

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

TFWS 2129

1 I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus -
no turning back, no turning back.

2 The world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me,
the world behind me, the cross before me -
no turning back, no turning back.

3 Though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow,
though none go with me, still I will follow—
no turning back, no turning back.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Acts 7:55-60

NRSV

55 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56 “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” 57 But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58 Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

NLT

55 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed steadily into heaven and saw the glory of God, and he saw Jesus standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand. 56 And he told them, “Look, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing in the place of honor at God’s right hand!”

57 Then they put their hands over their ears and began shouting. They rushed at him 58 and dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. His accusers took off their coats and laid them at the feet of a young man named Saul.

59 As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60 He fell to his knees, shouting, “Lord, don’t charge them with this sin!” And with that, he died.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Faith in Action: Even to Death?

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

I Surrender All

UMH 354

1. All to Jesus I surrender;
all to him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust him,
in his presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
all to thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender;
humbly at his feet I bow,
worldly pleasures all forsaken;
take me, Jesus, take me now. [Refrain]

3. All to Jesus I surrender;
make me, Savior, wholly thine;
let me feel the Holy Spirit,
truly know that thou art mine. [Refrain]

4. All to Jesus I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to thee;
fill me with thy love and power;
let thy blessing fall on me. [Refrain]

5. All to Jesus I surrender;
now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory to his name! [Refrain]

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

DRAWING CIRCLES OF PRAYER AROUND:

Sally Wheat—surgery recovery

Tina—for life choices

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

May 11	Prayer Group	11:00 am
May 12	55+ Luncheon	12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
May 14	6th Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary
May 18	Prayer Group	11:00am
May 21	7th Sunday of Easter	10:00am, Sanctuary
May 27	Neighborhood Supper	5:00pm, CLC

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



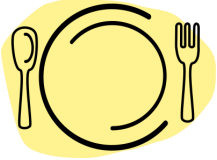
ANNOUNCEMENTS

55+ LUNCHEON

We would like to invite you to the 55+ luncheon on Friday, May 12 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.
Please give your RSVP to the church office (804-276-4628) by May 10.



Bring a friend!



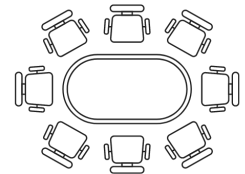
NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER

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. Please contact the church office if you would like the ZOOM link.



PRAYER LIST ADJUSTMENT



Beginning last Sunday, the in bulletin prayer list will be utilized for acute and immediate prayer requests. Our ongoing prayer request list will be sent out in the Mid-Week Uplift email on Wednesdays and included in the monthly newsletter. This change is so that we can continue to pray for our Ramsey family with ongoing prayer needs, and also assure that those with time sensitive requests are lifted in prayer.

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:

