

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

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!**

*Themes of light and darkness focus the readings from Isaiah, Psalm 27, and Matthew's Gospel. For God's people, in the midst of loss (destruction of one's homeland, the death of John the Baptist), hope is not lost. God's light shines in the darkness: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them the light has shined."
—Isaiah 9:2*

Voluntary

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus — arranged by Paul Manz

David Weigle

†Call to Worship

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

Whom shall we fear?

The Lord sets us high on a rock, above our enemies.

The Lord shelters us in our day of trouble.

We, who have walked in darkness, have seen a great light.

**We, who have dwelled in a land of deep darkness,
on us, light has shined.**

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

Whom shall we fear?

Congregation

†Invocation

Let us pray:

God of radiant Light, shine into our lives, and disperse the darkness that dims our vision; shine into our world, and cast out the fears that long have chained us; shine into our worship, that we may be a people of your hope and promise. Amen.

Congregation

—Isaiah 9, Psalm 27

†Hymn 476

Congregation

You Walk Along Our Shoreline — AURELIA

Scripture Lesson

John Helms

Matthew 4:12-23 (Pew Bible page 785 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 [see insert]

Congregation

Dear God, Embracing Humankind — REST

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Seek the One who shines light into our darkness. Trust the One who is the stronghold of our lives. Call on the One who breaks the rod of the oppressor and brings warmth and light in the midst of winter.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

Glorious God, our Light and our Salvation, too often we have been afraid. We behold the beauty of your dwelling place and feel unworthy to meet you there. We view the cleft in the rock where you would hide us from our enemies and we shrink from its dizzying height. When your prophets are arrested and put to death, we hide in the darkness, rather than proclaim the dawning of your great light. Forgive our foolishness. Guide our timid feet, O God, and do not turn your face from us. Amen.

Silence Is Kept

(continued)

Promise of Forgiveness

The gloom and grief of the former times have passed away.

**The hope and glory of the latter times
have washed over us like the tide of the sea.**

We, who once sat in darkness, behold the glory of God's holy light.

**Let us find joy and forgiveness
in God's saving grace and redeeming love.**

Hymn 658

Congregation

Let Your Heart Be Broken — WYE VALLEY

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

Gracious God, you have called us by name and invited us to be your disciples. You have claimed us as your children, and we are grateful. We are grateful for the gift of this day, and this beautiful planet where we live, work, worship and play.

Help us preserve its beauty and the natural life it supports.

We are grateful for the communities in which we live.

**Grant us willing hearts and hands to make them places of welcome,
work, and opportunity.**

We are grateful for the people in our lives: our co-workers, neighbors, friends, and families; those near and far, those we see often, and those we can only see in our fondest memories.

**We call on you this day to be near to those whose lives, bodies, and
spirits are broken.**

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 call on you this day to give wisdom and prudence to our leaders, that
they may seek to do your will. We call on you this day to bring peace
where conflict rages, and comfort where despair looms large. Amen.**

Anthem

Choir

Softly and Tenderly —arranged by René Claussen

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ No Longer Sitting in Darkness ”

†Hymn of Commitment 473

Congregation

Will You Come and Follow Me — KELVINGROVE

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

Gary Wisdom

Gracious God, we thank you for this day—a day blessed with light and joy, a day blessed with hope and abundance. May these gifts bring light to those lost in darkness and chase away the shadow of death from those who have lost hope. Bless our lives to your service, in the name of the true Light. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

To Render Thanks Unto the Lord — arranged by Robert J. Powell

What Peter wished he'd said

I'm a fisherman, Lord, not a mountain climber.

I know sunburn, not radiance.

I know the fog of the sea, not heavenly mists.

I know the seagull's call, not Mysterious Voices.

I know my yesterdays, not my future days.

But I also know you, Jesus.

And you, I will follow.

Back down the mountain,

to Jerusalem,

to an upper room,

to a midnight garden,

to a cross...

—*Jerie Lukefahr, 2013, the Transfiguration*

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠ Sending Forth

Michael Gregg & Congregation

Go as people of Light.

God's light shines upon us.

Go as people of Love.

Christ's love shows us the way.

Go as people of Spirit.

God's Spirit leads us home.

Go with God.

Amen.

Amen.

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Rondeau — Jean Joseph-Mouret

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Hymn Notes — *Dear God, Embracing Humankind*
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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

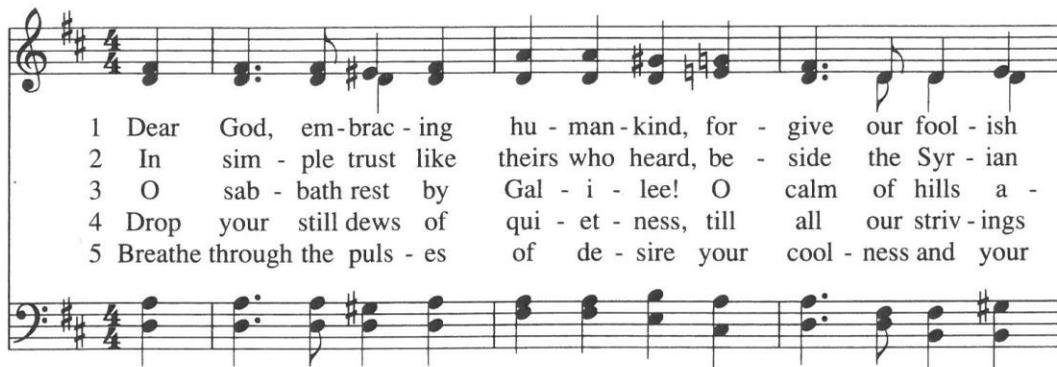


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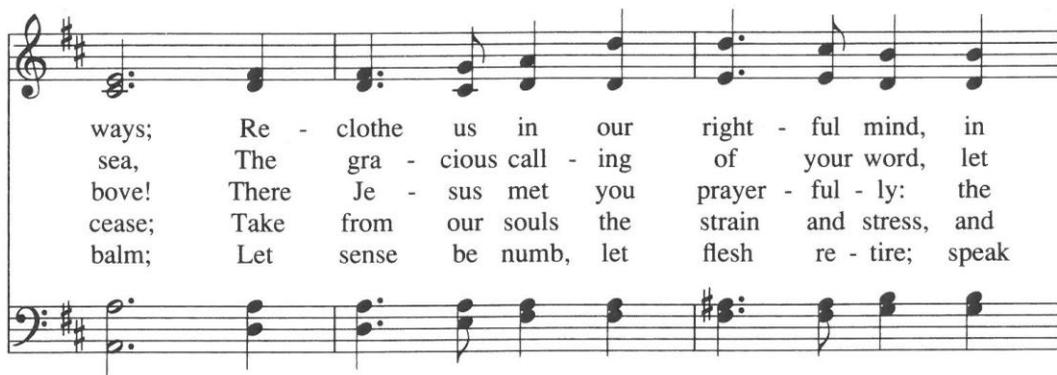
Dear God, Embracing Humankind

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt.

Mark 1:16-20; Matt. 14:22-23; 1 Kings 19:11-12



1 Dear God, em-brac - ing hu - man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
4 Drop your still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
5 Breathe through the puls - es of de - sire your cool - ness and your



ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
sea, The gra - cious call - ing of your word, let
bove! There Je - sus met you prayer - ful - ly: the
cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, and
balm; Let sense be numb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives your ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
us, like them, by spir - it stirred, rise up and fol - lowers be.
si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love.
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of your peace.
through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Worship Leaders

John Helms

Theresa and I have had the great fortune to belong to Royal Lane Baptist Church for nearly forty years and consider that to be a wonderful blessing. We have two wonderful children who love Royal Lane. Our daughter Ashlea lives in Paris Texas and has three children: Teddy, Beckett and Halsey, all of whom we love and adore. They visit Royal Lane when they can and love it. Ben and his lovely wife Brooke live close by and have a most beautiful nine-month old daughter named Ellie. I attended Nancy Ferrell's Sunday School Class and loved it for many years. Then Jan Quesada requested that I co-teach a class with Jack Mullinax. I did not want to do that, but how do you tell Jan no. Plus I have never seen a better example of a true Christian than Jack. Scared and knowing that everyone in that class knew more about the Bible than me I thought "oh no," but it is a great forgiving group of wonderful people and is very rewarding for me. My class has taught me a great deal and I look forward to continuing my education. I am thrilled with where Royal Lane is now in its ministry and pray that there will be many new people who can receive the blessings we all have.

Garey Wisdom

Garey has been coming to Royal Lane for over 25 years. He came to Royal Lane in 1989 as the church pianist and became a member in 1993. Over the years he has been church pianist, served on the Deacon Board and the Program Council, and has also served on the tabulating committee. In June 2015 he "retired" from the piano bench and took a seat in the bass/baritone section of the choir. Garey retired from the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas on August 1, 2016. In 2017 he returned to the Deacon Board for a three-year term. He is enjoying having time to work on home projects and volunteer at RLBC.

Wednesday Evening Quarterly Church Conference

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Micah 6:1-8 Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 Matthew 5:1-12

Faith & Film

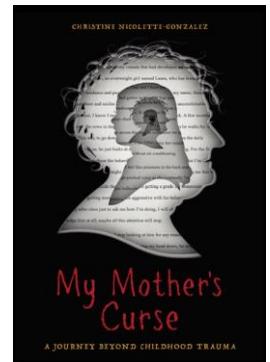
Today, January 26, 2:30 – 4:30 – Vickrey Hall
“Owned: A Tale of Two Americas”



Join us for a screening of this award-winning documentary followed by discussion about housing, facilitated by leaders of our ministry partner, Faith in Texas.

Prayer Place Sunday School Class – Book Study

Longtime church member Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez has published an inspirational memoir that tells the story of how she overcame the severe trauma of her childhood. The book, *My Mother's Curse: A Journey Beyond Childhood Trauma*, is available for purchase on the website laureatelifepress.com. On January 26th, in The Prayer Place Sunday School class, Christine will begin a four-week book study of her memoir. Each of you is invited to join her and the class for this study. If you are one of the hundreds of millions of people who endured a challenging childhood, this month-long study may be particularly meaningful to you. It is not necessary to have purchased or read the book to attend.



Hold the date: Friday, February 21 at 6:00 pm for reception, reading and book signing.



Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher, February 2

Rev. Victoria Powers

University Park UMC and
Baptist House of Studies Board Member

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers is the Senior Associate Pastor at University Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas. She is a graduate of Baylor University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and philosophy. In 2012, Victoria graduated from Brite Divinity School at TCU with her Master of Divinity. After finishing seminary, Victoria went on to complete a Clinical Pastoral Education residency at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. In 2014, Victoria was ordained to the gospel ministry at Wilshire Baptist Church. For the four years following, Victoria served as an associate pastor at Highland Park United Methodist Church where she pastored a Sunday morning service of liturgy and sacrament. Victoria and her husband, Matt, have been married for 9 years and have two children, Benjamin (4) and Ruthie (2). Victoria is passionate about spiritual formation, community, and worship.

Martha Stearns Marshall Guest Preachers:



February 9 – Rev. Robin Murray
Abundant Life AME and
Faith in Texas Organizer



February 16 – Rev. Kristin Warthen
White's Chapel UMC

February 23 – Rev. Lisa Hancock
Current PhD Student at SMU on
Theology of Disability



Schedule for the Week

- Sunday January 26 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**
Following Worship – “Come-and Go” Baby Shower — Library
12:15 pm Missions Committee — Room 202
2:30 pm Faith & Film – “Owned” — Vickrey Hall
- Tuesday January 28**
12:00 pm Pastor’s Book Group — Room 202
- Wednesday January 29**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
4:30 pm Columbarium Committee — Library
5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Beef & Vegetable Soup, Salad, Bread, Chocolate Cake
6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
6:15 pm Children’s Activities — Children’s Building
6:15 pm Quarterly Church Conference — Vickrey Hall
7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary
- Sunday February 2 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**
9:00 am IT Committee — Room 206
9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
9:45 am Prayer Place Sunday School Class — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am Non-Traditional Sunday School Class (Tex Quesada) — Room 202
10:55 am Morning Worship – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary
Martha Stearns Marshall Preacher – Rev. Victoria Powers
12:15 pm Education Committee — Room 206
6:00 pm Connections Care Group — Home of the Berrier’s

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

The Gathering



Next Sunday, February 2 is the day of this quarter that we place emphasis on the needs of North Dallas Shared Ministries with the Gathering. Place your gifts in the red wagon in the narthex.

Items needed: pull ups, diapers, baby wipes, baby food in plastic containers, and baby cereal.

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

Alan Greider & Harry Hunter

Safety Shepherd – Janet Schultz

Godly Play

Charlotte Sewell & Anne Sewell

Young Theologians – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

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Expenses	\$ 669,667
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Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

The Scripture this morning is Matthew 4:12-23, which may be found on page 785 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. (NRSV)

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