

July 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

UMH 529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.
5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 29:15-28

NRSV

Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" 16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. 18 Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." 19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." 20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. 21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." 22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. 23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. 24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) 25 When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban,

"What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" 26 Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. 27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." 28 Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

NLT

After Jacob had stayed with Laban for about a month, 15 Laban said to him, "You shouldn't work for me without pay just because we are relatives. Tell me how much your wages should be." 16 Now Laban had two daughters. The older daughter was named Leah, and the younger one was Rachel. 17 There was no sparkle in Leah's eyes, but Rachel had a beautiful figure and a lovely face. 18 Since Jacob was in love with Rachel, he told her father, "I'll work for you for seven years if you'll give me Rachel, your younger daughter, as my wife." 19 "Agreed!" Laban replied. "I'd rather give her to you than to anyone else. Stay and work with me." 20 So Jacob worked seven years to pay for Rachel. But his love for her was so strong that it seemed to him but a few days. 21 Finally, the time came for him to marry her. "I have fulfilled my agreement," Jacob said to Laban. "Now give me my wife so I can sleep with her." 22 So Laban invited everyone in the neighborhood and prepared a wedding feast. 23 But that night, when it was dark, Laban

took Leah to Jacob, and he slept with her. 24 (Laban had given Leah a servant, Zilpah, to be her maid.) 25 But when Jacob woke up in the morning—it was Leah! "What have you done to me?" Jacob raged at Laban. "I worked seven years for Rachel! Why have you tricked me?" 26 "It's not our custom here to marry off a younger daughter ahead of the firstborn," Laban replied. 27 "But wait until the bridal week is over; then we'll give you Rachel, too—provided you promise to work another seven years for me." 28 So Jacob agreed to work seven more years. A week after Jacob had married Leah, Laban gave him Rachel, too.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Family Lessons: Working 9-5—14 Years*

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.

OFFERING OUR TITHES & GIFTS

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

UMH 127

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth
flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and
shield;
be thou still my strength and
shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.

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

August 3	Prayer Group	11:00 am
August 6	10th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 am, Sanctuary
August 10	Prayer Group	11:00 am
August 13	11th Sunday after Pentecost	10:00 am, Sanctuary

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



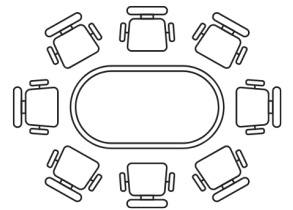
BIBLE STUDY

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.



WORK DAY

The next work day at Journey in Amelia will be August 26 from 9 am until noon. If you can help, contact Russ Cottrell at russellcottrell1945@gmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD SUPPER

Ramsey's next Neighborhood Supper will be Saturday, August 26 at 5:00 pm in the CLC. Come join us!

