

January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday after Epiphany



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

God of Love and God of Power

UMH# 578

1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:11-17

NRSV

11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade people, but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. 12 We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. 13 For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. 14 For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. 15 And he died for all, so that those who live might live no

longer for themselves but for the one who for their sake died and was raised.

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. 17 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

NLT

11 Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too. 12 Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart. 13 If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. 14 Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. 15 He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

we know him now! 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently

SERMON

Thanks Be to God: God's Love for Us

Pastor 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

Jesus Loves Me

UMH# 191

1. Jesus loves me! This I know,
for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

2. Jesus loves me! This I know,
as he loved so long ago,

taking children on his knee,

saying, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

3. Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live.

Refrain

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Virginia Abbott	Mitch Early	Sara Katherine Reid
Alice Alford	Sherry Fox	Vance Richardson
Matt Amason	Cicero Gainer	Amy Salley
Betty Lou Brame	Jackie Gray	Janet Sheek
Peggy Burch	Sibyle Harmon	Nell Simmons
Mabel Campbell	Elnora Holmes	Fred Snyder
Melinda Campbell	Nancy Hulon	Darlene Thomas
Justin Chamberlain	Brittany Johnson	Tim
Mitzie Conner	Maureen	Helen Wallace
Ralph Conner	Andrew Miles	Curtis Walsh
Lois Crafton	Joe Miller Sr.	Iris Ward
Dot Davis	Debbie Mullins	Sally Wheat
Erica	Frances Owen	
Jimmie Early	David Pittman	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

January 26	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
January 29	4th Sunday after Epiphany	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
February 2	Prayer group	(11:00am)
February 5	5th Sunday after Epiphany	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
February 9	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
February 12	6th Sunday after Epiphany	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERSHIP BOARD



Ramsey Church's new governance structure, the Leadership Board, will hold its first meeting in-person on Wednesday, January 25 at 7:00pm in Room 205 (second floor of the Education Building).

All are invited to attend.

JANUARY 29

Thank you for your input on our Ramsey United 5th Sunday bilingual worship service survey. We got your feedback. We are working on ways to better connect. On January 29 we will worship in English at 10:00am and in Spanish at 12:30pm as usual and not in a joint service. Watch the newsletter and bulletins for upcoming opportunities to be connected with one another.

TURNING OUR PRAYER LIST INTO A CARE LIST

Prayer is one of the most important things Christians can do for one another, especially during times of life's difficulties and struggles. We have the opportunity to consider doing more by turning our prayer list into a "Care List." Several members of Ramsey have looked into the possibility of beginning a Stephen Ministry which would give us the ability to reach out to individuals here at church and, potentially, in the community, who would appreciate having someone walk beside them during times of a life difficulty or crisis. Stephen Ministry is a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and support a team of congregation members (called Stephen Ministers) to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to those experiencing life difficulties. Some of these include:

- Grieving the loss of a loved one
- Those experiencing a medical crisis or terminal illness
 - Divorce (before, during, or after)
- Families with children who have disabilities

These are just a few of the many challenges or needs for care in any congregation. Stephen Ministers do not act as professional counselors, but as Christians willing to commit to those for a time who are in need of support. Stephen Ministers will receive their training and support by Stephen Leaders here at Ramsey. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister and what is involved or just more about the ministry and what we hope to offer, a question and answer session will be held following the 10 am service on Sunday, January 29. If you have any questions or need clarification prior to that meeting, please contact Sherry Price at 804-920-8066 or Sherry.price@gmail.com or Beverly Rugani at 804-338-0682 or bhrugani@gmail.com.

For more information visit their website at stephenministries.org.