

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH 526

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:1-11

NRSV

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. 2 He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. 3 The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

11 Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

NLT

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. 2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

3 During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say,

'People do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say,

'He will order his angels to protect you.
And they will hold you up with their hands
so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.' "

7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.' "

8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me."

10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say,

'You must worship the Lord your God
and serve only him.' "

11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

SERMON

Facing the Cross: Temptation

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, Tempted in the Desert

TFWS 2105

1. Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him; 'turn
these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'

2. Jesus, tempted, at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break you fall!'
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we
must never vainly test.'

3. Jesus, tempted on the mountain by the lure of
vast domain:

'Fall before me! Be my servant! Glory, fame,
you're sure to gain!' Jesus sees the dazzling vi-
sion,

turns his eyes another way:

'God alone deserves our homage! God alone
will I obey!'

4. When we face temptation's power, lonely,
struggling, filled with dread, Christ, who knew the
tempter's hour, come and be our living bread.

By your grace, protect, preserve us lest we fall,
your trust betray.

Yours, above all other voices,

be the Word we hear, obey.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Virginia Abbott
Alice Alford
Matt Amason
Betty Lou Brame
Peggy Burch
Mabel Campbell
Melinda Campbell
Justin Chamberlain
Mitzie Conner
Ralph Conner
Lois Crafton
Dot Davis
Mitch Early
Jimmy Edwards
Sherry Fox

Cicero Gainer
Jackie Gray
Sibyle Harmon
Elnora Holmes
Nancy Hulon
Brittany Johnson
Judy McDaniel
Andrew Miles
Joe Miller Sr.
Debbie Mullins
Frances Owen
David Pittman
Sara Katherine Reid
Vance Richardson
Amy Salley

Janet Sheek
Nell Simmons
Fred Snyder
Darlene Thomas
Helen Wallace
Curtis Walsh
Jeff Walsh
Iris Ward
Sally Wheat

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

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| March 2 | Prayer Group | (11:00am) |
| March 5 | Lenten Study | (9:00am, CLC Lobby) |
| March 5 | 2nd Sunday of Lent | (10:00am, Sanctuary) |
| March 9 | Prayer Group | (11:00am) |
| March 12 | Lenten Study | (9:00am, CLC Lobby) |
| March 12 | 3rd Sunday of Lent | (10:00am, Sanctuary) |

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directed to our online giving
resource!



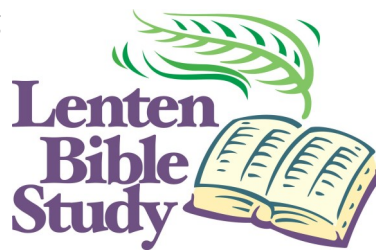
ANNOUNCEMENTS



Our 2023 Lenten Offering will run from February 26 through Easter Sunday, April 9. We have set a goal of \$6,000 to assess our church security, update the Tower for our youth, and paint parking spaces closest to the church. Whether you give online through Vanco or in the offering plate, please include the designation "Lenten Offering" in the note or memo section.

During Lent, Ramsey Church is studying together "He Chose the Nails" by Max Lucado.

Sundays, February 26-April 2 at
9:00AM in the CLC Lobby.



Study Guides are available. To receive a copy, call or email the church office at 804-276-4628 / admin@ramseymemorial.org. A donation of \$10 is appreciated but not required.

55+ LUNCHEON

We would like to invite you to the 55+ luncheon on Friday, March 10 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please give your RSVP to the church office (804-276-4628) by March 8.

Bring a friend!

