

# April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter



## Come Worship the Living



### PRELUDE

### OPENING PRAYER

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*Christ Has Risen*

TFWS 2115

1. Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died, as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied. Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer; let the world confirm the rumour. Christ is risen, God is here!

3. Christ has risen to companion former friends who fear the night, sensing loss and limitation where their faith had once burned bright. They bemoan what is no longer, they expect no hopeful sign till Christ ends their conversation, breaking bread and sharing wine.

2. Christ has risen for the people whom he loved and died to save; Christ has risen for the women bringing flowers to grace his grave Christ has risen for disciples huddled in an upstairs room. He whose word inspired creation is not silenced by the tomb.

4. Christ has risen and forever lives to challenge and to change all whose lives are messed or mangled, all who find religion strange. Christ is risen. Christ is present making us what he has been – evidence of transformation in which God is known and seen

### SPECIAL MUSIC

## SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31

### NRSV

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and

my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

### NLT

19 That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." 22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." 24 One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. 25 They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side." 26 Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this

time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!" 28 "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. 29 Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me." 30 The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.

## SERMON

*After the Cross: Peace of Christ to You*

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

*Of All the Spirit's Gifts to Me*

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1. Of all the Spirit's gifts to me,  
I pray that I may never cease  
to take and treasure most these three:  
love, joy, and peace.

2. The Spirit shows me love's the root  
of every gift sent from above,  
of every flower, of every fruit,  
that God is love.

3. The Spirit shows if I possess  
a love no evil can destroy;  
however great is my distress,  
then this is joy.

4. Though what's ahead is mystery,  
and life itself is ours on lease,  
each day the Spirit says to me,  
"Go forth in peace!"

5. We go in peace, but made aware that,  
in a needy world like this,  
our clearest purpose is to share  
love, joy, and peace.

## 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  
Sheri Ruggles

Tim Ruggles  
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](http://www.ramseymemorial.org)

April 19	Leadership Board	7:00 pm, CLC Lobby
April 20	Prayer Group	11:00 am
April 23	3rd Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary
April 27	Prayer group	11:00 am
April 30	4th Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary
April 30	Town Hall	After worship, Sanctuary

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



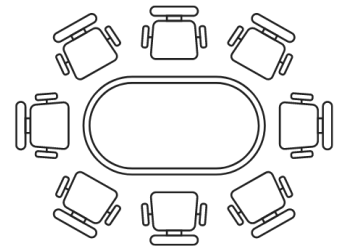
### BRUNSWICK STEW—MAY 6

Place your orders with any BUCS or Mission Team member or email Craig Lane at [craig@laneandhamner.com](mailto:craig@laneandhamner.com) by Sunday, April 30.

### LEADERSHIP BOARD

Ramsey Church's new governance structure, the Leadership Board, will hold its monthly meeting in-person on Wednesday, April 19 at 7:00pm in the CLC lobby.

All are invited to attend. Please contact the church office if you would like the link to attend via ZOOM.



### TOWN HALL MEETING APRIL 30



Ramsey Leadership will host a Town Hall Meeting right after the 10 AM worship service on April 30th. Please join us for a brief presentation on the Board's progress using the new Simplified Accountable Structure. We will also have time for questions and answers. In-person participation is encouraged since this will not be broadcast online.

Thank you!

Will Flynn, Chair

Ramsey Church and J.L. Francis Elementary School partner together to help support our neighborhood children. On Friday, April 28th from 8:00am-1:00pm volunteers will assist with the Book Tasting Event in the School Library. To volunteer for the event contact Sally Wheat: 804-447-9214 / [SallyWheat@aol.com](mailto:SallyWheat@aol.com).

