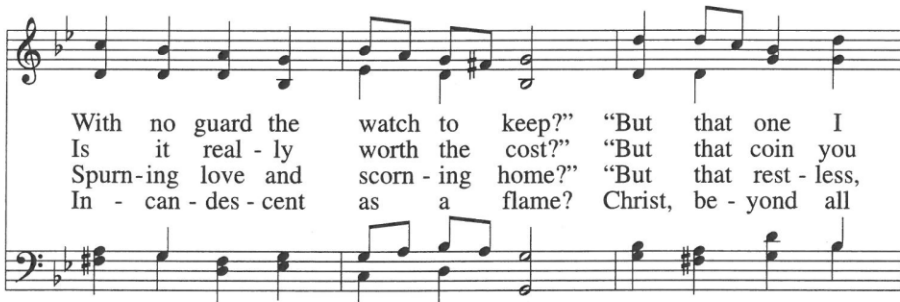
Shepherd, Do You Tramp the Hills




1. "Shep - herd, do you tramp the hills, Track - ing down one
2. "Wom - an, do you scour the house Just to find one
3. "Fa - ther, does your heart still bleed For a child who
4. Shep - herd, search - er, par - ent's care— By what im - age



stray - ing sheep, Leav - ing nine - ty - nine be - hind
coin that's lost? Since you have the oth - er nine,
chose to roam— Reb - el, row - dy, far a - way,
can we name Spend - thrift love, im - pas - sioned grace,



With no guard the watch to keep?" "But that one I
Is it real - ly worth the cost?" "But that coin you
Spurn - ing love and scorn - ing home?" "But that rest - less,
In - can - des - cent as a flame? Christ, be - yond all



call by name; She will hear and know my voice.
count so small Has for me a spe - cial worth.
reck - less boy Nev - er can my love out - run!
words you spoke, Sto - ries that with won - der glow,

Night and day I'll search the land
 When it's found the sight will fill
 When his foot - steps lead him back,
 You have shown us on a cross

Till I find her and re - joice!"
 All my house and heart with mirth!"
 I'll re - joice to call him, "Son!"
 Love that will not let us go!

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

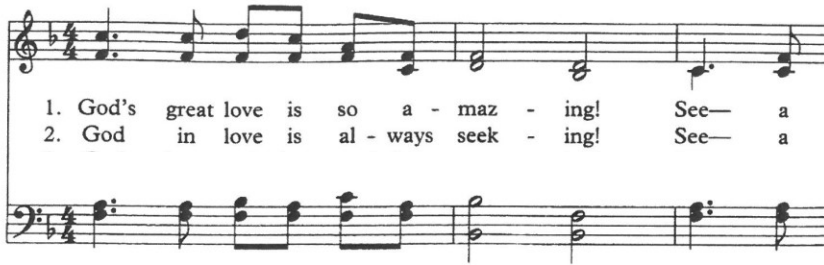
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 - 4:00 PM TO 6:30 PM

TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK FALL FESTIVAL SIGN UP ON **SIGN UP
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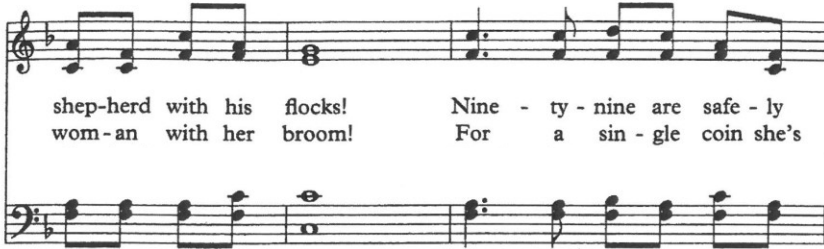
Sign up today at: <https://bit.ly/2IC0Hny>



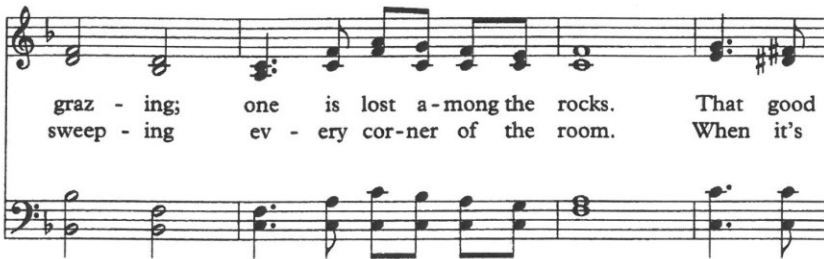
God's Great Love Is So Amazing!



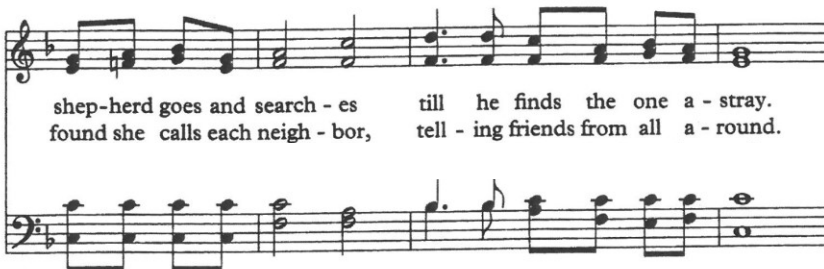
1. God's great love is so a - maz - ing! See— a
2. God in love is al - ways seek - ing! See— a



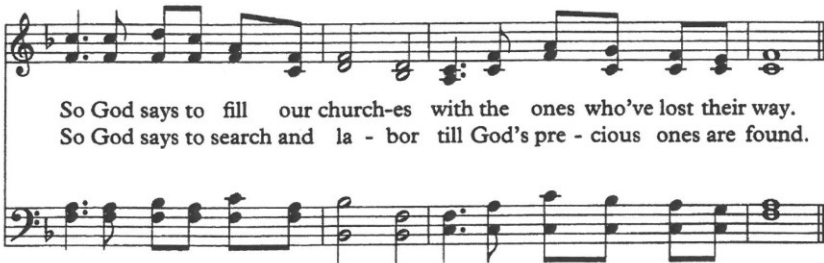
shep-herd with his flocks! Nine - ty - nine are safe - ly
wom-an with her broom! For a sin - gle coin she's



graz - ing; one is lost a - mong the rocks. That good
sweep - ing ev - ery cor - ner of the room. When it's



shep-herd goes and search - es till he finds the one a - stray.
found she calls each neigh - bor, tell - ing friends from all a - round.



So God says to fill our church-es with the ones who've lost their way.
So God says to search and la - bor till God's pre - cious ones are found.

Schedule for the Week

- Sunday** **September 15 – Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
12:15 pm Women of the Church — Vickrey Hall
 Salad Lunch & Program, Open to All
 Grace Enough... to Welcome a Stranger, with Maria Robles, Faith in Texas
- Wednesday** **September 18 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Member Resource Committee — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
 Pot Roast with Veggies, Potatoes, Salad, Vanilla Cake
6:15 pm Children’s Choir/Missions — Children’s Building
6:15 pm Midweek Service – Faith and Fear— Vickrey Hall
 Rev. Deanna Hollas, “Minister of Gun Violence Prevention”
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Friday** **September 20**
6:00 pm Men of the Church — Topgolf, 8787 Park Lane, Dallas, TX
- Sunday** **September 22 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
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 Program Council — Vickrey Hall
6:00 pm Connections Care Group — Home of the Berrier’s

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

Make your 2020 Pledge online at royallane.org/stewardship-2020/



Understanding Baptism Class **September 8-22, 9:45 am — Youth Basement**

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

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

Rebecca Rempert & Karen Miller

Safety Shepherd – Mike Gill

Godly Play

Amy Ward-Meier & Ed Meier

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: we can provide a caring church to serve the needs of the lost.

July 2019 Financials

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

*One-Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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The Scripture this morning is Luke 15:1-10, which may be found on page #850 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. ⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." (NRSV)

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