

RAMSEY MEMORIAL UMC
5th Sunday In Lent
Sunday, March 29, 2020
ONE RAMSEY SERVICE

United by the Spirit through Technology
"How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters
(connected by Zoom and audio recording) live together in harmony" Psalm 133:1

Prelude

Opening prayer

Hymns

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy.

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

"Majesty"

Majesty, worship His majesty; unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority, flow from His throne unto His own;

His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.

Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
always ready to help in times of trouble.

² So we will not fear when earthquakes come
and the mountains crumble into the sea.

³ Let the oceans roar and foam.

Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge!

¹⁰ "Be still, and know that I am God!

I will be honored by every nation.

I will be honored throughout the world."

¹¹ The LORD of Heaven's Armies is here among us;
the God of Israel is our fortress.

Special Music

Intercessory Prayer - praying together the prayer shared by Bishop Lewis:

Almighty God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
We thank you for your blessings, past, present and future.
You are our rock and the source of our hope in all things and at all times.
As Jehovah Jireh, our provider God, we ask you this day to stretch out your mighty hand and eradicate from the face of the earth forever this virus called COVID-19 (coronavirus) that is spreading rapidly from continent to continent.
We also pray that you, Jehovah Rapha, our healing God, would place your hand upon all of those who have been stricken by this virus and restore them to full health.
Be with those who have lost loved ones and are grieving.
Protect all who are caring for those with this virus and keep them from contracting it themselves.
Calm our fears and provide us with your peace that surpasses all understanding.
Strengthen us with the joy of the Lord and help us to hold firmly to the hope that only you can provide.
Unify us that we, the Virginia Annual Conference, may be able to experience anew the promise of your presence in and through the unity of our faith, hope and trust in you in the days ahead and forever.
We offer this prayer in the mighty name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Consecrating our Tithes and Offerings (praying together over our offerings)

Gospel

John 4:20-24

²⁰ So tell me, why is it that you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place of worship, while we Samaritans claim it is here at Mount Gerizim, where our ancestors worshiped?"

²¹ Jesus replied, "Believe me, dear woman, the time is coming when it will no longer matter whether you worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem.

²² You Samaritans know very little about the one you worship, while we Jews know all about him, for salvation comes through the Jews.

²³ But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.

²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

Sermon

"Now is the Time to Worship"

Hymn

"We Are One in Christ Jesus"

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We are one in Christ Jesus, all one body, all one spirit, all together

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We share one God, one mighty Lord, one abiding faith, one binding love,

one single baptism, one Holy Comforter, the Holy Spirit, uniting all.

Benediction