

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 27 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!

How many of us, at first reading of today's scripture, stop to wonder why the Pharisee feels the need to pray in this way? It can be easier to simply judge the actions of others rather than look at what may drive those actions. To act towards others out of love often requires us to look beyond the obvious. What is it that compels the Pharisee to compare himself favorably to the tax collector before God? A more loving response to this parable might be to try to understand the underlying needs and hurt of both the pharisee and the tax collector.

It is only when we regard others out of love that true humility follows. Love and humility are essential partners. From self-love and acceptance arises the ability to put aside the need for both self-promotion and the false humility of self-abasement. Love of others allows us to build relationships on acceptance rather than criticism and comparison. Such love allows us to walk alongside each other. To achieve true humility therefore we should put love at the center of our lives. If we focus on being humble and striving for humility, on the other hand, then we may achieve quite the opposite affect.

—Jane Hoose, in *Fruits of the Earth: The CAFOLD/DLT Lent Book 2002*
(London: CAFOD/Darton, Longman & Todd, 2001)

Voluntary

David Weigle

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring — J. S. Bach

†Call to Worship

Congregation

O God, it is right for us to praise you:

you are the one who answers our prayers.

You care for the land and water in it:

you make it rich and fertile

You fill the running streams with water:

you irrigate the land.

You soften the ground with showers:

you make the young crops grow.

You crown the year with your goodness:

you give us a plentiful harvest.

The pastures are filled with flocks:

the hillsides are clothed with joy.

The fields are covered with grain:

they shout for joy and sing.

—Michael Perry, *Bible Prayers for Worship* (London: Marshall Pickering, 1997)

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We live in an era of changing customs and lifestyles. We are bombarded on every side by advice to nurture our self-esteem, to put our own welfare first, and to pursue our own individual goals. In such a time, Lord, we need your guidance and help to keep us humble and to prevent us from building ourselves up at the expense of others. May this time of worship be an opportunity for us to renew our faith so that the humble will be exalted and the proud brought low. Amen.

†Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

A Pharisee Was Praying — AURELIA

Scripture Lesson

Jan Quesada

Luke 18:9-14 (Pew Bible page 853 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 507

Congregation

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian — I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures, let us confess our sin to God who hears our pleas and waits in mercy to forgive.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Forgiving God, every minute of every day the world asks us to compare ourselves with other people. We confess that we give in to this temptation, sometimes feeling worse but most often feeling better than others. We ask you to forgive us. May we dwell in your presence where each person and all people reflect your love to one another and are satisfied. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news: when our transgressions prevail over us, God forgives us. Blessed is everyone who dwells in God's house.

We shall be satisfied with God.

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Two People Came to Church to Pray — HANDS OF THE POOR
(*Stanza one, Solo; Stanza two, Choir; Stanza three, All*)

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Loving God, sometimes we forget your presence. Sometimes we think everything depends on us and we know our inadequacy. Thank you for being present and for loving us. Thank you for being present everywhere and loving all people.

Help us to see with new eyes and love with new hearts and serve you with joy and light.

(continued)

(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)

Silence Is Kept

Let us pray:

We pray for a hurting world that people can experience, even and especially in difficulty and pain, your arms around them, your eyes seeing them, and your everlasting presence their home. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

O Love — Elaine Hagenberg
(Text: O Love that Will Not Let Me Go, Hymn 631)

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Have Mercy on Us, Sinners and Saints ”

†Hymn of Commitment 41

Congregation

There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy — WELLESLEY
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

Michael Estill

Offertory

Robyn Watson, bassoon

Lied ohne Worte, Op. 109 — Felix Mendelssohn

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Go in peace.

**We go to walk with the humble,
to pray for our enemies,
and to live with thanksgiving.**

May the strength of Almighty God surround you,
the mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ attend you,
and the peace of the Holy Spirit be yours, today and always.
Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Hornpipe from Water Music — G. F. Handel

Worship Leaders

Michael Estill

Michael has worked for JCPenney Corporate in the Marketing/Advertising Department for 17 years and lives in far north Carrollton. He joined Royal Lane Baptist Church in July of 2017.

Jan Quesada

A member of Royal Lane since 1999, Jan teaches the 1st – 3rd grade Sunday school class, and is “the Bible story lady” for the church’s Vacation Bible School each summer. She is married to Tex and is the mother of Ross, Brooke, Tessa, and Samuel. Her day job is teaching biblical studies at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth.

Robyn Watson

Robyn lives in Houston, Texas, and attends South Main Baptist Church. She received degrees from Belmont University and the University of Houston, and is hoping to start a performer’s diploma at SMU in the fall. Robyn is happy to have found such a welcoming environment at Royal Lane to be a part of when she is in town.

Cover Art — *Pharisee and the Tax Collector*

This manuscript was executed in 1475 CE by a scribe identified as
Aristakes for a priest name Hakob.

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Fall Festival

Today – October 27, 4:00 -6:30 pm,
RLBC Courtyard Parking Lot & Vickrey Hall



Wednesday Evening

NEW DATE: October 30 – Quarterly Church Conference

Business meeting & vote on:

Bylaws revisions approved by the Deacon Board
2019-2020 Leadership Roster

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10

A Pharisee Was Praying

D A7 D G A7 D

1. A Phar - i - see was pray - ing; he proud - ly stood a - lone:
 2. Far off in that same tem - ple, a tax col - lec - tor stood.
 3. O God of love, for - give us when we look all a - round
 4. May we, your church, be hum - ble in serv - ing you each day,

F#7 G A D E7 A

"God, thank you that I'm bet - ter than oth - ers I have known."
 He knew he was a sin - ner; he knew that God is good.
 and think that, by our ac - tions, we stand on sol - id ground:
 for pride will nev - er help us to walk your king - dom - way.

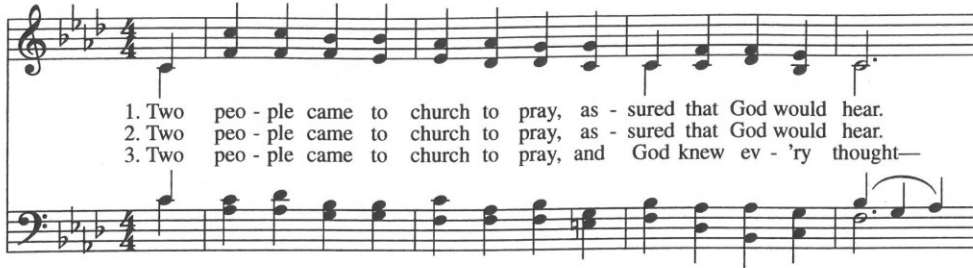
D G D Bm B Em

He saw the faults of oth - ers, yet in that ho - ly place,
 "Have mer - cy, God, up - on me!" the tax col - lec - tor cried.
 we pray, "See how we serve you! We work and vol - un - teer!
 May we know your for - give - ness, our need for mer - cy, too,

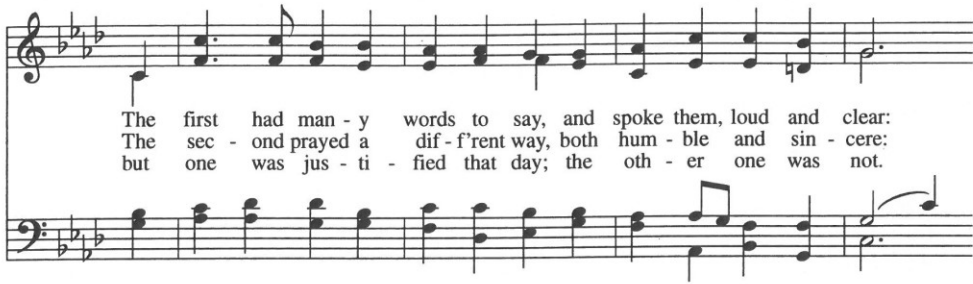
A D G Em7 A7 D

he missed the joy and won - der of God's a - maz - ing grace.
 He left that place of wor - ship for - give - en, jus - ti - fied.
 Aren't we the ones whose giv - ing builds up your king - dom here?"
 that, loved and lov - ing oth - ers, our life may be in you.

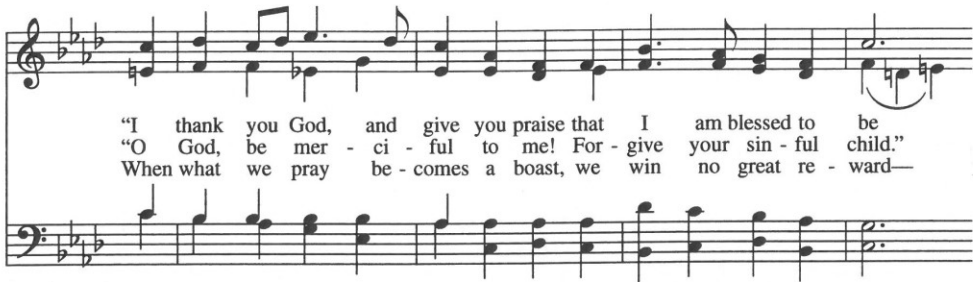
Two People Came to Church to Pray



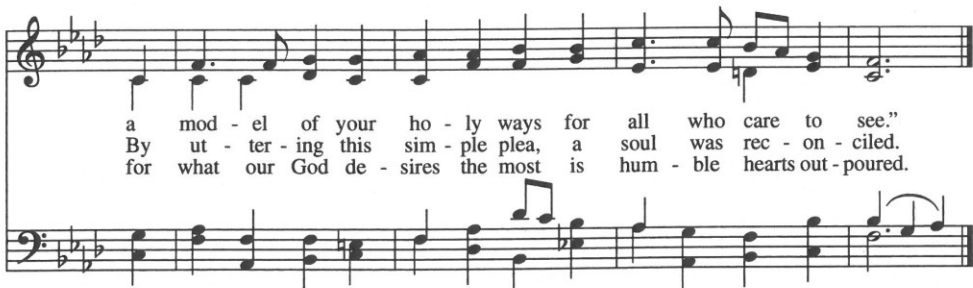
1. Two peo - ple came to church to pray, as - sured that God would hear.
2. Two peo - ple came to church to pray, as - sured that God would hear.
3. Two peo - ple came to church to pray, and God knew ev - 'ry thought—



The first had man - y words to say, and spoke them, loud and clear:
The sec - ond prayed a dif - f'rent way, both hum - ble and sin - cere:
but one was jus - ti - fied that day; the oth - er one was not.



"I thank you God, and give you praise that I am blessed to be
"O God, be mer - ci - ful to me! For - give your sin - ful child."
When what we pray be - comes a boast, we win no great re - ward—



a mod - el of your ho - ly ways for all who care to see."
By ut - ter - ing this sim - ple plea, a soul was rec - on - ciled.
for what our God de - sires the most is hum - ble hearts out - poured.

In the Box Gallery

Artist Receptions:

NEW DATE: Friday, November 1, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 3, 12:15 to 1:15 pm



Randy Box is the current artist exhibiting in the Box Gallery. Randy is one of our own Royal Lane Baptist Church family members! Not only is he the son of Martha and Steve Box, he is an “alumnus” of Cookie Stokes’ Sunday School class! Randy began expressing his artistic talents in 2012 and still studies at the Bonny Leibowitz’s Studio in Richardson, Texas.



Randy is committed to using his exhibit at the Box Gallery to extend the ministry of the Oasis Center in Dallas, Texas. Oasis Center provides services for first time youth offenders. He has listed minimum contributions for the pieces for sale in the Gallery. Please, consider going above the minimum amounts to support this important ministry. All proceeds from sales will be donated to Oasis Center (80%) and RLBC Faith & Arts (20%).

Join us for the evening reception in the Box Gallery on Friday, November 1, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the afternoon reception on Sunday, November 3, 2019 from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Schedule for the Week

Pumpkin Patch Hours – Through October 31

Sunday: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Monday – Thursday: 12:00 pm – 7:00 pm

- Sunday** **October 27 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
4:00 pm Fall Festival — Parking Lot Courtyard & Vickrey Hall (4:00 – 6:30 pm)
- Wednesday** **October 30**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
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6:00 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Children’s Building
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Thursday** **October 31**
12:00 pm Final Day of Pumpkin Patch
- Friday** **November 1**
6:00 pm Randy Box, Artist Reception — Box Gallery (6:00 – 8:00 pm)
- Saturday** **November 2**
8:00 am Men of the Church Breakfast — Maple Leaf Diner
 Breakdown and Clean up — Pumpkin Patch
- Sunday** **November 3 – All Saints Sunday / Daylight Savings Ends**
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Randy Box, Artist Reception — Box Gallery (12:15 – 1:15 pm)
12:15 pm Choir Lunch & Rehearsal — Vickrey Hall (12:15 – 2:30 pm)
6:00 pm Connections Care Group — Home of the Binders (6:00 – 8:00 pm)

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

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



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

Percy Parrish & Paulette Harrison

Safety Shepherd – Jennifer Hammett

Godly Play

Bryan Chastain & Jennifer Hammett

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: we can help our community in times of need.

September 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 585,374	
Expenses	\$ 554,376	
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 30,998	

*Amortized figures not available at this time.

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