

Ma rch 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer

UMH #496

1. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where God my Savior shows his face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
thy wings shall my petition bear
to him whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek his face,
believe his word, and trust his grace,
I'll cast on him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

NRSV

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

NLT

1 One day as he saw the crowds gathering, Jesus went up on the mountainside and sat down. His disciples gathered around him, 2 and he began to teach them.

3 "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

4 God blesses those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

5 God blesses those who are humble,
for they will inherit the whole earth.

6 God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice,
for they will be satisfied.

7 God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure,
for they will see God.

9 God blesses those who work for peace,
for they will be called the children of God.

10 God blesses those who are persecuted for doing right,
for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs.

11 "God blesses you when people mock you and persecute you and lie about you and say all sorts of evil things against you because you are my followers. 12 Be happy about it! Be very glad! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, the ancient prophets were persecuted in the same way.

SERMON

Disciplined: Contemplative Prayer

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

Be Still, My Soul

UMH #534

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on
your side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or
pain;

leave to your God to order and
provide;

in every change God faithful will
remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your
heavenly friend

through thorny ways leads to a
joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will
undertake

to guide the future, as in ages
past.

Your hope, your confidence let
nothing shake;

all now mysterious shall be bright
at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and
winds still know

the Christ who ruled them while
he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is
hastening on

when we shall be forever with the
Lord,

when disappointment, grief, and
fear are gone,

sorrow forgot, love's purest joys
restored.

Be still, my soul: when change
and tears are

past,

all safe and blessed we shall meet
at last.

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

March 24	Prayer Meeting	(11:00am, Rm 105)
March 27	Fourth Sunday of Lent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
March 30	Prayer Meeting	(11:00am, Rm105)
April 3	Fifth Sunday of Lent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
April 7	Prayer Meeting	(11:00am, Rm105)
April 10	Palm Sunday	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN OFFERING

Our 2022 Lenten Offering will run through Easter Sunday, April 17. The money we raise will go toward replacing various parts of our sound system. Since the pandemic came along, our video recording process and the electronics that go with it have become a major part of our Sunday services. Many in our congregation depend on watching the videos to stay connected with Ramsey. So it is vital that we have dependable and up-to-date equipment.

You have always generously supported this offering and we are sure this year will be no exception. Please write "Lenten Offering" in the memo section of your check. As always, we thank you for your stewardship.



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

INVITE CODE: [7HEAYP](#)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Thursday Morning Prayer Group

The Thursday Morning Prayer Group is meeting
in Room 105 - all are welcome!

11-12 Fellowship/Bring your own lunch

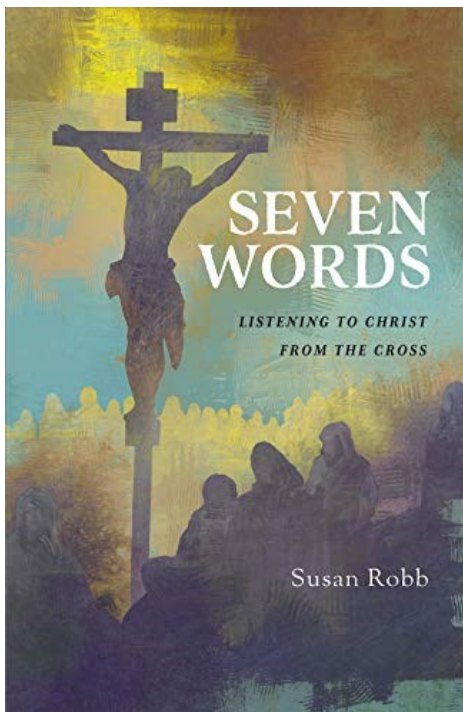
12-2 Prayer/Bible Study

Good Morning! Welcome to Ramsey!

Are these words that easily flow off your tongue especially while a smile crosses your face? If so, then Ramsey's new Hospitality Team needs you. If you are willing to say those simple words while monitoring the CLC lobby on Sunday mornings from 9:45-10:05am one Sunday every 4-6 weeks, please contact Melissa, our Admin Assistant, at admin@ramseymemorial.org or **804-276-4682**. Training and additional instruction will be provided.



WELCOME



LENT STUDY

“Seven Words: Listening to Christ from the Cross”

Sundays:

March 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.



If you would like to order a Lily (\$14.50) to dedicate *in memory of* or *in honor of* a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church office no later than March 31.

In MEMORY of: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
Given by: <hr/> <hr/>

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Please note quantity:

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If paying via check, please write "Easter Lily" in the notes section.

Please pick up your Lily following the Easter Sunday service.