

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday
after the Epiphany



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

"Faith, While Trees Are Still In Bloom"

UMH#508

1 Faith, while trees are still in blossom,
plans the picking of the fruit;
faith can feel the thrill of harvest
when the buds begin to sprout.

2 Long before the dawn is breaking,
faith anticipates the sun.
Faith is eager for the daylight,
for the work that must be done.

3 Long before the rains were coming,
Noah went and built an ark.
Abraham, the lonely migrant,
saw the light beyond the dark.

4 Faith, uplifted, tamed the water
of the undivided sea,
and the people of the Hebrews
found the path that made them
free.

5 Faith believes that God is faithful:
God will be what God will be!
Faith accepts the call, responding,
"I am willing, Lord, send me."

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:25-34

NRSV

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³² For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³ But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ “So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

MESSAGE

25-26 “If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds. 27-29 “Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. 30-33 “If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think he’ll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God’s giving. People who don’t know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. 34 “Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

SERMON

“Not to Worry”

Rev. Claudia Stallings

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which 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. Amen.

CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH#130

1. Be not dismayed whate'er
betide,

God will take care of you;

beneath his wings of love abide,

God will take care of you.

Refrain:

God will take care of you,

through every day, o'er all the
way;

he will take care of you,

God will take care of you.

2. Through days of toil when heart
doth fail,

God will take care of you;

when dangers fierce your path
assail,

God will take care of you.

Refrain

3. All you may need he will pro-
vide,

God will take care of you;

nothing you ask will be denied,

God will take care of you.

Refrain

4. No matter what may be the
test,

God will take care of you;

lean, weary one, upon his breast,

God will take care of you.

Refrain

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alice Alford	Randy Early	Debbie Mullins
Matt Amason	Edward Fergusson	Frances Nunnally
Lois Crafton	Sandy Gentry	Frances Owen
Brandon (Cottrell)	Jackie Gray	David Pittman
Lucille Lane Bean	Bonnie Hainley	Sara Katherine Reid
Emily Bucknam	Mike Hainley	Amy Salley
Peggy Burch	Elnora Holmes	Scott Stallings
Donna Campbell	Nancy Hulon	Darlene Thomas
Erica	Brittany Johnson	Curtis Walsh
Jimmie Early	Maureen	Iris Ward
Mitch Early		Shirley Wiegand

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

February 23	SAS Town Hall	(7:00pm, Zoom)
February 27	Worship Service	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
March 2	Ash Wednesday Service	(7:00pm, Sanctuary)
March 6	First Sunday of Lent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



On **Ash Wednesday, March 2**, Ramsey will offer two opportunities for you to receive the imposition of ashes:

Noon-1pm Ashes To Go -- drive-by imposition of ashes in the church rear parking lot by the awning area. Drive-by to receive your ashes in your vehicle.

7pm In-Person Worship Service -- in the Ramsey sanctuary



Use your phone camera to scan one of our Vanco app QR codes to give and communicate with our Ramsey Family.

INVITE CODE: 7HEAYP



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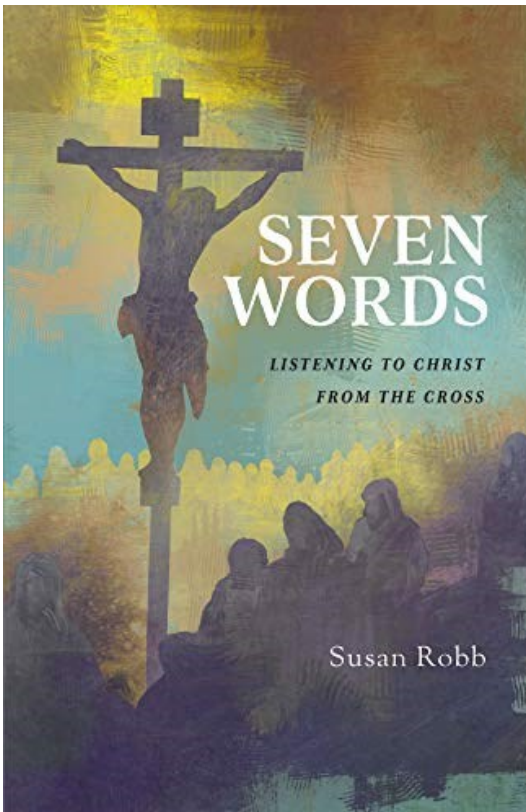
What is Simplified Accountable Leadership Structure?

Ramsey is considering a new governance structure for our church. What does this mean? Please join us online to ask Questions and get Answers. Sign up by calling the church office at 804-276-4628, or email Admin@ramseymemorial.org. Council Chair, Will Flynn, Pastor Claudia Stallings and Pastor Norma Aguilar will lead the discussion.

☐ **Wednesday, February 23 at 7PM - online ZOOM meeting**

We are trying to declutter!

If you have something you have stored at Ramsey that you want kept and not disposed of, please label it. If you have something that personally belongs to you and you want to have it back, please take it home with you. Please refer to the February Newsletter for full announcement and list of areas that need attention, or contact Joan McGowan at Joanmcgowan56@gmail.com / (804) 513-8540 for more information.



LENT STUDY

“Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross”

Sundays:

March 6, 13, 20 & 27

April 3 & 10

9:00am

Ramsey Sanctuary

Those who listen to Jesus' last words from the cross will discover what He most wants them to hear and will experience an intimate and divine awe only available to those who are willing to draw near His cross.

If you would like a participant book, please contact the church office at 804-276-4628 or admin@ramseymemorial.org. If you are able, a \$12 donation per book is appreciated.