

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 5, 2023

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.
To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.
✝ – Please rise in body or in spirit.

Chiming of the Hour

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to Christ and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

Voluntary

David Weigle

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty — arranged by Paul Manz

✝ Call to Worship & Invocation

Patsy Meier & Congregation

Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.

Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

The deeds of God are beyond our knowing.

Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.

God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.

Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.

The needy and the poor are not forgotten.

God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.

See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!

How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!

Let us pray:

Merciful God, be with us in our hour of need. When lashed by the winds of life, we long to hear you speak words of grace. "Peace! Be still!" When frightened by the waves of woe, we yearn to have you by our side, calming our fear. Reveal your Presence in the eye of the storm and give us the courage to call out in our need, for you are our calm center and our hope when all hope seems lost. Amen.

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

The Sails Were Spilling Wind — DARWALL'S 148TH

Words of Welcome

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

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

*[Please record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew and pass it to others.
You may also register online at royallane.org/register or see QR code following Organ Dismissal.]*

Scripture Lesson

Anna Mays

Luke 8:22-25 [Pew Bible page 841 of the New Testament or see insert]

For the Word of God in Scripture,

For the Word of God within us,

For the Word of God among us,

Thanks be to God!

Time for Young Disciples

Barrett Wooten

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play,
You may collect your children in the Godly Play Room located in the Education wing following the service.*

✠Hymn 406 [see insert]

Congregation

Jesus, Lover of My Soul — ABERYSTWYTH

Prayers of the People

Joey Belgard & Congregation

Let us bring our concerns for the world and for one another to God, praying,
Saving God, hear our prayer.

God of the sky and sea, your world brims with glory. We pray for our good Earth and the wisdom to care for it well, that generations to come may enjoy its fruits and revel in its beauty.

Saving God, hear our prayer.

God of the earthquake and the storm, your world is full of danger. Keep watch over your people and save them from despair; strengthen and uphold them when trouble comes.

Saving God, hear our prayer.

God of power and might, the rulers of this world do not always seek your wisdom. Guide all nations in the ways of peace and uphold the oppressed, even as we work and wait for your coming realm.

Saving God, hear our prayer.

(continued)

God of healing and comfort, pain and loss are all around. Soothe the frantic, embolden the fearful, ease the suffering of the sick. Give peace to all who grieve and hope to those facing death.

Saving God, hear our prayer.

All knowing, all loving God, we cannot always voice our hidden cares.
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.)

We now share silence together

Let us pray:

With trust in your sustaining Spirit, thanksgiving for Christ's interceding, and confidence in your coming realm of justice, peace, and love, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Hymn [see insert] *stanzas one & two*

Congregation

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me — PILOT

Offertory Prayer

Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez

Thank you, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust you place in us. We give that others might respond to the good news of your love. We are hearing the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: "Peace! Be still!" With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank you, God, for your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Offertory Anthem

Dan Thompson, tenor, & Choir

Let Your Faith Be Stronger Than Your Fear — Tom Trenney

In the deserts of your life, I'll not desert you. I will make a way beside a flowing stream.
Through the valley, do not fear, for I am with you: My rod and staff to comfort and redeem.

In the darkness of your life, I will not leave you. In the shadow, I'm your light, your lamp, your sun.
I will be the star that shines above to guide you, a light unto your path to lead you on.

*Do not be afraid, I go before you. Do not be afraid, I am by your side.
Be still and know that I am with you. Let your faith be stronger than your fear.*

When you're weary, when you're faint, I will be with you. I will raise you up to soar on eagle's wings.
I will be the joy that seeks you through your sorrow. Unending hope my resurrection brings.

When the storms of life assail, I will uphold you I will strengthen you, I'll be the help you need.
Though the waters rage and foam, fear not, I'm with you. I am the way, the truth, the life, indeed!

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane's Ministry.
See back cover for ways to give.*

“ Following Jesus in an Age of Fear ”

✠Hymn of Commitment 57 [see insert]

Congregation

Be Still My Soul — FINLANDIA

*If you would like to profess your faith or identify with this fellowship,
please refer to pew rack card – “How to Become a Member”*

Communion

All Believers

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right and good, beautiful, and holy

That we should, in ceaseless joy

Give our thanks and praise to you,

Holy and merciful God,

Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

And so, in grateful procession of endless praise

With the church that is, was, and shall be forever,

We glorify you, joining this unending song.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and earth are



full of Your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the — high - est! Bles - sed is



He who comes in the name of the Lord! Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Response

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Dear God, you transform.
 You transform all that is before you
 So that at the touch of your grace
 We are never the same.

Dear God, you illumine.
 You bring light to all peoples
 Light to the nations
 Light into our hearts
 Light on your Way.

Dear God, we pray for your Spirit.
 Transform, illumine, bless.
 Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup
 Into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us.

**In so doing,
 Hold us as your own
 Renew us as your people
 For the sake of the world you love.**

For all honor and glory are yours, O God,
 Through Jesus Christ,
 Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit in your glorious creation
 Both now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Receiving of Communion

*Following the choir, please move by way of the center aisle to partake
of communion and return via the outside aisles.
The Communion elements are gluten free.*

✠Passing of the Peace

With a word, Christ calmed the waters when the disciples were in peril. A word of peace can have awesome power. Let us share signs of this peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be with you . . . **And also with you.**

✠Sung Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow — LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Presentation of Decisions

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

✠Sending Forth

Jonathan Merritt

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

Finlandia — arranged by Eleanor Whitsett

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Jonathan Merritt – Guest Preacher

Following worship: Q&A and Potluck Lunch in Vickrey Hall

Jonathan is an award-winning faith and culture writer who has published over 3,500 articles in outlets such as USA Today, The Washington Post, BuzzFeed and Christianity Today. He is a contributing writer for The Atlantic and The Week. His articles are viewed more than 2.5 million times each year. Jonathan has been interviewed by CNN, ABC World News, NPR, MSNBC, Fox News, and The New York Times and is author of several books including his newest book *Learning to Speak God from Scratch*. He was recently named one of 30 young leaders reshaping Christian leadership by Outreach magazine.



Known for his ability to tackle difficult issues through both the written and spoken word, Jonathan has become a sought-after speaker by universities, seminaries, churches, and conferences on cultural and religious issues. He holds a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Wake Forest, North Carolina) and a Master of Theology from Emory University Candler School of Theology (Atlanta, Georgia). He resides in Brooklyn, New York.

Love Is In the Air!

Saturday, February 11, 6:00-8:00 PM, Vickrey Hall

VALENTINE'S dinner presented by Women of the Church

Plan for an evening of food, fun, and stories of love from people you love.

Garey Wisdom and Brad Carter

Judy and Jack Mullinax

Matt Powers and Victoria Robb Powers

Emcee: Joey Belgard

Childcare provided by reservation:

Cookie Stokes, 214-770-1637,

Karen Miller, 214-724-0655



The Sails Were Spilling Wind

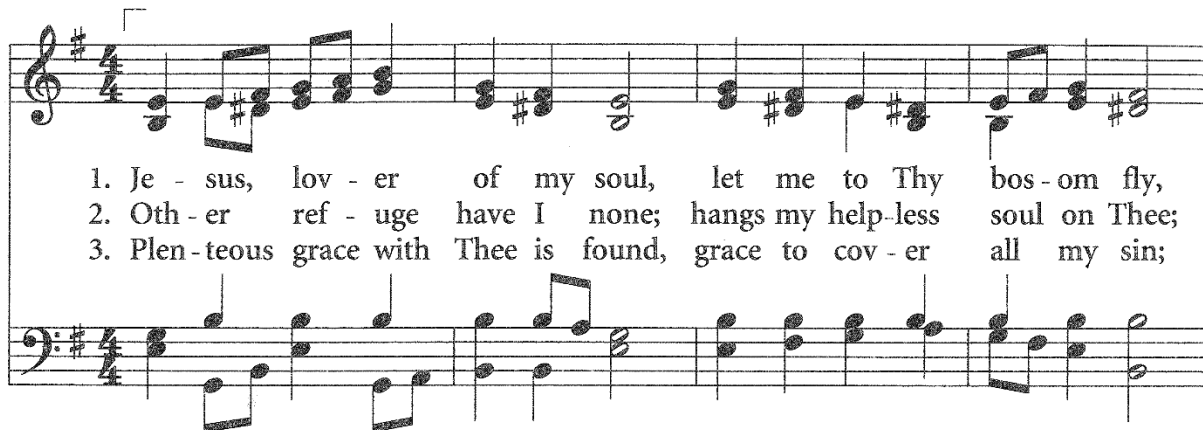
1. The sails were spill - ing wind, the boat was tak - ing waves,
 2. The sea be - came a glass re - flect - ing heav - en's light.
 3. The storm re - turns a - gain. In ev - 'ry heart it raves
 4. This war - ring world shall end un - less we make it clear

The mast be - gan to bend. Then called the Lord who saves:
 The storm com - plete - ly passed. When Je - sus said that night:
 Un - til we hear a - gain the Lord who told the waves:
 The One who tamed the wind can tame our hate and fear:

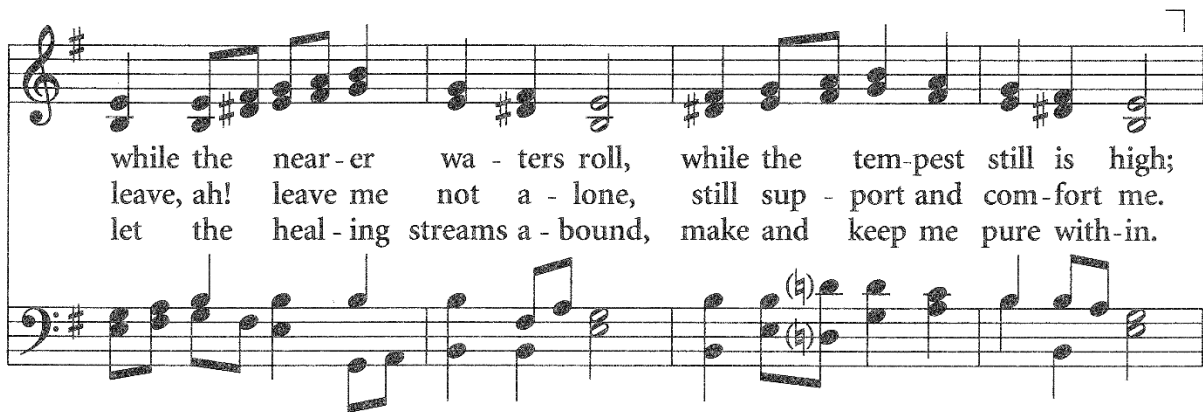
"Be still, be still, and rage no more! Let

peace de - scend on sea and shore."

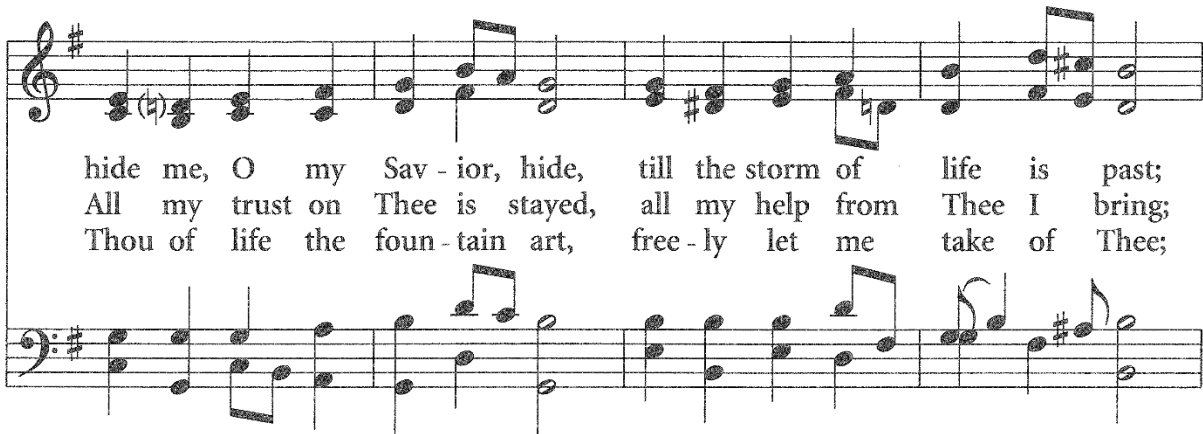
Jesus, Lover of My Soul



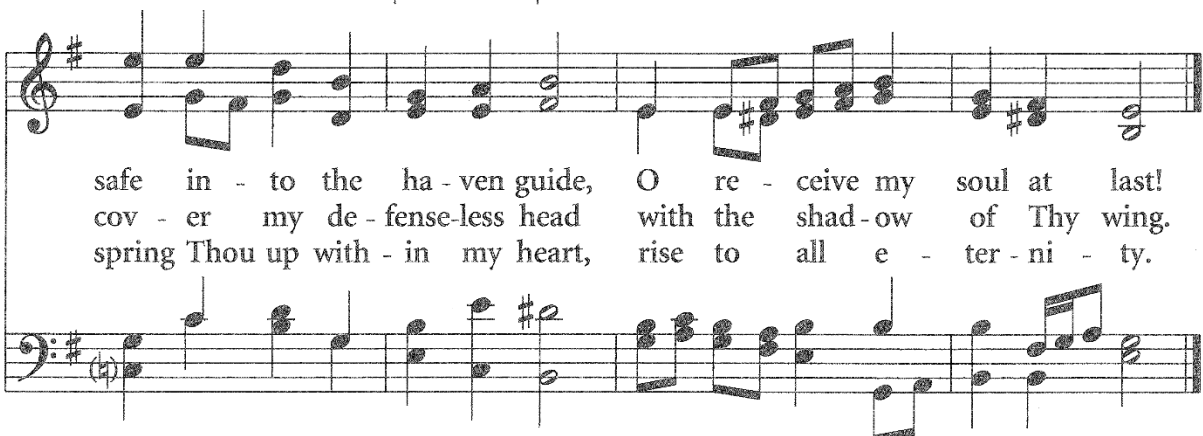
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bos - om fly,
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; hangs my help - less soul on Thee;
3. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;



while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high;
leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me.
let the heal - ing streams a - bound, make and keep me pure with - in.



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;
Thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of Thee;



safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of Thy wing.
spring Thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Edward Hopper, 1871; alt.

Mark 4:35-41

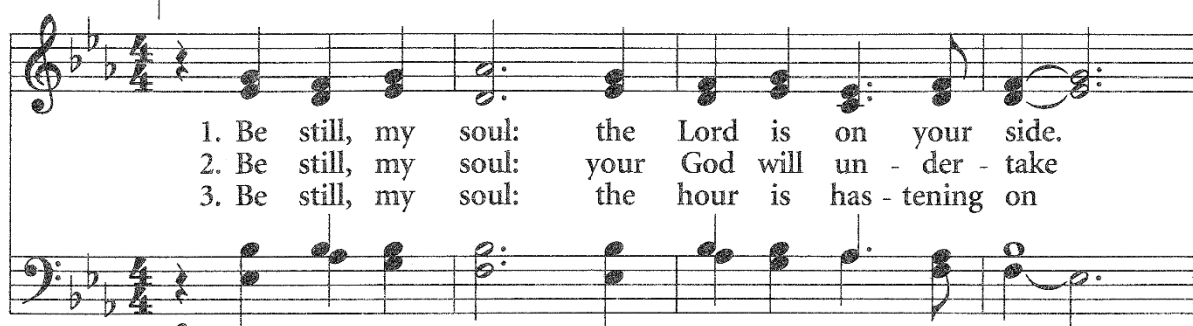
1 Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me o - ver life's tem-pes-tuous sea;
2 As a moth - er stills her child, you can hush the o - cean wild;
3 When at last I near the shore, and the fear - ful break-ers roar,

Un-known waves be - fore me roll, hid - ing rock and treach-erous shoal;
Bois-terous waves o - bey your will when you say to them, "Be still."
Keep-ing me from peace-ful rest, then, while lean-ing on your breast,

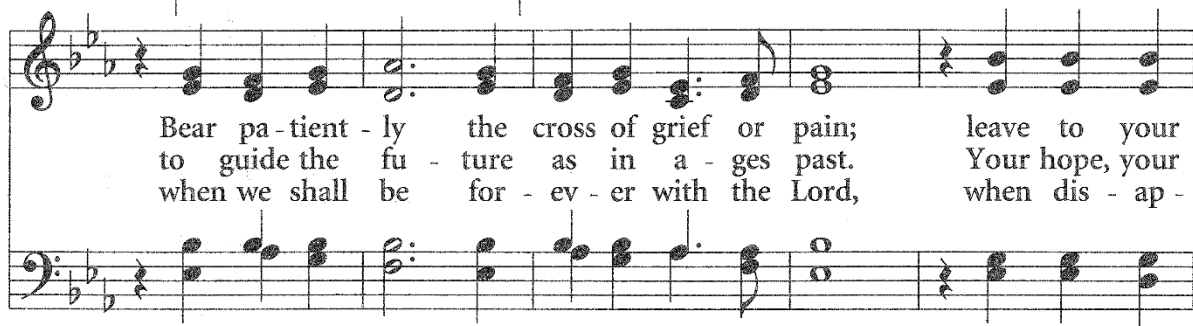
Chart and com - pass ev - er be; Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
Won-drous Sov - ereign of the sea, Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.
May I hear your words so true, "Fear not, I will pi - lot you."

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with piano accompaniment in the bass clef. There are three distinct musical systems, each corresponding to a verse of the hymn. The first system includes a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff. The second system includes a triplet of eighth notes in the bass staff. The third system includes a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff. The score concludes with a double bar line.

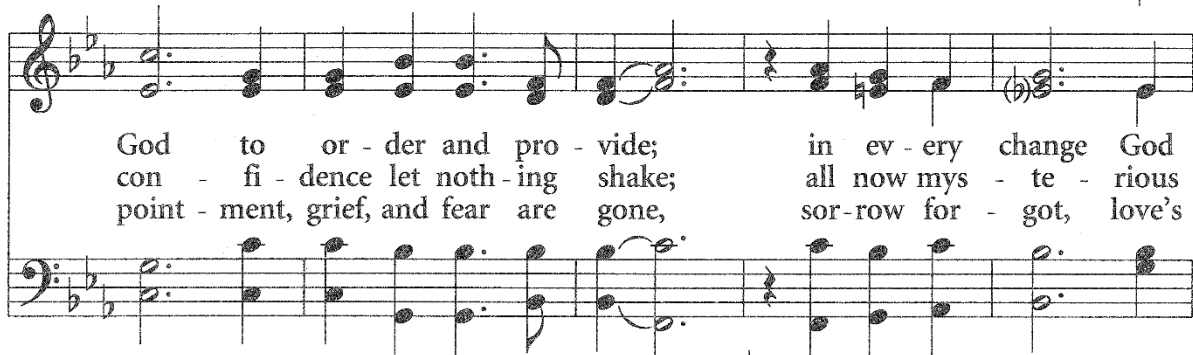
Be Still, My Soul



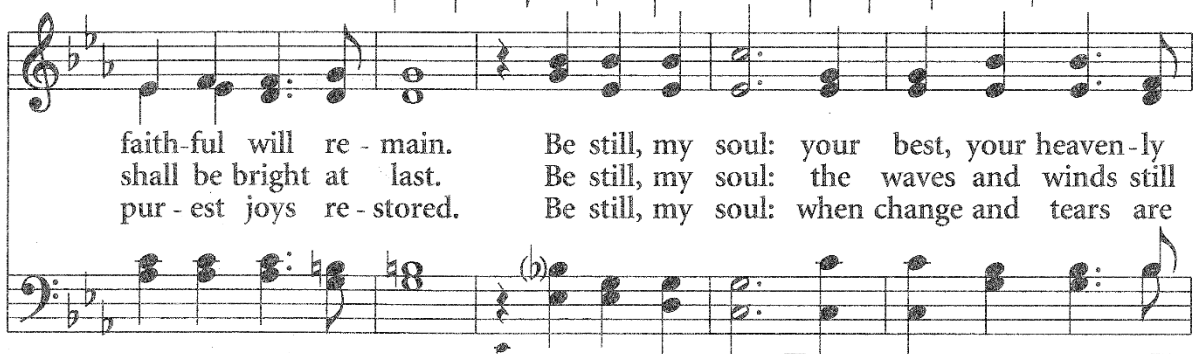
1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.
 2. Be still, my soul: your God will un - der - take
 3. Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



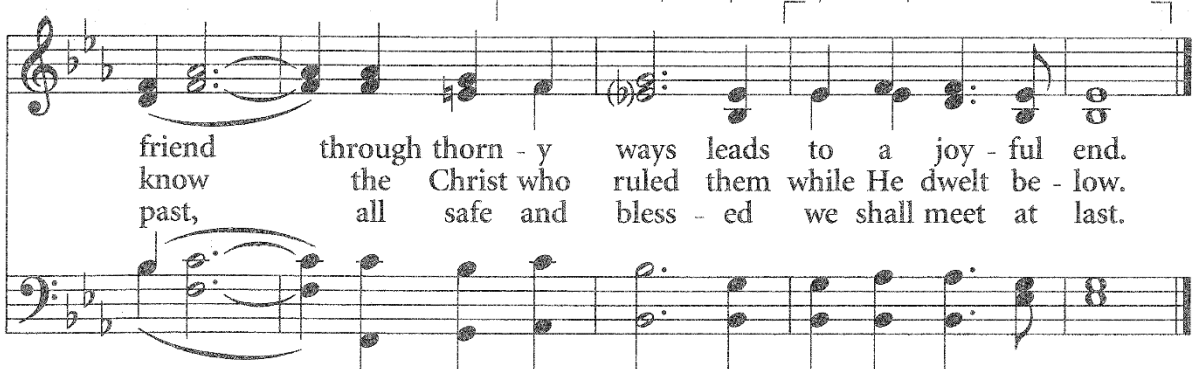
Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your
 to guide the fu - ture as in a - ges past. Your hope, your
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap -



God to or - der and pro - vide; in ev - ery change God
 con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious
 point - ment, grief, and fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's



faith - ful will re - main. Be still, my soul: your best, your heaven - ly
 shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still
 pur - est joys re - stored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are



friend through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 know the Christ who ruled them while He dwelt be - low.
 past, all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Unison

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures high and

The first system of music is in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/2 time signature. The melody in the treble clef consists of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, in Je - sus ful - ly

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. It features a melodic line with some tied notes and a bass line with sustained chords. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

The third system includes a measure rest in the treble clef for the first measure. The melody resumes with eighth notes, and the bass line continues with a steady accompaniment.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The final system concludes the piece with a melodic line that ends on a whole note and a bass line that provides a final harmonic support.

The Scripture this morning is Luke 8:22-25, which may be found on page 841 of the New Testament of the pew Bible or as an insert in your order of worship.

²²One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, ²³and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. ²⁴They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"
(NRSV)

For the Word of God in Scripture, For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us, **Thanks be to God!**

Study for Wednesday Evening

IN FOCUS

BELOVED COMMUNITY: *Loving Deeply*

Courageous Conversations, exploring Royal Lane's history
through the lens of Social and Racial Justice.

Scriptures for Next Sunday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119:1-8

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Matthew 5:21-37

For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3+ and 7+.

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.

Second Saturday Work Day

February 11, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Red Cross Blood Drive – Tuesday, February 21

Recent winter storms forced blood drives to cancel, causing approximately 620 donations to go uncollected. Blood donations are especially needed in the coming days so that patients can continue to receive the lifesaving treatments they need. Your commitment to help save lives is truly appreciated and makes a difference in the lives of patients in need.

In thanks for helping keep hospital shelves stocked, all who come to give in February will get a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email, thanks to Amazon. Those who come to donate this month will also automatically be entered to win a trip for two to Clearwater Beach, Florida. Details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/heart.



Blood Drive **Royal Lane Baptist Church**

Vickrey Hall
6707 Royal Ln
Dallas, TX 75230

Tuesday, February 21, 2023
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Attention all Women of our Church:

Please **SAVE THE DATE**
for our spring women's retreat at Sister Grove Farm!

Friday, April 28th at 6pm – (includes dinner and retreat introduction)
till Saturday, April 29th at 8pm (includes dinner and closing worship)

We are delighted to have LeAnn Gardner join us as our facilitator in
"The Enneagram Path Towards Growth and Grace."

Whether you are new to this ancient spiritual tool or already know your number, join us as we explore how the Enneagram can transform our relationships with ourselves, God, and others. We will focus on spiritual practices and how the Enneagram can lead us to a deeper understanding of our own gifts and offerings to the world. Our time together will be spent learning about each number, small group work, engaging in spiritual practices, fellowship, and free time on the farm!

Learn more about LeAnn at www.leanngardner.com and stay tuned for registration details.



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Schedule for the Week

- Sunday February 5 – Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**
12:15 pm Potluck Lunch and Q&A with Jonathan Merritt — Vickrey Hall
1:15 pm Missions Division — 201
7:30 pm Education Division Zoom
- Wednesday February 8**
3:30 pm Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)
5:30 pm Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall
Beef and Vegetable Stew, Cornbread, Salad, Chocolate Cake
6:15 pm Midweek Study – IN FOCUS — Vickrey Hall & Zoom
BELOVED COMMUNITY: *Loving Deeply*
7:00 pm Youth Gathering — Youth Portable
7:15 pm Choir — Sanctuary
- Thursday February 9 – Mosaic**
6:30 pm Publicity/Outreach Division — Zoom
- Saturday February 11**
9:00 am Second Saturday Work Day
2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
6:00 pm WOC – “Love Is in the Air!” — Vickrey Hall, Childcare by reservation
- Sunday February 12 – Sixth Sunday after Epiphany**
8:30 am Deacon’s Meeting — Vickrey Hall
9:45 am Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building
9:45 am Children’s SS Classes — Christian Education Building
10:00 am Youth SS Class — Youth Portable
10:10 am Non-Traditional Class — Christian Education Building, Room 212
10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel
12:15 pm Racial Justice Team — Vickrey Hall

The deadline for Calendar listings is Monday, 5:00 p.m., prior to publication.

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic or Web Calendar for Links and details for In-Person, Livestream, Virtual or Zoom events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests or the Prayer Request Form, available on the website at royallane.org/prayer
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



Deacons on Call – Patsy Meier & Barrett Wooten
Safety Shepherd – Melanie Ferguson

When WE Give:
We can reach out to those who long for calm waters!

December 2022 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$ 694,125
Expenses	\$ 760,279
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$ (66,154)

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200. Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

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