

September 4, 2022

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH# 344

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.

3. You need my hands, full of caring
through my labors to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving.

Refrain:

O Lord, with Your eyes you have searched me,
and, while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.

Refrain

4. You, who have fished other oceans,
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me.

2. You know so well my possessions;
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labor.

Refrain

Refrain

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

James 4:11-5:6

NRSV

11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil against another or judges another speaks evil against the law and judges the law, but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and to destroy. So who, then, are you to judge your neighbor?

13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a town and spend a year there, doing business and making money." 14 Yet you do not even know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. 15 Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wishes, we will live and do this or that." 16 As it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil. 17 Anyone, then, who knows the right thing to do and fails to do it commits sin.

5 Come now, you rich people, weep and wail for the miseries that are coming to you. 2 Your riches have rotted, and your clothes are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver have rusted, and their rust will be evidence against you, and it will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure during the last days. 4 Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. 5 You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.

NLT

11 Don't speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God's law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you. 12 God alone, who gave the law, is the Judge. He alone has the power to save or to destroy. So what right do you have to judge your neighbor? 13 Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." 14 How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone. 15 What you ought to say is, "If the Lord wants us to, we will live and do this or that." 16 Otherwise you are boasting about your own pretentious plans, and all such boasting is evil. 17 Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.

5 Look here, you rich people: Weep and groan with anguish because of all the terrible troubles ahead of you. 2 Your wealth is rotting away, and your fine clothes are moth-eaten rags. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment. 4 For listen! Hear the cries of the field workers whom you have cheated of their pay. The cries of those who harvest your fields have reached the ears of the Lord of Heaven's Armies.

5 You have spent your years on earth in luxury, satisfying your every desire. You have fattened yourselves for the day of slaughter. 6 You have condemned and killed innocent people,^[b] who do not resist you.

SERMON

Acting Out: Don't Count Your Chickens

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

Draw Me Nearer

UMH# 419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,
and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith
and be closer drawn to thee.

Refrain:

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died.
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in thine.

Refrain

3. O the pure delight of a single hour
that before thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

Refrain

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain

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 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)
September 22	Thursday Prayer Group	(11:00am)
September 25	16th 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

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