

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



*“Jonah Praying”*

# *The Worship of God*

## *Second Sunday after Epiphany*

January 21, 2024

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

*The people of wicked Nineveh proclaimed a fast and put on the garments of repentance. They begged God to turn around what seemed so inevitable—their own destruction. God listened, and they were saved. The present form of our world is passing away. God has better things in store for us than we have yet known. Our lives, enlisted in God's realm, can count for something good. Forgiven and forgiving people make a difference.*

### Voluntary

*Song for a New Year* — Gilbert M. Martin

David Weigle

### ✠Call to Worship & Invocation

Gathered in worship with silence and sound,

**we wait upon God's grace.**

Gathered in worship with focused heart and mind,

**we anticipate the time we face.**

Congregation

Let us pray:

**God of the prophets, you call us from evil to serve you. Fulfill in us your commonwealth of justice and joy, that the light of your presence may be revealed to all nations, to the glory of Jesus' name. Amen.**

### ✠Hymn 698

*For the Healing of the Nations* — CWM RHONDDA

Congregation

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](http://royallane.org/register) or with the QR code.*



Scripture Lesson

Larry Forth

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 [Pew Bible page 753 of the Old Testament]

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

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

Beth Johnson

*Children 3-year through 5th grade are invited to Godly Play.*

*You may collect your children following the service in the Christian Education Building.*

✠Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

*Dear God, Embracing Humankind* — REST

Call to Confession

Jaime Clark-Soles & Congregation

God’s word sometimes comes as a warning. How often we have pushed aside the word we find unpleasant. Even if we grudgingly acknowledge its truth, we like to postpone any action to change. God comes to us today, saying that our days are fewer than we think. The time for us to repent is now.

*(continued)*

## The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Sovereign God, we reluctantly confess that we have installed our own gods in our lives. They take our time. They use our resources. They exact from us care and devotion. We do not like to hear that our way of life is endangered. Yet we sometimes realize that innocent steps into self-indulgence are really deliberate strides away from you. We hear distant echoes of warning and judgment. O God, we want to return to you before it is too late. We repent of everything in our lives that cuts us off from you. Hear our prayer. Amen.**

*We now share silence together.*

## Promise of Forgiveness

Hear the good news! Before you turned to God, God was on watch for you. Before you remembered your sin, God extended redeeming grace. Hear these words: You are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Anthem

Choir

*O God Beyond All Praising* THAXTED — arranged by David Schwoebel  
(sing on direction, see text below or Hymn #366 in *Celebrating Grace*)

**O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end;  
we lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your Word,  
we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.  
Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
to marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

Sermon

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

**“ When it doesn’t have to be this way... ”**

✠Hymn 486

Congregation

*Jesus Calls Us O’er the Tumult* — RESTORATION

Offertory Prayer

Jack Mullinax

Restorer of divided hearts, bless our gifts this morning. Make our offering a path to holy living and action. Make our very lives reflect the truth of our faith and our commitment to your world. With generous hearts, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

David Weigle

*Laudation* — Gilbert M. Martin

*We invite you to use this time to give to Royal Lane’s Ministry.*  
Donate online at [royallane.org/give/](http://royallane.org/give/)



Blessing & Welcoming New Members to the Congregation

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Karen Carman

Ryan White & Marian Gandara, and Hunter

Jeremy & Miranda Levison

Brian & Michele Stinecipher

Do you desire to continue your journey into Christ as a member of Royal Lane Baptist Church?

*New Members: We do.*

Will you commit yourself to seek and serve Christ in this community of faith and pledge to work, pray, and give to build up our common life?

*New Members: We will, with God’s help.*

To the members of Royal Lane Baptist Church, will you witness these promises and do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

**All: We will.**

Recognition of 2023 Deacon Chair, John Helms

Tex Quesada & Kelley Keith

✠Benediction

Rev. Victoria Robb Powers

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Dialogue* — Gilbert M. Martin

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Wednesday Evening  
**Quarterly Church Conference**

Scriptures for Next Sunday  
**Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111**  
**1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28**

**For the Children!**

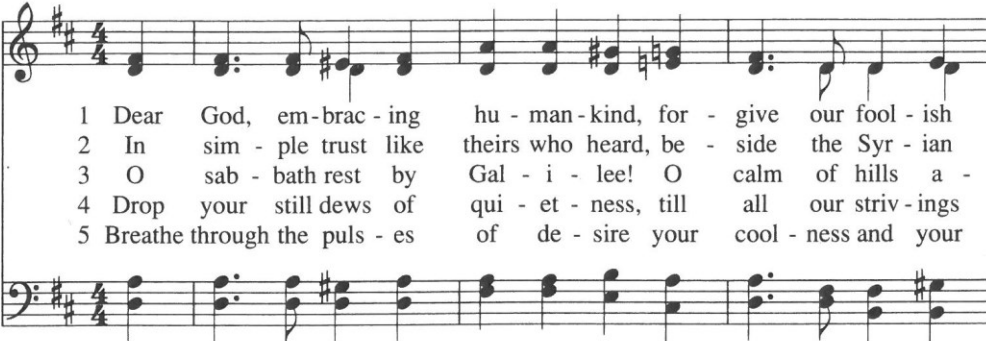
Children's bulletins are included in activity packets for ages 3+ and 7+.  
Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe  
environment, that supplement today's scripture at  
[games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



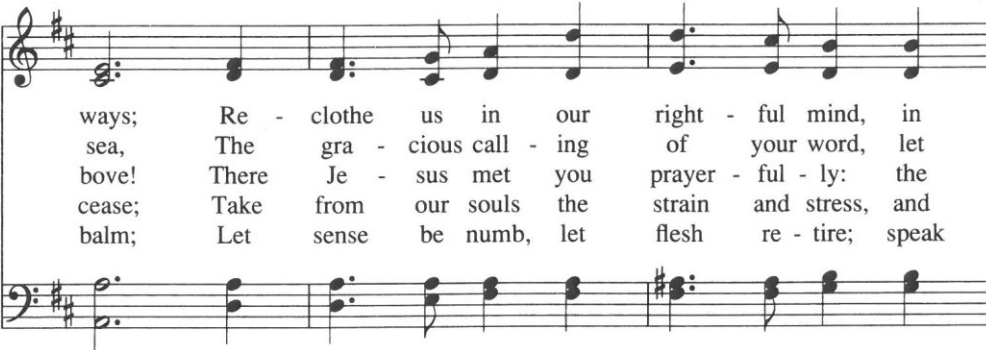
# Dear God, Embracing Humankind

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.

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## Hymn Notes

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### Dear God, Embracing Humankind

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### Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

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Experience the mixed-media exhibit  
of artist  
Jacque Forsher  
**“Sacred/Secular”**  
in the Box Gallery  
January 7 – March 29, 2024



# **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 8am-5pm**

**“Midwifing a Patriarchy-free Faith”**

**Speaker: Meredith Stone**

**Baptist Women in Ministry (BWIM)**

We will spend a relaxing day at Sister Grove and discover ways to support each other in ministry and life. Cost: \$50 to Royal Lane Baptist Church (includes breakfast and lunch).

Optional extension accommodations for either Friday and/or Saturday night can be made directly and paid separately through Sister Grove Farm. This will include a viewing of the new BWIM Documentary “Midwives of a Movement.”

Registration for this retreat begins in the new year through the church office, 214-361-2809, with a deadline of April 17, 2024. Overnight requests can be made through Sarah Macias with a deadline of February 29, 2024. You can email Sarah at [events@sistergrovefarm.com](mailto:events@sistergrovefarm.com).



**BAPTIST WOMEN  
IN MINISTRY**

## *Schedule for the Week*

### **Sunday      January 21 – Second Sunday after Epiphany**

12:15 pm    Equity in Access — Vickrey Hall

### **Wednesday    January 24**

3:30 pm    Holy Rollers — Christian Education Building, Room 201 (3:30 - 5:30 pm)

5:30 pm    Midweek Dinner — Vickrey Hall

Menu: French Dip Sliders, French Fries, Salad, Dessert

6:00 pm    Quarterly Church Conference— Vickrey Hall & Zoom

6:00 pm    Children's Gathering — Godly Play Room

6:30 pm    Youth Gathering — Youth Portable

7:15 pm    Choir — Sanctuary

### **Saturday      January 27**

2:00 pm    Questers Class — Zoom

### **Sunday      January 28 – Third Sunday after Epiphany**

9:45 am    Adult Christian Education — Christian Education Building

9:45 am    Children's SS Classes — Christian Education Building

9:45 am    Youth SS Class — Youth Portable

10:55 am    Morning Worship — Sanctuary & Royal Lane YouTube Channel

Godly Play (following Time for Young Disciples) — Godly Play Room

Children 3-year through Fifth Grade

12:00 pm    Inurnment Service, Judy Mullinax — Columbarium

12:15 pm    Acolyte Training — Vickrey Hall

*The deadline for the Weekly Mosaic and the Mosaic 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](http://royallane.org/resources/events)

## 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](http://royallane.org/prayer)  
Prayer cards may be placed in the offering plate.



**Deacons on Call** – Jack Mullinax & Margaret Darden  
**Safety Shepherd** – Scott Martin

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When WE Give:  
We Support Those in Need through North Dallas Shared Ministries.

### November 2023 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues*	\$704,635
Expenses	\$770,865
Surplus (Deficit)*	\$(66,231)

\*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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