

August 28, 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Near to the Heart of God

UMH# 472

1. There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain:

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before thee
near to the heart of God.

2. There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain

3. There is a place a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God.

Refrain

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

James 4:1-10

NRSV

1 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? 2 You want something and do not have it, so you commit murder. And you covets something and cannot obtain it, so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. 4 Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose that the scripture speaks to no purpose? Does the spirit that God

caused to dwell in us desire envy? 6 But God gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

NLT

1 What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? 2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. 3 And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure. 4 You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. 5 Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is passionate that

the spirit he has placed within us should be faithful to him. 6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. 9 Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

SERMON

Acting Out: Friendship with God

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

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Matt Maher

1. Everybody has trials and temptations
Everybody knows heart break isolation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever His heart is my home

2. Everybody has fears everybody got worries
Everybody knows sorrow devastation
But we can lay our burdens down
Lay our burdens down

Bridge

No more betrayal for He is faithful
He fills me up and my cup runneth over
No more betrayal for He is faithful
How He has proven it over and over (over and
oh)

Chorus

What a friend we have in Jesus
East to west my sins are gone
I see grace on every horizon
And forever and ever His heart is my home

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Alice Alford	Sandy Gentry	Amy Salley
Matt Amason	Jackie Gray	Nell Simmons
Sheryl Baird	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	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

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)
September 15	Thursday Prayer Group	(11:00am)
September 18	15th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

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



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.