

# August 21, 2022

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



## Come Worship the Living



### PRELUDE

### OPENING PRAYER

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

UMH# 577

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on the people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3 Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

## SCRIPTURE

James 3:13-18

### NRSV

13 Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. 15 This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

17 But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace. .

### MSG

13-16 Do you want to be counted wise, to build a reputation for wisdom? Here's what you do: Live well, live wisely, live humbly. It's the way you live, not the way you talk, that counts. Mean-spirited ambition isn't wisdom. Boasting that you are wise isn't wisdom. Twisting the truth to make yourselves sound wise isn't wisdom. It's the furthest thing from wisdom—it's animal cunning, devilish plotting. Whenever you're trying to look better than others or get the better of others, things fall apart and everyone ends up at the others' throats.

17-18 Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor..

## SERMON

*Acting Out: Pure Wisdom*

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 Thou My Vision*

UMH# 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's  
Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Alice Alford	Jackie Gray	Nell Simmons
Matt Amason	Elnora Holmes	Hazel Stewart
Lucille Lane Bean	Nancy Hulon	Darlene Thomas
Betty Lou Brame	Brittany Johnson	Helen Wallace
Peggy Burch	Maureen	Curtis Walsh
Mitzie Conner	Joe Miller Sr.	Iris Ward
Ralph Conner	Debbie Mullins	Shirley Wiegand
Lois Crafton	Frances Nunnally	
Erica	Frances Owen	
Jimmie Early	David Pittman	
Mitch Early	Sara Katherine Reid	
Sandy Gentry	Amy Salley	

## UPCOMING EVENTS

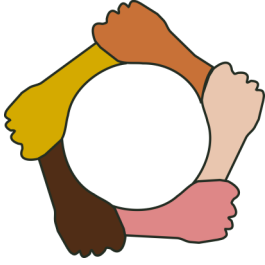
Full calendar can be found at [www.ramseymemorial.org](http://www.ramseymemorial.org)

August 25	Thursday Prayer Group	(11:00am)
August 28	12th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
September 1	Thursday Prayer Group	(11:00am)
September 4	13th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
September 8	Thursday Prayer Group	(11:00am)
September 11	14th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

Scan the QR code below to be directed to our online giving resource!



## SCHOOL PRAYER WALK



Ramsey Church will conduct our annual prayer walk at J.L. Francis Elementary School (5146 Snead Road; Richmond 23224) TODAY at 2:15pm. We will gather in the front bus loop and then walk the premises of the school praying for the upcoming school year. The staff returns on August 22 and the students are coming back on August 29.

## 55+ LUNCHEON

We would like to welcome you back to the 55+ luncheon on Friday, September 9 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP at 804-276-4628 by September 2. Bring a friend!



## PLEASE ASK



In May Ramsey Church voted to change our governance structure to Simplified Accountable Structure (SAS) beginning January 1, 2023. In the months ahead we will be laying the groundwork for this new structure and reconfiguring our current ways of governance. If you have questions about the process or the way it will work in 2023, please ask Pastor Claudia, Pastora Norma, Will Flynn (current Council Chair) or Tammy Howe, (current Lay Leader). We are blazing new trails and welcome your input and inquiries along the way.