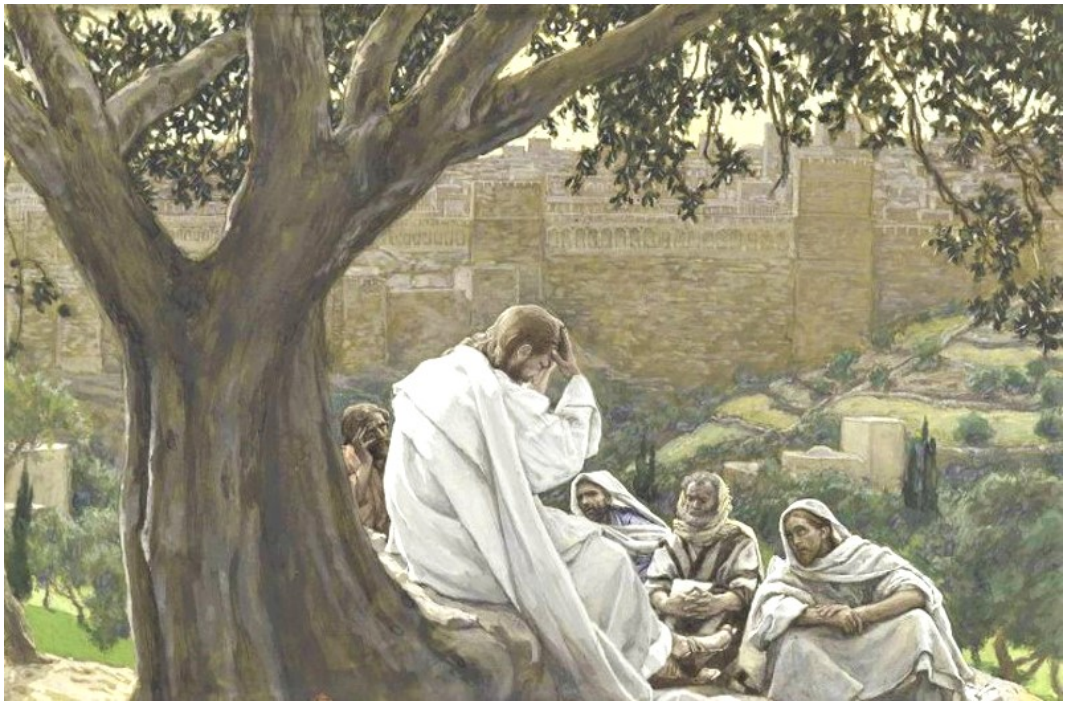


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Luke 21:5-19

The Worship of God

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 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!

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear. We live our lives between the poles of hope and despair, between visions of what can be and what may be if it all goes horribly wrong. Through it all, we are called to be faithful, for we are given this promise: "By your endurance you will gain your souls"

—Luke 21:18-19

Voluntary

Be Still My Soul — arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

David Weigle

✠Call to Worship

Sing praises to God, sing praises.

Worship God with shouts of joy.

Worship God with songs of gladness.

Worship God with hope and love.

Sing praises to God, sing praises.

Worship God in spirit and in truth.

Congregation

✠Invocation

Let us pray:

God of hope and promise, speak again your words of life and death, for reports of violence and bloodshed are all around us. In a world where refugees have nowhere to turn, bless us anew with visions of heavenly shalom, that the world may be healed and your people may live in safety and peace. Teach us the joy of sharing simple acts of kindness and heartfelt gifts of tender mercy, that we may be people of your kingdom and children of your love. Amen.

Congregation

†Hymn 57

Congregation

Be Still My Soul — FINLANDIA

Scripture Lesson

Harper Wooten & Nolan Meier

Luke 21:5-19 (Pew Bible page 856 of the New Testament)

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Michael Gregg

*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 629

Congregation

Be Strong in the Lord — STRENGTH

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

We live in houses that we did not build. We reap the rich harvest of foods that we did not grow. All that we have comes from God, and yet this past week has found us dwelling in themes of discontentment. This is our time for confession.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

God, you have commanded that we keep away from those who live in idleness and walk in paths not consistent with your Word. You have told us to allow others to imitate our lives. We have done what you told us not to do. And we have failed to do what we know we ought to do. We are sinners. We stand in need of your grace. Work in us so that we will not grow weary in doing what is right. We pray in the name of the Righteous One. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

Promise of Forgiveness

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

This is the Good news. Thanks be to God.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand — PRECIOUS LORD

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church in need, and all of God's creation.

Silence Is Kept

Faithful God, when we question the future, you reveal the hope of victory through your Son, Jesus Christ. Give us the wisdom to rely on your words and the courage to witness to your love and faithfulness. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our joy, the seas and the hills shout your praise. Inspire us to sing a joyful song to you as we work to preserve and protect your marvelous creation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God our ruler, you judge the world with righteousness and the people with equity. Grant perseverance to world leaders and elected officials, so that they never grow weary in doing what is right. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Gracious God, you offer peace to fearful hearts. Heal the hurts of all those who suffer injustice and persecution, those who spend months and years in prisons and in hospitals, and for anyone in need.

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:

God of mercy, our strength and our might, receive these prayers, which we offer trusting in your goodness. We ask in weakness according to our need, but you give wisely according to your gracious care for all the world. Therefore, we pray in gratitude and in hope, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Anthem

Choir

Come Dwell in Solomon's Wall — Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,

With the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.

The Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,

the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls, Come and dwell in the house of the Lord,

Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength.

For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

*Come dwell in Solomon's walls, Come and dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where wisdom and righteousness, Justice and holiness, Join at the feet of God.*

When people of this house kneel and humbly pray,

When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,

O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,

And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord, we pray.

—based on 1 Kings 8

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ Stand Firm and Win Life ”

†Hymn of Commitment 625

Congregation

Standing on the Promises — PROMISES

*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

Sadie Watson

Offertory

David Weigle

All the Way My Savior Leads — arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

People of God, as you leave this place,
do not grow weary in doing what is right.

**We will bring hope and love to all we meet,
and proclaim justice and peace wherever we go.**

Children of God in Christ, as you go forth,
share God's vision of the peaceable kingdom.

**We will share God's vision of peace
and work to bring God's kingdom near.**

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Vesper Hymn — arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

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Worship Leaders

Nolan Meier

Nolan is a third grader at Solar Preparatory School for Boys in Dallas ISD. He is an active kid who plays whatever sport is in season, including basketball, soccer, and baseball. Nolan participates on a robotics team with his school friends. He also loves music, and can be caught singing all the time!

Sadie Watson

Sadie has been coming to Royal Lane since she was born. She is in the fifth grade at The Covenant School. She loves dogs, quokkas (look them up!), and climbing on everything. She loves her Royal Lane family and puppies.

Harper Wooten

Harper is eight years old and in the third grade. Harper has been at Royal Lane since she was born and loves going to church with her family. She has two younger brothers, Turner and Harrison, that she likes most of the time. She enjoys reading, dancing, swimming and creating art.

Wednesday Evening Eventful Advent

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday
Jeremiah 23:1-6 **Luke 1:68-79**
Colossians 1:11-20 **Luke 23:33-43**

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.

Eventful Advent

Wednesday, November 20 – 6:00-7:15 pm in Vickrey Hall



On November 20 our children will host the evening as an opportunity to spend time with you! We will sing advent carols and hear from several of our young musicians, learn about a variety of advent traditions and fellowship over crafts and conversation. Please come and enjoy time with your Royal Lane family before we are swept away in the busyness of the holiday season.

Staff Love Gift

During this Giving time of year let's not forget those who give so much to us all year. Our church staff willingly and lovingly provide many services for us throughout the year. As in the past, if you'd like to express your personal appreciation, please mail your check to the Church Office or place it in the offering plate by Sunday, December 8. Be sure your contribution is clearly marked "Staff Love Gift."



You may also go online and donate under "Staff Love Offering" at onrealm.org/RoyalLane/Give

Paulette Harrison, Deacon Chair



Stocking Stuffers for Healing Hands Ministries

Please bring small toys and candy to fill stockings for the children and teenagers who visit the clinic at Healing Hands Ministries. Bring items through the second week in December, then come join us Saturday December 14, when we will fill the stockings at the Women of the Church meeting from 10:00-12:30.

Suggestions: small plush animals, fuzzy socks, small Christmas toys, card games, bubbles, ear buds (for teens), small holiday coloring books, Christmas candy, etc.

The Work of Christmas

Advent & Christmas – 2019

November

November 20 – Eventful Advent

6:00 pm — Vickrey Hall

November 24 – Holiday in the Park – Youth, Children & their Families

12:30-8:00 pm — Six Flags over Texas

December

December 1 – Advent I

10:55 am — Sanctuary

December 7 – Posada y Piñata (Parents Night Out)

5:00 pm — Children’s Building & Vickrey Hall (5:00 – 8:00 pm)

December 8 – Advent II – Hanging of the Green

10:55 am — Sanctuary

December 13 – Youth Christmas Party

6:00 pm — Youth Basement (6:00 – 9:00 pm)

December 13 – Parents of Children & Youth

6:00 pm — Vickrey Hall (6:00 – 9:00 pm) (childcare provided)

December 14 – Women of the Church

10:00 am — Vickrey Hall (10:00 am – 12:30 pm)

December 15 – Advent III – Choral Music Sunday

10:55 am — “The Work of Christmas” presented by the Sanctuary Choir — Sanctuary

December 18 – Mourning Light & White Gift Service

6:15 pm — Vickrey Hall, Holy Communion offered

December 21 – Men of the Church Breakfast

9:00 am — First Watch, Preston Forest

December 22 – Advent IV – Worship

10:55 am — Sanctuary, Festival Carol Sing featuring Glen Hummel’s Classic Brass Quintet

December 24 – Christmas Eve

6:00 pm — Sanctuary

Carols, Candlelight & Communion (childcare provided)

December 25 – Christmas Day

Church Office Closed, No Wednesday Activities (Activities resume January 8)

December 29 – First Sunday after Christmas – Worship

10:55 am — Sanctuary



ABUNDANT LIFERS TO VISIT DALLAS HOLOCAUST AND HUMAN RIGHTS MUSEUM

Abundant Lifers are invited to participate in a field trip to the new Museum on Saturday, November 23.

Your facilitators will pre-purchase timed tickets for ENTRY at 10:30 am, so please let Bruce Luedke, 817-994-7484) (luedkeb@aol.com, or Mike Jones, (michael_jones54@hotmail.com, 817-542-7707) know today, NOVEMBER 17, of your intention to participate, and make payment arrangements (cash or check).



Ticket prices for seniors are \$14, and will afford in-and-out privileges. Parking is \$4 per hour per vehicle so ride-sharing is recommended. Those who wish to have lunch at about 12 noon are invited to join us at Ellen's Restaurant, which is a short walk from the Museum. Ellen's advertises brunch all-day every-day, and will be pay-as-you-go.

Columbarium Garden

Royal Lane Baptist Church

Columbarium Purchase and Contributions:

- **Niche** - \$3,000 pre-construction, \$3,500.00 post construction*
- **Garden Teak Bench** – \$3,000.00 (with plaque)
- **Honor/Memory Bricks** – \$250.00 each (engraved to honor or in memory)
- **Contributions** to construction of the Columbarium Garden – you can donate to purchase a tree, bush, entry arch, other landscape elements.

*All contributions, except purchase of a niche, are considered a donation to the RLBC Columbarium. Contact Nancy K. Ferrell for purchase information at nkferrell@sbcglobal.net, or 214-662-3070.

Schedule for the Week

- Tuesday November 19**
12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Vickrey Hall
- Wednesday November 20 – Mosaic**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
5:00 pm e360 Training — Room 101
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Beef Baked Pasta, Salad, Texas Toast, Chocolate & Vanilla Cupcakes
6:00 pm Eventful Advent — Vickrey Hall
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
7:30 pm e360 Training — Room 101
- Thursday November 21**
6:30 pm Men of the Church — El Fenix, 3128 Forest Ln, Dallas 75234
- Saturday November 23**
10:30 am Abundant Lifers — Holocaust & Human Rights Museum
- Sunday November 24 – Reign of Christ Sunday**
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall
12:30 pm Holiday in the Park — Six Flags Over Texas (12:30 – 10:00 pm)
Children, Youth & their Families

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

Stewardship Update

As of November 14, we have received pledges from 94 giving units with a total pledged of \$617,095.00. Our goal is 110 giving units for a total of \$700,000.00.

You may pledge today by placing pledge card in the offering plate, turning it in to the church office, or pledging online at royallane.org/stewardship-2020/

If you have pledged online and have not received an acknowledgement, contact Janet Schultz in the church office, 214-361-2809, ext. 11.

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

Dennis Turnbull & Cathy Webb

Safety Shepherd – Mike Gill

Godly Play

Kelley Keith & Lisa Chastain

Young Theologians – Cookie Stokes

When WE Give: we benefit from quality office support for our ministries.

September 2019 Financials

	YTD Actual	YTD Adjusted*
Revenues	\$ 585,374	\$ 538,549
Expenses	\$ 554,376	\$ 554,376
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 30,998	(\$ 15,827)

*One Time Pledges Amortized Monthly

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

Standard text message rates apply.

Donate online to General Fund
at onrealm.org/RoyalLane/Give



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Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

The Scripture this morning is Luke 21:5-19, which may be found on page 856 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” ⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. ⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. ¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls. (NRSV)

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