

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

I Surrender All

UMH #354

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now.

[Refrain]

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine.

[Refrain]

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me.

[Refrain]

5. All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name!

[Refrain]

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 58:1-9

NRSV

1 Shout out, do not hold back!
Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
2 Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
3 “Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.
4 Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
5 Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

NLT

1 “Shout with the voice of a trumpet blast.
Shout aloud! Don't be timid.
Tell my people Israel of their sins!
2 Yet they act so pious!
They come to the Temple every day
and seem delighted to learn all about me.
They act like a righteous nation
that would never abandon the laws of its God.
They ask me to take action on their behalf,
pretending they want to be near me.
3 ‘We have fasted before you!’ they say.
‘Why aren't you impressed?’
We have been very hard on ourselves,
and you don't even notice it!’
“I will tell you why!” I respond.
“It's because you are fasting to please yourselves.
Even while you fast,
you keep oppressing your workers.
4 What good is fasting
when you keep on fighting and quarreling?
This kind of fasting
will never get you anywhere with me.
5 You humble yourselves

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?
6 Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.
9 Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

by going through the motions of penance,

bowing your heads
like reeds bending in the wind.
You dress in burlap
and cover yourselves with ashes.
Is this what you call fasting?
Do you really think this will please the Lord?
6 “No, this is the kind of fasting I want:
Free those who are wrongly imprisoned;
lighten the burden of those who work for you.
Let the oppressed go free,
and remove the chains that bind people.
7 Share your food with the hungry,
and give shelter to the homeless.
Give clothes to those who need them,
and do not hide from relatives who need your help.
8 “Then your salvation will come like the dawn,
and your wounds will quickly heal.
Your godliness will lead you forward,
and the glory of the Lord will protect you from behind.
9 Then when you call, the Lord will answer.
‘Yes, I am here,’ he will quickly reply.
“Remove the heavy yoke of oppression.
Stop pointing your finger and spreading vicious rumors!

SERMON

Disciplined: Fasting

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 of this City

Chris Tomlin

1. You're the God of this city
You're the king of these people
You're the lord of this nation
You are

2. You're the light in this darkness
You're the hope to the hopeless
You're the peace to the restless
You are

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God

[Chorus]

For greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this city

Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done here

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
Erica	Nancy Hulon	Darlene Thomas
Jimmie Early	Brittany Johnson	Curtis Walsh
Mitch Early	Maureen	Iris Ward
		Shirley Wiegand

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

March 31	Prayer Group	(11:00am, Rm105)
April 3	Fifth Sunday in Lent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
April 7	Prayer Group	(11:00am, Rm105)
April 10	Palm Sunday	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
April 14	Prayer Group	(11:00am, Rm105)
April 17	Sunrise Service	(7:00am, lawn)
April 17	Easter 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

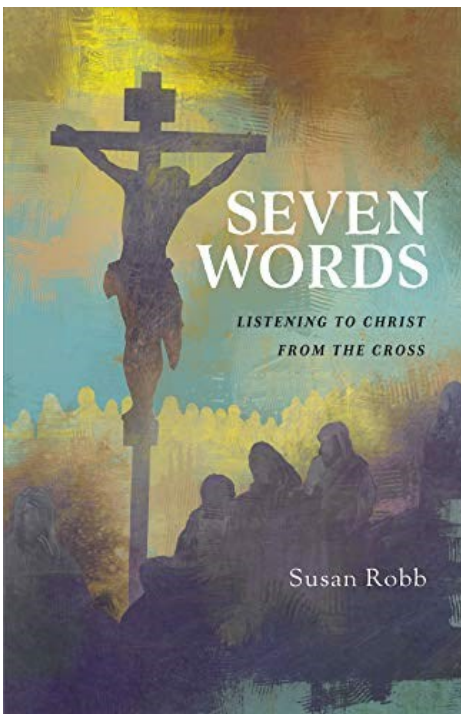
12-2 Prayer/Bible Study

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 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 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: _____ _____ _____
Given by: _____ _____

In HONOR of: _____ _____ _____
Given by: _____ _____

Please note quantity:

_____ Lilies in MEMORY of

_____ Lilies in HONOR of

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

Please pick up your Lily following the Easter Sunday service.