

June 18, 2023

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *God of Great and God of Small*

God of great and God of small,
God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong,
God to whom all things belong,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of silence, God of sound,
God by whom the lost are found,
God of day and God of night,
God whose love turns wrong to right,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of land and sky and sea,
God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power,
Yet beside me every hour,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to your name.

God of heaven and God of earth,
God of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before,
God who reigns for evermore,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise to be your name.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

NRSV

18 The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. 2 He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. 3 He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. 4 Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." 7 Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. 8 Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. 9 They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." 10 Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying,

"After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" 13 The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' 14 Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." 15 But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

21 The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. 2 Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. 3 Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. 6 Now Sarah said, "God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me." 7 And she said, "Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

NLT

18 The Lord appeared again to Abraham near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. One day Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day. 2 He looked up and noticed three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran to meet them and welcomed them, bowing low to the ground. 3 "My lord," he said, "if it pleases you, stop here for a while. 4 Rest in the shade of this tree while water is brought to wash your feet. 5 And since you've honored your servant with this visit, let me prepare some food to refresh you before you continue on your journey." "All right," they said. "Do as you have said." 6 So Abraham ran back to the tent and said to Sarah, "Hurry! Get three large measures of your best flour, knead it into dough, and bake some bread." 7 Then Abraham ran out to the herd and chose a tender calf and gave it to his servant, who quickly prepared it. 8 When the food was ready, Abraham took some yogurt and milk and the roasted meat, and he served it to the men. As they ate, Abraham waited on them in the shade of the trees. 9 "Where is Sarah, your wife?" the visitors asked. "She's inside the tent," Abraham replied. 10 Then one of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and your

wife, Sarah, will have a son!" Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. 11 Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. 12 So she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?" 13 Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh? Why did she say, 'Can an old woman like me have a baby?' 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return about this time next year, and Sarah will have a son." 15 Sarah was afraid, so she denied it, saying, "I didn't laugh." But the Lord said, "No, you did laugh."

21 The Lord kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. 2 She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. 3 And Abraham named their son Isaac. 4 Eight days after Isaac was born, Abraham circumcised him as God had commanded. 5 Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. 6 And Sarah declared, "God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. 7 Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Family Lessons: It's a Baby Boy!

Pastor Claudia Stallings

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in heaven,	as we forgive those
hallowed be thy Name.	who trespass against us.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be	And lead us not into temptation,
done on earth, as it is in heaven.	but deliver us from evil.
Give us this day our daily bread.	For thine is the kingdom,
And forgive us our trespasses,	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

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

UMH 500

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| 1. Spirit of God, descend upon
my heart;
wean it from earth; through all
its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty
as thou art,
and make me love thee as I
ought to love. | 3. Hast thou not bid me love
thee, God and King?
All, all thine own, soul, heart and
strength and mind.
I see thy cross; there teach my
heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let
me find! | 5. Teach me to love thee as
thine angels love,
one holy passion filling all my
frame;
the kindling of the heaven-
descended Dove,
my heart an altar, and thy love
the flame. |
| 2. I ask no dream, no prophet
ecstasies,
no sudden rending of the veil of
clay,
no angel visitant, no opening
skies;
but take the dimness of my soul
away. | 4. Teach me to feel that thou art
always nigh;
teach me the struggles of the
soul to bear.
To check the rising doubt, the
rebel sigh,
teach me the patience of unan-
swered prayer. | |

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

DRAWING CIRCLES OF PRAYER AROUND:

Norma Britt

Selena

Fred Snyder

Joyce Walsh

UPCOMING EVENTS

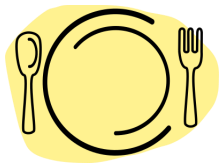
Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

June 22	Prayer Group	11:00 am
June 25	4th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 am, Sanctuary
June 29	Prayer Group	11:00 am
July 2	5th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 am, Sanctuary
July 6	Prayer Group	11:00 am

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resource!



ANNOUNCEMENTS



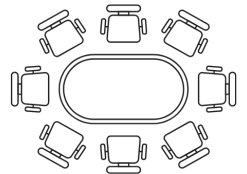
NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER

Ramsey's next Neighborhood Supper will be Saturday, June 24 at 5:00 pm in the CLC.
Come join us!

LEADERSHIP BOARD

Ramsey Church's governance structure, the Leadership Board, will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:00pm in the CLC lobby.

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



55+ LUNCHEON



We would like to invite you to the 55+ luncheon on Friday, July 14 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Please give your RSVP to the church office (804-276-4628) by July 12. Bring a friend!

WORK DAY

The next work day at Journey in Amelia will be July 22nd. from 9 A M till noon.



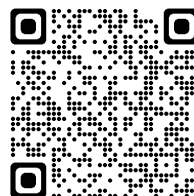
VBS 2023

Save the date for the Hero Hotline!

Ramsey's VBS program for 2023 will be held July 24-27 from 6-8:15pm.



REGISTER



VOLUNTEER

