

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

UMH 302

1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!

Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!

Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!

Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

5. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia!

Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia!

Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!

Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!

6. King of glory, soul of bliss, Alleluia!

Everlasting life is this, Alleluia!

Thee to know, thy power to prove, Alleluia!

Thus to sing, and thus to love, Alleluia!

Come Worship the Living



SPECIAL MUSIC

THE RESURRECTION

Ignite Youth

SCRIPTURE

Mark 16:1-14

NRSV

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3 They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4 When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 6 But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8 So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had

NLT

Saturday evening, when the Sabbath ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome went out and purchased burial spices so they could anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on Sunday morning, just at sunrise, they went to the tomb. 3 On the way they were asking each other, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4 But as they arrived, they looked up and saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled aside. 5 When they entered the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a white robe sitting on the right side. The women were shocked, 6 but the angel said, "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead! Look, this is where they laid his body. 7 Now go and tell his disciples, including Peter, that Jesus is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there, just as he told you before he died." 8 The women fled from the tomb, trembling and bewildered, and they said nothing to anyone because they were too frightened.

seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid. And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen. 9 Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. 11 But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it. 12 After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. 13 And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. 14 Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table, and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen

Then they briefly reported all this to Peter and his companions. Afterward Jesus himself sent them out from east to west with the sacred and unending message of salvation that gives eternal life. Amen. 9 After Jesus rose from the dead early on Sunday morning, the first person who saw him was Mary Magdalene, the woman from whom he had cast out seven demons. 10 She went to the disciples, who were grieving and weeping, and told them what had happened. 11 But when she told them that Jesus was alive and she had seen him, they didn't believe her.

12 Afterward he appeared in a different form to two of his followers who were walking from Jerusalem into the country. 13 They rushed back to tell the others, but no one believed them.

14 Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.[]

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Surprise! Jesus is Alive

Rev. 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

He Lives

UMH 310

1. I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.
I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him,
he's always near.

2. In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
And though my heart grows
weary,
I never will despair.
I know that he is leading through
all the stormy blast;
The day of his appearing
will come at last.

Refrain

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He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with
me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, he lives, salvation to
impart!
You ask me how I know he
lives?
He lives within my heart.

Refrain

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
None other is so loving,
so good and kind.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

DRAWING CIRCLES OF PRAYER AROUND:

Pat Beville

Sharon Sayles

Norma Britt

Nell Simmons

Helen Gainer

Jimmy Stewart

Elnora Holmes

Helen Wallace

Amy Salley

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseychurch.net

March 31	Easter Egg Hunt	11:00 am, Playground
April 4	Prayer Group	11:00 am
April 7	2nd Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary
April 11	Prayer Group	11:00 am
April 12	55+ Luncheon	12:00 pm, Fellowship Hall
April 13	Work Day	9 am—12 pm
April 14	3rd Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

55+ LUNCHEON

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

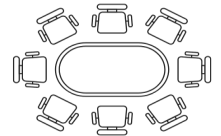


WORK DAY

The next work day will be Saturday, April 13 from 9 am—12 pm., and will focus on weeding, plumbing, and other repairs.

LEADERSHIP BOARD

The Leadership Board, will hold its monthly meeting Tuesday, April 16 at 6:00pm in the CLC Lobby.



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



BOOK TASTING

Join us in supporting J.L Francis Elementary on April 19, from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be a “book tasting” where we will celebrate reading with snacks! Contact Pastor Claudia for more details.

BUCS FIELD TRIP

All are invited to join us for a private tour of Historic Appomattox Court House. Park Ranger Luke Dixon will guide us on an in-depth tour of historic grounds. Learn about the events leading up to; during and after General Lee’s surrender to General Grant on Palm Sunday, April 1865. Car pools will leave from Lane & Hamner, 3520 Courthouse Rd at 8:00 Saturday morning. Drinks and snacks provided. Lunch together at 1PM. RSVP Will Flynn, 804-402-0778. Free to all. Please join us.



LENT OFFERING

Lent Season: February 14-March 30

Dear Ramsey Family,

Thank you for supporting last year's 2023 Lent Offering. Every year we have special projects that need additional funding. With your generous support, we were able to stripe the parking lot spaces, conduct a security audit, and setup a new monitoring service for both fire and intrusion alarms. Your gifts also supported our Vacation Bible School and Fall Fest events. Thank you!

This year our goal is to raise \$6,000, so we can upgrade our old fire alarm sensors, security cameras, and audit our sanctuary sound/ AV systems. Thank you for prayerfully considering a donation for these special projects. Please label your donation "Lent Offering." God Bless 2024!

Will Flynn, Ramsey Leadership Board