

# April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter



## Come Worship the Living



### PRELUDE

### OPENING PRAYER

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

UMH 158

1. Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
praise is his gracious choice.

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore  
his goodness we'll adore,  
singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

### SPECIAL MUSIC

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

### NRSV

13 Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16 but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19 He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22 Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23 and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the

tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." 25 Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26 Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28 As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29 But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33 That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35 Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### NLT

13 That same day two of Jesus' followers were walking to the village of Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 As they walked along they were talking about everything that had happened. 15 As they talked and discussed these things, Jesus himself suddenly came and began walking with them. 16 But God kept them from recognizing him. 17 He asked them, "What are you discussing so intently as you walk along?" They stopped short, sadness written across their faces. 18 Then one of them, Cleopas, replied, "You must be the only person in Jerusalem who hasn't heard about all the things that have happened there the last few days." 19 "What things?" Jesus asked. "The things that happened to Jesus, the man from Nazareth," they said. "He was a prophet who did powerful miracles, and he was a mighty teacher in the eyes of God and all the people. 20 But our leading priests and other religious leaders handed him over to be condemned to death, and they crucified him. 21 We had hoped he was the Messiah who had come to rescue Israel. This all happened three days ago. 22 "Then some women from our group of his followers were at his tomb early this morning, and they came back with an amazing report. 23 They said his body was missing, and they had seen angels who told them Jesus is alive! 24 Some of our men ran out to see, and sure

enough, his body was gone, just as the women had said." 25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! You find it so hard to believe all that the prophets wrote in the Scriptures. 26 Wasn't it clearly predicted that the Messiah would have to suffer all these things before entering his glory?" 27 Then Jesus took them through the writings of Moses and all the prophets, explaining from all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, 29 but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. 30 As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. 31 Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! 32 They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" 33 And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, 34 who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter." 35 Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread.

**LEADER:** This is the Word of God for the people of God

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

*After the Cross: Our Faith Journey*

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**

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

UMH 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

**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 27	Prayer Group	11:00 am
April 30	4th Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary
April 30	Town Hall	After worship, Sanctuary
May 4	Prayer Group	11:00 am
May 7	5th Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary

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



## 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.

### 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).



### It is Graduation season!

If you would like to have your graduate acknowledged in our June Newsletter, please submit the information below (along with a picture if desired) to the church office by noon on May 16, 2023.

Name:

School:

If college/university graduate, please list degree/major:

Plans after graduation:

