

**May 14, 2023**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day



**Come Worship the Living**



**PRELUDE**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HYMN**      *More Precious Than Silver*      TFWS 2065

Lord, You are more precious than silver;

Lord, You are more costly than gold;

Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;

And nothing I desire compares with You.

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**RAMSEY KIDS PRESENTATION**

## SCRIPTURE

Acts 17:22-31

### NIV

22 Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: “People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: to an unknown god. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

24 “The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. 25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

### NLT

22 So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: “Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, 23 for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I’m telling you about.

24 “He is the God who made the world and everything in it. Since he is Lord of heaven and earth, he doesn’t live in man-made temples, 25 and human hands can’t serve his needs—for he has no needs. He himself gives life and breath to everything, and he satisfies every need. 26 From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries.

27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

29 “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. 30 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

27 “His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us. 28 For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ 29 And since this is true, we shouldn’t think of God as an idol designed by craftsmen from gold or silver or stone.

30 “God overlooked people’s ignorance about these things in earlier times, but now he commands everyone everywhere to repent of their sins and turn to him. 31 For he has set a day for judging the world with justice by the man he has appointed, and he proved to everyone who this is by raising him from the dead.”

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**      *Faith in Action: Our Known God*

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.
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## **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**      *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

UMH 152

1. I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.	3. There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care; and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, art present there.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food, who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.	

## **DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

## DRAWING CIRCLES OF PRAYER AROUND:

Bud Johnson—surgery recovery/treatment

Fred Snyder—health concerns

Tina—life choices

Sally Wheat—surgery recovery

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at [www.ramseymemorial.org](http://www.ramseymemorial.org)

May 18	Prayer Group	11:00am
May 21	7th Sunday of Easter	10:00am, Sanctuary
May 25	Prayer Group	11:00 am
May 27	Neighborhood Supper	5:00pm, CLC
May 28	Pentecost	10:00 am, Sanctuary
June 1	Prayer Group	11:00 am
June 4	Trinity Sunday	10:00 am, Sanctuary

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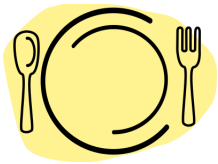


# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONGRATULATIONS!

The rose bud on the altar is placed in celebration of the birth of Ava Ann Hallinan on May 1, 2023.

The proud family includes Daniel & Sarah Hallinan (parents), Rick & Marsha Hallinan (grandparents), and Dan & Ann Hallinan (great-grandparents).



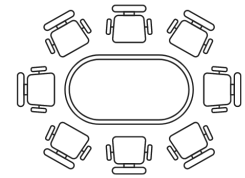
## NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER

Ramsey's next Neighborhood Supper will be Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 pm in the CLC. Come join us!

## LEADERSHIP BOARD

Ramsey Church's new governance structure, the Leadership Board, will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 16 at 6:00pm ON ZOOM ONLY.

All are invited. The ZOOM link for each meeting is the same from month to month. If you have received the link in the past, you may use it for the upcoming meeting.



## 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:

