

July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

1. My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood
supports me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain:

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet
sound,
O may I then in him be found!
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

(Refrain)

(Refrain)

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19

NRSV

10 Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. 11 He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. 12 And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, 14 and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. 15 Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." 16 Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—

and I did not know it!" 17 And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

18 So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. 19 He called that place Bethel, but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

NLT

10 Meanwhile, Jacob left Beersheba and traveled toward Haran. 11 At sundown he arrived at a good place to set up camp and stopped there for the night. Jacob found a stone to rest his head against and lay down to sleep. 12 As he slept, he dreamed of a stairway that reached from the earth up to heaven. And he saw the angels of God going up and down the stairway.

13 At the top of the stairway stood the Lord, and he said, "I am the Lord, the God of your grandfather Abraham, and the God of your father, Isaac. The ground you are lying on belongs to you. I am giving it to you and your descendants. 14 Your descendants will be as numerous as the dust of the earth! They will spread out in all directions—to the west and the east, to the north and the south. And all the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your descendants. 15 What's more, I am with you, and I will protect you wherever you go. One day I will bring you back to

this land. I will not leave you until I have finished giving you everything I have promised you."

16 Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I wasn't even aware of it!" 17 But he was also afraid and said, "What an awesome place this is! It is none other than the house of God, the very gateway to heaven!"

18 The next morning Jacob got up very early. He took the stone he had rested his head against, and he set it upright as a memorial pillar. Then he poured olive oil over it. 19 He named that place Bethel (which means "house of God"), although it was previously called Luz.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Family Lessons: Stone Markers*

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 *Surely the Presence*

UMH 328

Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place
I can feel His mighty power
And His grace
I can hear the brush of angel's
wings
I see glory on each face
Surely the presence
Of the Lord is in this place

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

DRAWING CIRCLES OF PRAYER AROUND:

Family of Betty Lou Brame

Henry Gonzalez

Steve Meadows—July 19 surgery recovery

Fred Snyder

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

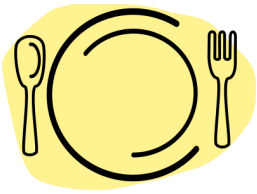
July 24-27	VBS	6-8:15pm
July 27	Prayer Group	11:00 am
July 29	Neighborhood Supper	5:00pm
July 30	9th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 am, Sanctuary
August 3	Prayer Group	11:00 am

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER



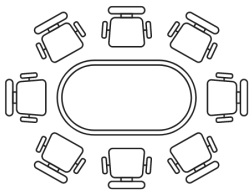
Ramsey's next Neighborhood Supper will be Saturday, July 29 at 5:00 pm in the CLC. Come join us!

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Our ongoing Ladies Bible Study is going to be starting a study on Revelation. We meet on Mondays from 10:00 to 11:30 at the church and would love to have you join us! Call Deborah (804-624-8390) about any questions you may have.



LEADERSHIP BOARD



Ramsey Church's governance structure, the Leadership Board, will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 15 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.

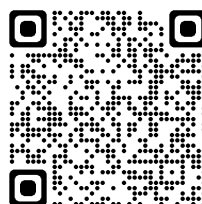
VBS 2023

Join us THIS WEEK (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.



REGISTER



VOLUNTEER

