

October 9, 2022

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

I Am Thine, O Lord

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith

as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God,

I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

The congregation responds:

We give thanks for all that God has already given you

and we welcome you in Christian love.

As members together with you

in the body of Christ

and in this congregation

of The United Methodist Church,

we renew our covenant

faithfully to participate

in the ministries of the church

by our prayers, our presence,

our gifts, and our service,

that in everything God may be glorified

through Jesus Christ.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

NLT

14 “Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. 15 He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

16 “The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. 17 The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. 18 But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.

19 “After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. 20 The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, ‘Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.’

21 “The master was full of praise. ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

22 “The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.’

23 “The master said, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let’s celebrate together!’

24 “Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn’t plant and gathering crops you didn’t cultivate. 25 I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.’

26 “But the master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn’t plant and gathered crops I didn’t cultivate, 27 why didn’t you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.’

28 “Then he ordered, ‘Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. 29 To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. 30 Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

SERMON

Make Space: Us, Our Stuff, and 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

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH# 420

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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

October 13	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
October 16	Laity Sunday	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
October 16	Charge Conference	(4:00pm, Beulah UMC)
October 20	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
October 23	20th Sunday after Pentecost	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
October 27	Prayer Group	(11:00am)

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BABY BOY

We would like to share that

Forrest Odin Caricofe was born on September 23, 2022!

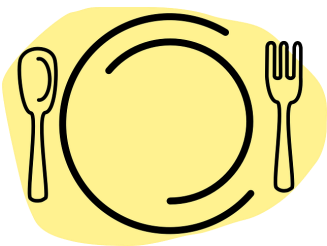
The blessed family includes parents Brett and Mary Beth Caricofe, big sisters Belle and Callie, and grandparents Buddy and Mary Warman.



55+ LUNCHEON

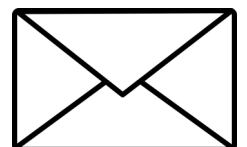
We would like to invite you to the 55+ luncheon on Friday, October 14 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please give your RSVP to the church office (804-276-4628) by

October 12.



STEWARDSHIP PACKETS

Please remember to pick up your Stewardship packet before or after the worship service this morning.





WE WELCOME

Michael Hoover to the Ramsey Church family this morning through transfer of his membership. Welcome home Michael!

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).