

September 11, 2022

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Christ Beside Me

TFWS# 2166

1. Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

3. Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me,
Christ above me never to part.

2. Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me shield in the strife;
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising light of my life.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

James 3:1-12

NRSV

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will face stricter judgment. 2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is mature, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. 3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. 4 Or look at ships: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of life, and is

NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. 2 Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. 3 We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. 4 And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. 5 In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. 6 And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on

itself set on fire by hell. 7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, 8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, made in the likeness of God. 10 From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. 11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? 12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. 7 People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, 8 but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. 9 Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. 10 And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! 11 Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? 12 Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

SERMON

Acting Out: Hold Your Tongue

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

Lord, Speak to Me

UMH# 463

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek
thine erring children lost and lone.

2. O strengthen me, that while I stand
firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.

3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

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 15	Thursday Prayer Group	(11:00am)
September 18	15th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
September 22	Thursday Prayer Group	(11:00am)
September 25	16th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
September 29	Thursday Prayer Group	(11:00am)
October 2	17th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

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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.



THE MESSENGER

We are in the process of streamlining and reimagining our monthly newsletter. Beginning this month the primary method of delivery will be by email, with a few being physically mailed. If we do not have your email address and you would like to receive the newsletter—or if you would like a physical copy, please contact the office at admin@ramseymemorial.org.