

July 16, 2023

7th Sunday after Pentecost



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN *Step By Step*

O God, you are my God, and I will ever
praise you.

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praise you.

I will seek you in the morning, and I will
learn to walk in your ways; and step by
step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all
of my days.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 25:19-34

NRSV

19 These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, 20 and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. 22 The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger."

24 When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. 25 The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. 26 Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob.

NLT

19 This is the account of the family of Isaac, the son of Abraham. 20 When Isaac was forty years old, he married Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan-aram and the sister of Laban the Aramean. 21 Isaac pleaded with the Lord on behalf of his wife, because she was unable to have children. The Lord answered Isaac's prayer, and Rebekah became pregnant with twins. 22 But the two children struggled with each other in her womb. So she went to ask the Lord about it. "Why is this happening to me?" she asked. 23 And the Lord told her, "The sons in your womb will become two nations. From the very beginning, the two nations will be rivals. One nation will be stronger than the other; and your older son will serve your younger son." 24 And when the time came to give birth, Rebekah discovered that she did indeed have twins! 25 The first one was very red at birth and covered with thick hair like a fur coat. So they named him Esau. 26 Then the other twin was born with his hand grasping Esau's heel. So they named him Ja-

Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

27 When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. 28 Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. 30 Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) 31 Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." 32 Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" 33 Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

cob. Isaac was sixty years old when the twins were born. 27 As the boys grew up, Esau became a skillful hunter. He was an outdoorsman, but Jacob had a quiet temperament, preferring to stay at home. 28 Isaac loved Esau because he enjoyed eating the wild game Esau brought home, but Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 One day when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau arrived home from the wilderness exhausted and hungry. 30 Esau said to Jacob, "I'm starved! Give me some of that red stew!" (This is how Esau got his other name, Edom, which means "red.") 31 "All right," Jacob replied, "but trade me your rights as the firstborn son." 32 "Look, I'm dying of starvation!" said Esau. "What good is my birthright to me now?" 33 But Jacob said, "First you must swear that your birthright is mine." So Esau swore an oath, thereby selling all his rights as the firstborn to his brother, Jacob. 34 Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and lentil stew. Esau ate the meal, then got up and left. He showed contempt for his rights as the firstborn.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Family Lessons: Short & Long-Range Planning*

Pastor Claudia Stallings

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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| 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

He Leadeth Me

UMH 128

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| 1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought! O words with heavenly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. | 2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bow-ers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. | [Refrain] |
| Refrain: He leadeth me, he leadeth me, by his own hand he leadeth me; his faithful follower I would be, for by his hand he leadeth me. | [Refrain] | |
| | 3. Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me. | |
| | | 4. And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me. |
| | | [Refrain] |

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

DRAWING CIRCLES OF PRAYER AROUND:

Henry Gonzalez

Fred Snyder

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

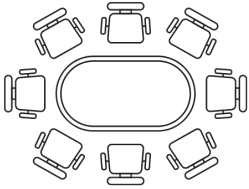
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| July 20 | Prayer Group | 11:00 am |
| July 23 | 8th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00 am, Sanctuary |
| July 24-27 | VBS | 6-8:15pm |
| July 27 | Prayer Group | 11:00 am |
| July 29 | Neighborhood Supper | 5:00pm |
| July 30 | 9th Sunday after Pentecost | 10:00 am, Sanctuary |

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEADERSHIP BOARD



Ramsey Church's governance structure, the Leadership Board, will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 18 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.

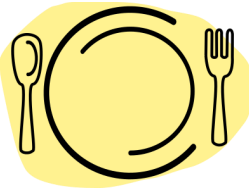
WORK DAY

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

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NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER



Ramsey's next Neighborhood Supper will be Saturday, July 29 at 5:00 pm in the CLC. Come join us!

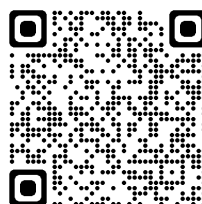
VBS 2023

Join us on July 24-27 from 6:00-8:15 pm for our 2023 Vacation Bible School!

Register via the QR code below, or call the church office at 804-276-4628.



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VOLUNTEER

