



ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ

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The Mosaic

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Who Are We in the Midst of a Crisis?

It's been a rough Lent. Not only has our world and our way of meeting together as a people of God been flipped on its head, but I have decided to stick with the sermon series of "Traveling Light" as we seek to give up the spiritual and emotional baggage that is weighing us down. This has been one of the most difficult and frustrating themes on which I've ever preached. I think it's because I'm preaching to myself as I ask us to let go of things like guilt, control, contempt, busyness, and certainty. I grip those things tightly thinking that they give my life purpose and define who I am. I find myself wondering if I continue to carry this baggage maybe everything will be ok.

Yet, a crisis is only a sneeze away. Today I find myself wiping down my groceries, packages, and mail. I'm washing my hands every ten minutes. I am trying to do my caregiving job in a social distancing world. I have a spouse who is in the midst of a complicated pregnancy. I am trying to keep the kids fed, entertained, and learning while feeling guilty for not doing anything to care for myself. My life, our lives, are in crisis.

Who are we in the midst of a crisis? Who do we want to be in the midst of a crisis? Do we want to be the people that hold tightly to our stuff? Are we people who grip more firmly to the securities of life in order to bring some sort of control to the chaos? I know I do... and my grip is weakening, my body is tired, and my soul is weary. I know we are all overwhelmed and exhausted. Maybe the only thing we can do in this uncertain time is to lean into a God who says we will never be alone and that our heavy burdens will be taken from us so we can indeed rest.

And that's my prayer for each and every one of you... for rest. I pray that all of us might feel vibrant air in our lungs and breath in our spirits as we release our grip on the things we can't control and relax into the promises of God.

My uncertain and anxious friends, here is a prayer for you by Henri Nouwen:

"Dear God,
I am so afraid to open my clenched fists!
Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to?
Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands?
Please help me to gradually open my hands
and to discover that I am not what I own,
but what you want to give me."¹

Pastor Mike

*The next issues of The Mosaic are scheduled for April 22 & May 6, 2020.
The deadline for submissions will be 5:00 p.m. Monday prior to the date of publication.*

¹ Henri J.M. Nouwen, *The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life*

Easter Missions Project for Hope Supply Company

Thank you to Royal Laners who provided all the goodies to make 53 Easter baskets for Hope Supply. Children's Minister, Laura Keller and Charlotte Sewell, Director of Missions assembled and delivered the Easter baskets.



Easter baskets from Royal Lane Baptist Church loaded in Charlotte Sewell's SUV for delivery to Hope Supply Co.

Palm Sunday – At Home and at RLBC

With this issue of The Mosaic, we are sharing a few pictures from Palm Sunday. Pictures from the homes of members and from RLBC with the Palming of the Cross. Wherever you were on Palm Sunday, we are glad you and your family were able to join us. Thank you to Laura Keller and Kelley Keith for taking a packet of materials to family – including palm branches to allow the children to participate in the Palm Sunday service.

See Facebook or the Weekly Mosaic (emailed on April 7) to view a video of the Palming of the Cross.

Pictured below are the doors of Martha Hatcher (upper left), Becky Fuller (lower left) and Rebecca Rempert (right). The Sanctuary was resplendent with Palms as we continue our practice of sharing in Communion through this period when we are sheltering at home.

See the Holy Week Schedule for information for important information for you and your family.



Traveling Lights From Suffering to Salvation...

Song Response (see insert)
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross — (acoustic)
Congregation
Michael Gregg
Sending Forth
There we have a parallel!
In a flurry of celebration, we gladly focus on Jesus
and generously share our love and peace in his path.
And we are done, praise hands enough for all! Inevitably so, for?
It's after the parade that we don't do so well.
Even kneeling in Sunday, we forget our heavenly
Send us home Palm Sunday evening with others of goodness in our hearts.
Amen.
Psalm 136
Psalms 136
David Wright



Coming Events

Wednesday	April 8
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom, Meeting ID 401-030-657
Friday	April 10
12:00 pm	Praying the Seven Last Words of Christ with Mike Gregg — Zoom, Meeting ID 550 617 830
8:00 pm	Good Friday Service — Livestream, royallane.org
Saturday	April 11
10:00 am	Coffee & Prayer Sunday School (The Prayer Place Class) — Zoom, Meeting ID 618 376 391
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom, Meeting ID 127 825 721
Sunday	April 12 Easter Sunday
10:00 am	Foundation Stones Class — Zoom, Meeting ID 266 870 206, password 007157
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Livestream, royallane.org
Tuesday	April 14
12:00 am	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom, Meeting ID 171 949 220
Wednesday	April 15
6:30 pm	Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom, Meeting ID 401 030 657
Saturday	April 18
10:00 am	Coffee & Prayer Sunday School (The Prayer Place Class) — Zoom, Meeting ID 618 376 391
8:00 pm	Non-Traditional Class — Zoom, Meeting ID 127 825 721
Sunday	April 19 Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 am	Foundation Stones Class — Zoom, Meeting ID 266 870 206
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Livestream, royallane.org
Tuesday	April 21
12:00 am	Pastor's Book Group — Zoom, Meeting ID 171 949 220
Wednesday	April 22 – Mosaic
6:30 pm	Quarterly Church Conference — Zoom, Meeting ID 828 952 886

Zoom Meetings – New security in place for Zoom requires a password if you sign in using the Meeting ID rather than the link provided by your host.

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

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Holy Week

Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...



Friday	April 10 – Good Friday
12:00 pm	Praying the Seven Last Words of Christ — Zoom, Meeting ID 550-617-830 <i>The cross will be darkened early Friday afternoon. You are invited to come by to add provided swatches to darken the cross.</i>
8:00 pm	Good Friday Service — Livestream, royallane.org
Sunday	April 12 – Easter Sunday
	Flowered Cross — Front Lawn <i>The cross will be flowered early Sunday morning by Theresa Helms. You are invited to add flowers to the cross and gather in family groups to take your annual Easter Pictures.</i>
	Flowering of doors and windows of the homes of Royal Laners
10:55 am	Morning Worship — Livestream, royallane.org Testimony of Joy – Steve Sumter & Leonard Gresham Guest Musicians – Suré Eloff, soprano; Classic Brass



Royal Lane Missions Fundraiser



POSTPONED: Fall 2020

Donations *Still* Needed

(please bring all items to the Missions Room in the Education Building or Northwest Portable)

Clothing	Dishes	Arts & Crafts Items
Scarves & Hats	Pots and Pans	Office Supplies
Belts & Ties	Travel Mugs	School Supplies
Purses & Handbags	Small Appliances	Books
Luggage	Home Décor	Movies/CDs
Linens	Hanging Art/Posters	Pet Supplies
Towels	Holiday Décor	Sports Equipment
Baby Items	Gift Wrap	Garden Tools
Toys	Electronics	Garden Pots

Volunteer

Volunteer Shifts To Be Announced When RLBC Activities Resume

Shop!!!

Deacons of the Week

April 5

Charlotte Sewell

Amy Ward-Meier

April 12

Paulette Harrison

Cathy Walling

April 19

Jeff Hammett

Blake Miller

All In-Person Midweek Services & Fellowship Meals Temporarily Suspended

Zoom Meetings:

6:15 pm

April 8 & 15

Midweek Bible Study

Meeting ID - 401 030 657

with Mike Gregg

April 22

Quarterly Church

Conference

Meeting ID - 828 952 886

Scriptures of the Week

April 10

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 92

Hebrews 10:16-25

John 18:1-19:42

April 12

Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4

John 20:1-18

Matthew 28:1-10

April 19

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31



Happy Birthday!

April

Brian Watson.....	1
Jordan Weilage.....	1
James C. Walker.....	2
Iris Jo Bever	4
Kellar Cavins.....	5
Jane Carter.....	6
Megan Thompson Simpson	7
Brad Carter	9
Cynthia Kupres.....	10
Melissa Robinson	10
Erin Waters.....	11
Katie Faulkinbury.....	16
Oz Osborne.....	16
Ron Abbe.....	17
Dianna Stouffer	17



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Sunday Worship: 10:55 am

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