

# October 16, 2022

Laity Sunday



## Come Worship the Living



### PRELUDE

### OPENING PRAYER

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*Help Us Accept Each Other*

UMH# 560

**1** Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

**2** Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

**3** Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved  
in living situations to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.

**4** Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;  
renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

### APOSTLES' CREED

UMH# 881

### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### SPECIAL MUSIC

# SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 24:1-13, Matthew 18:21-22

## NRSV

1 When Saul returned from following the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the wilderness of Engedi." 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel and went to look for David and his men in the direction of the Rocks of the Wild Goats. 3 He came to the sheepfolds beside the road, where there was a cave, and Saul went in to relieve himself. Now David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. 4 The men of David said to him, "Here is the day of which the Lord said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hand, and you shall do to him as it seems good to you.'" Then David went and stealthily cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. 5 Afterward David was stricken to the heart because he had cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. 6 He said to his men, "The Lord forbid that I should do this thing to my lord, the Lord's anointed, to raise my hand against him, for he is the Lord's anointed." 7 So David rebuked his men severely and did not permit them to attack Saul. Then Saul got up and left the cave and went on his way.

8 Afterward David also rose up and went out of the cave and called after Saul, "My lord the king!" When Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the ground and did obeisance. 9 David said to Saul, "Why do you listen to the words of those who say, 'David seeks to do you harm'?" 10 This very day your eyes have seen how the Lord gave you into my hand in the cave, and some urged me to kill you, but I spared you. I said, 'I will not raise my hand against my lord, for he is the Lord's anointed.' 11 See, my father, see the corner of your cloak in my hand, for by the fact that I cut off the corner of your cloak and did not kill you, you may know for certain that there is no wrong or treason in my hands. I have not

sinned against you, though you are hunting me to take my life. 12 May the Lord judge between me and you! May the Lord avenge me on you, but my hand shall not be against you. 13 As the ancient proverb says, 'Out of the wicked comes forth wickedness,' but my hand shall not be against you.

21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

## SERMON

*Again and Again*

Tom Wagstaff

## 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

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

UMH# 390

1 "Forgive our sins as we forgive,"  
you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
but you alone can grant us grace  
to live the words we say.

2 How can your pardon reach and bless  
the unforgiving heart  
that broods on wrongs and will not let  
old bitterness depart?

3 In blazing light your cross reveals  
the truth we dimly knew:  
what trivial debts are owed to us,  
how great our debt to you!

4 Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,  
and bid resentment cease;  
then, bound to all in bonds of love,  
our lives will spread your peace.

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

October 16	Charge Conference	(4:00pm, Beulah UMC)
October 20	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
October 23	20th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
October 16	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
October 30	Ramsey United	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
November 3	Prayer Group	(11:00am)

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



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLERGY APPRECIATION

October is Clergy Appreciation Month, and today is Clergy Appreciation Day! Make sure to let our pastors know what a blessing they have been in your life.



## CHARGE CONFERENCE

Our annual Charge Conference will be held this year on Sunday, October 16 at 4:00pm at Beulah UMC (6930 Hopkins Road, Richmond, VA 23234).