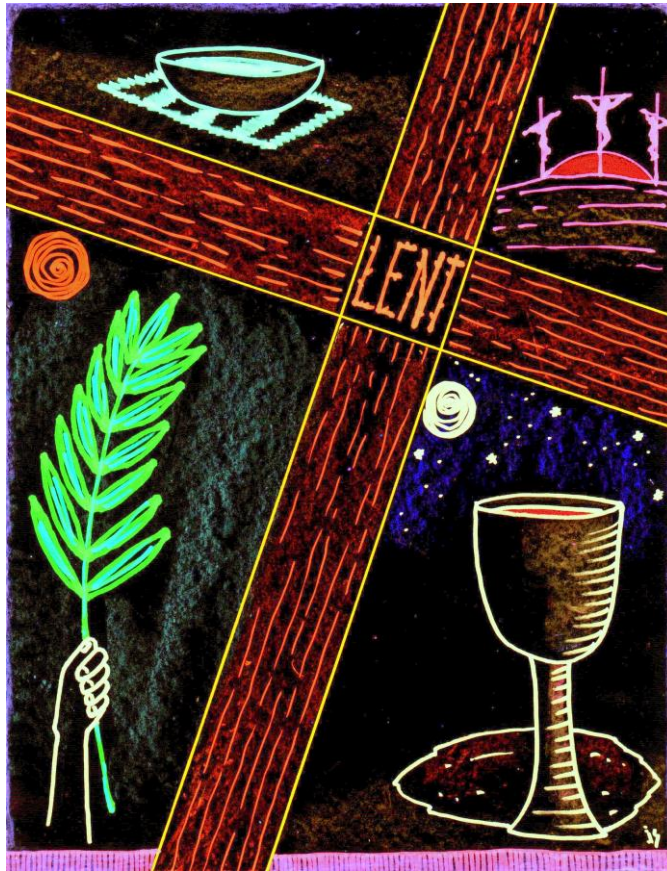


# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Third Sunday in Lent*

March 15, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Welcome to Worship

Michael Gregg

Christ be with you ... **and also with you!**

*We didn't even know what moderation was. What it felt like. We didn't just work: we inhaled our jobs; sucked them in, became them. Stayed late, brought work home—it was never enough, though, no matter how much time we put in. When did the collision between our appetites and the needs of our souls happen? Was there a heart attack? Did we get laid off from work, one of the thousands certified as extraneous? Did a beloved child become a bored stranger, a marriage fall silent and cold? How did we come to know that we were dying a slow and unacknowledged death? And that the only way back to life was to set all our packages down and begin again, carrying with us only what we really needed? We travail. We are heavy laden. Refresh us, O homeless, jobless, possession-less Savior. We have come to worship and lay down our burdens.*

—Barbara Cawthorne Crafton,  
*Living Lent: Meditations for These Forty Days*,  
Morehouse Publishing, 1998

Voluntary

David Weigle

*Solemn Melody* — Walford Davies

†Call to Worship

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Let us sing to God,

**for God is here.**

Let us sing of love,

**for love is here.**

Let us sing and rejoice,

**for here our souls are restored.**

—*Psalm 95, John 4*

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**O Christ, O heavenly purity! O blessed emptying! O unreserved submission! Through you God is welcomed into the very center of the heart! It does not matter what our abilities may be then, provided that we possess you, Lord. Do what you will with us. Whether it be that we should work, or become inspired, or be the recipient of your impressions, it is all the same. Everything is yours, everything is from you and for you. Ours is to be satisfied with your work and not to demand the choice of action or condition, but to leave everything to your good pleasure. Amen.**

—Jean-Pierre de Caussade, “Surrender Is Everything”  
from *The Joy of Full Surrender*,  
ed. Hal M. Helms and Robert G. Edmonston,  
Paraclete Press Inc., 2008

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* — NETTLETON

Scripture Lesson

Laura Keller

Matthew 7:1-12 [ see insert ]

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus* — CONVERSE

Call to Confession

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit.  
Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

*(continued)*

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Eternal and Almighty God, you have long sought us and we have fled. You have offered us an easy yoke, and we have tied ourselves down with cares and burdens. You have forgiven us, and we have complained against one another. Give us a conversion that turns us around to face the light; teach us a repentance that lives in works of love; lead us into the narrow path; guide us through the valley of the shadow of death. Call us to follow Jesus Christ and in his way to live and suffer, die and rise again. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

This is the good news of God's grace:

**Though we are sinners, Christ died for us.  
Once we were lost and dead—  
now Christ has become our life and salvation.**

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Ask, Seek, and Knock* — Mark Barnard

Capo 1 Eb(D) Cm7(Bm7) Fm7(Em7) Bb(A) Bb7(A7) 3

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will

Ab/Bb(A/B) Eb(D) Bb/D(A/C#) Cm7(Bm7) Cm7/Bb(Bm7/A) AbM7(GM7) 3

find it; knock, and the door will be opened for

Fm7(Em7) Bb(A) Bb7(A7) 3 Eb(D)

you; the Lord will answer your prayers.

Prayers of the People

Terry Berrier & Congregation

Faithful God of love, you blessed us with your servant Son so that we might know how to serve your people with justice and with mercy. We gather the needs of ourselves and others, and offer them to you in faith and love, seeking to be strengthened to meet them.

Today we pray especially for those you name now silently or aloud. . .

*Silence Is Kept*

Let us pray:

**Shape us and transform us by your grace, that we may grow in wisdom and in confidence, never faltering until we have done all that you desire to bring your realm of shalom to fulfillment. Amen.**

Anthem

Ensemble

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* — Claude L. Bass

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ Giving All of Ourselves ”**

Closing Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated* — HENDON

Offertory Prayer

Offertory

David Weigle

*O God, Thou Faithful God* — Johannes Brahms

Blessing

Michael Gregg

The peace of God goes with us and dwells with us.

By God's grace, we share in the hope of glory.

**While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

**Through this love, we are reconciled to God.**

We scatter, singing songs of thanksgiving.

We will make a joyful noise, in praise to God.

**We will also listen for messages God sends.**

**God is among us and goes with us every day.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Marche Pontificale* — John Marsh

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### Hymn Notes

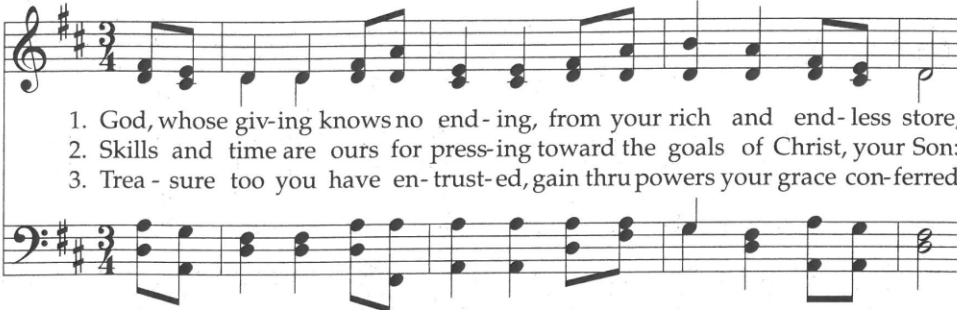
*God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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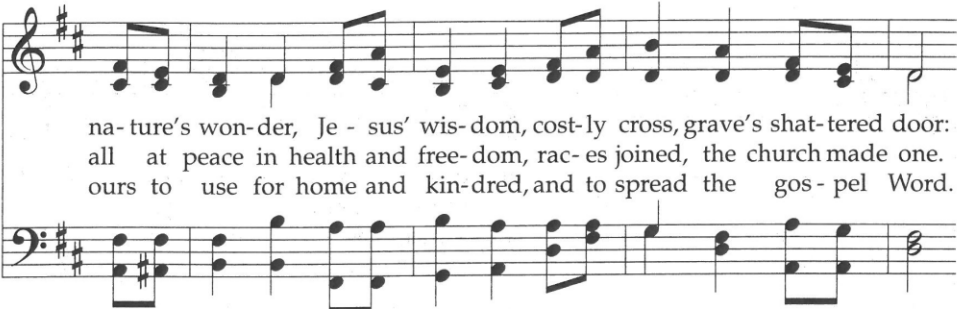
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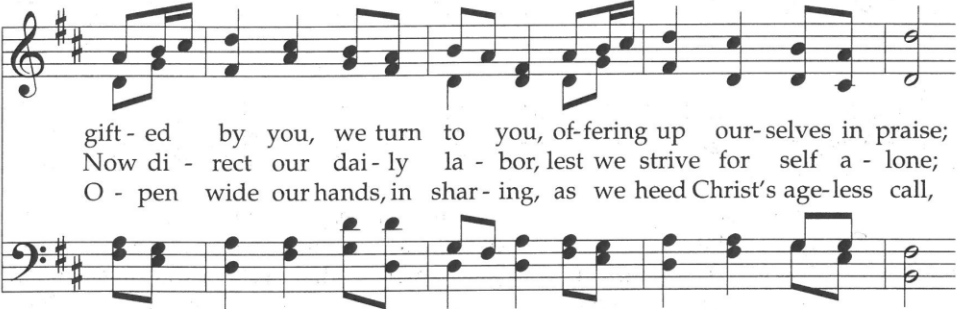
# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



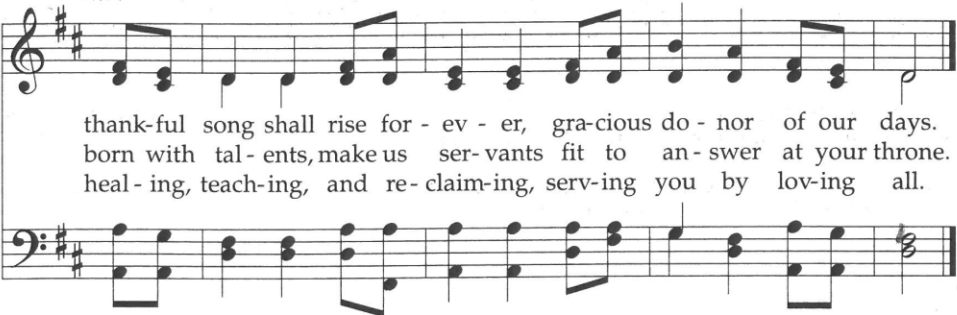
1. God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store,  
2. Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
3. Trea-sure too you have en-trust-ed, gain thru powers your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door:  
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel Word.

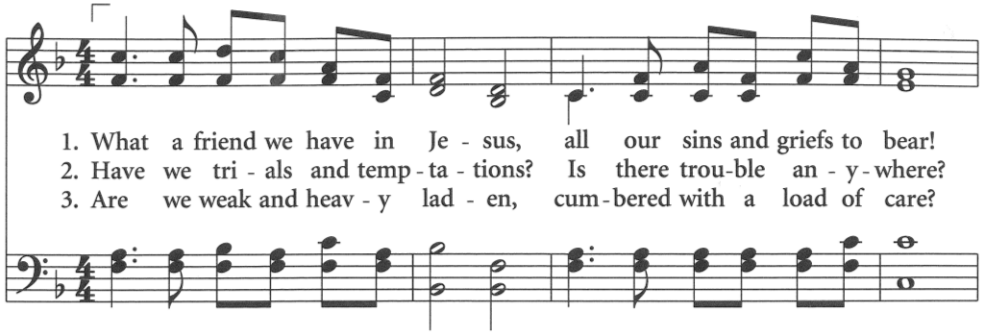


gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-fering up our-selves in praise;  
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
O-pen wide our hands, in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.  
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.  
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

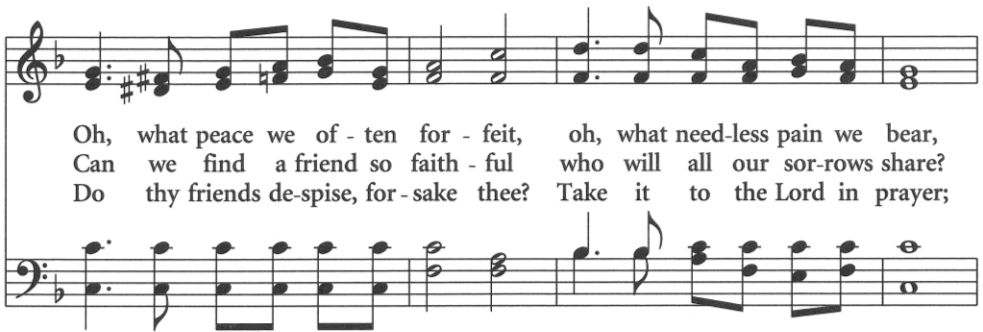
# What a Friend We Have in Jesus



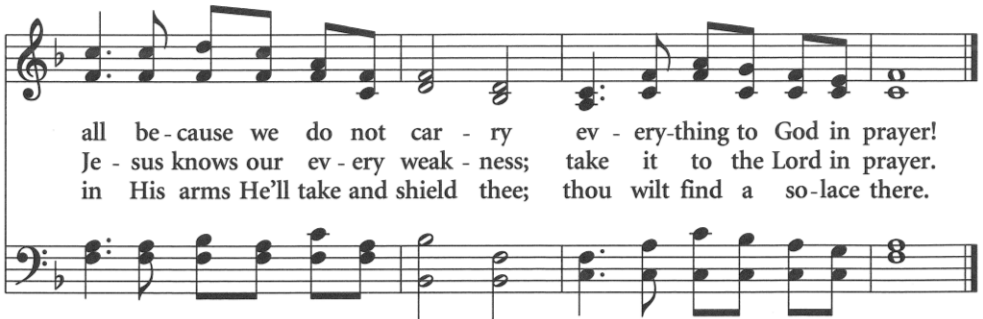
1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge; take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
Do thy friends de - spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
in His arms He'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so - lace there.



# Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,  
2. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beau - ti -  
3. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would  
4. Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no  
5. Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its

Lord, to Thee; take my hands, and let them move  
ful for Thee; take my voice, and let me sing  
I with - hold; take my mo - ments and my days,  
long - er mine; take my heart, it is Thine own,  
treasure store. Take my - self and I will be

at the im-pulse of Thy love, at the im-pulse of Thy love.  
al-ways, on-ly, for my King, al-ways, on-ly, for my King.  
let them flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
it shall be Thy roy-al throne, it shall be Thy roy-al throne.  
ev-er, on-ly, all for Thee, ev-er, on-ly, all for Thee.

Study for Wednesday Evening  
has been cancelled and  
will be rescheduled.

**IN FOCUS: Building and Pursuing the Beloved Community**  
**“Radical Candor” by Kim Scott**  
with Kristin Warthen

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23**  
**Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41**



Congregation Tiferet Israel's  
Chili Cook-Off  
March 15

This event has been cancelled.

### Royal Welcome Class

April 5, 2020, Vickrey Hall, immediately following morning Worship

All new members and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Lunch is provided with fellowship during the meal. Learn more about RLBC and your church family plus all we have to offer.

Hosted and presented by Sandy Washington, Sarah Fuller Phillips & Dottie Brashear.  
Please RSVP: Sandy Washington: [sandy.washington@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.washington@gmail.com) or 214-475-3871.  
Registration is not required but it will be helpful with lunch preparations.

### Annual WOC Spring Retreat

Due to the deep desire to keep everyone well,  
the WOC spring retreat this year has been cancelled.

# Lent & Holy Week



## *Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...*

- Sundays**      **March 1 – March 29 – First thru Fifth Sundays in Lent**
- Sunday**      **April 5 – Palm/Passion Sunday**  
10:55 am      Morning Worship – Procession of Palms — Sanctuary
- Wednesday**      **April 8**  
6:15 pm      Children’s Seder — Children’s Building
- Friday**      **April 10 – Good Friday**  
5:30 pm      Choir Dinner — Library  
6:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary  
8:00 pm      Good Friday Service – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)  
                    A service of solemn remembrance & Communion  
8:00 pm      Children’s Good Friday Service — Children’s Building
- Saturday**      **April 11**  
2:00 pm      Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)  
                    For children and families to recount the events of Holy Week
- Sunday**      **April 12 – Easter Sunday**  
8:00 am      Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary & Front Lawn  
                    Testimony of Joy – Steve Sumter & Leonard Gresham  
8:30 am      Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall  
9:45 am      Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1  
10:55 am      Morning Worship — Sanctuary  
                    Featuring Classic Brass & Percussion



## *Schedule*

**Sunday, March 15 – March 28 Activities have been Cancelled**

- Sunday March 29 – Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
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 Sanctuary Choir Lunch & Rehearsal — Vickrey Hall & Sanctuary

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

### **Deacons on Call**

Terry Berrier & Karen Miller

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When WE Give: we have staff to prepare fellowship meals.

#### January 2020 Financials

|                   | YTD Actual |
|-------------------|------------|
| Revenues*         | \$ 134,847 |
| Expenses          | \$ 61,462  |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 73,385  |

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Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

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The Scripture this morning is Matthew 7:1-12.

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**7**<sup>1</sup>Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye. <sup>6</sup>Do not give what is holy to dogs; and do not throw your pearls before swine, or they will trample them under foot and turn and maul you.

<sup>7</sup>Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? <sup>11</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

<sup>12</sup>In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets. (NRSV)

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