

March 5, 2023

Second Sunday in Lent



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

He Touched Me

UMH 367

1. Shackled by a heavy burden,
neath a load of guilt and shame,
then the hand of Jesus touched me,
and now I am no longer the same.

2. Since I met this blessed Savior,
since he cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise him;
I'll shout it while eternity rolls.

Refrain:

He touched me, O he touched me,
and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
he touched me and made me whole.

Refrain

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-17

NRSV

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2 He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." 3 Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." 9 Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

NLT

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. 2 After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. "Rabbi," he said, "we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you." 3 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." 4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" 5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don't be surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can't explain how people are born of the Spirit."

9 "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus asked.

10 Jesus replied, "You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don't understand these things?"

11 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

11 I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won't believe our testimony. 12 But if you don't believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

SERMON

Facing the Cross: Rebirth

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

Living for Jesus

TFWS 2149

1. Living for Jesus a life that is true,
striving to please him in all that I do,
yielding allegiance glad-hearted and free,
this is the pathway of blessing for me.

Refrain:

O Jesus, Lord and Savior,

I give myself to thee;

for thou in thy atonement

didst give thyself for me.

I own no other master,

my heart shall be thy throne,

my life I give, henceforth to live,

O Christ, for thee alone.

2. Living for Jesus, who died in my place,
bearing on Calvary my sin and disgrace,
such love constrains me to answer his call,
follow his leading, and give him my all.

Refrain

3. Living for Jesus wherever I am,

doing each duty in his holy name,

willing to suffer affliction or loss,

deeming each trial a part of my cross.

Refrain

4. Living for Jesus through earth's little while,

my dearest treasure, the light of his smile,

seeking the lost ones he died to redeem,

bringing the weary to find rest in him.

Refrain

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

March 9	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
March 12	Lenten Study	(9:00am, CLC Lobby)
March 12	3rd Sunday of Lent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
March 16	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
March 19	Lenten Study	(9:00am, CLC Lobby)
March 19	4th Sunday of Lent	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

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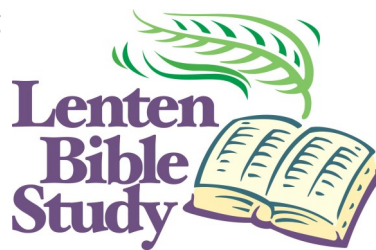
ANNOUNCEMENTS



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!

