

# April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter



## Come Worship the Living



### PRELUDE

### OPENING PRAYER

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN

*In Christ There is No East or West*

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1. In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek, and  
neither slave nor free; both male and fe-  
male heirs are made, and all are kin to  
me.

4. In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

### SPECIAL MUSIC

## SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:9-17

### NRSV

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

<sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup> "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any

longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

### NLT

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. <sup>10</sup> When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! <sup>12</sup> This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command. <sup>15</sup> I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. <sup>16</sup> You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. <sup>17</sup> This is my command: Love each other.

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

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

# SERMON

## *Fruity Followers of Jesus: Love*

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

#### *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

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1. We are one in the Spirit,

We are one in the Lord,

We are one in the Spirit,

We are one in the Lord,

And we pray that all unity

Will one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

3. We will work with each other,

We will work side by side,

We will work with each other,

We will work side by side,

And we'll guard human dignity

And save human pride:

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

2. We will walk with each other,

We will walk hand in hand,

We will walk with each other,

We will walk hand in hand,

And together we'll spread the news

That God is in our land:

4. All praise to the Father, from

Whom all things come,

And all praise to Christ Jesus,

God's only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit,

Who makes us one:

And they'll know we are Christians

By our love, by our love;

Yes, they'll know we are Christians

By our love.

### DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

## DRAWING CIRCLES OF PRAYER AROUND:

Pat Beville

Nell Simmons

Norma Britt

Helen Wallace

Helen Gainer

Elnora Holmes

Amy Salley

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at [www.ramseychurch.net](http://www.ramseychurch.net)

April 16	Leadership Board	6:00 pm, CLC Lobby
April 18	Prayer Group	11:00 am
April 21	4th Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary
April 25	Prayer Group	11:00 am
April 27	Neighborhood Supper	5:00 pm, CLC
April 28	5th Sunday of Easter	10:00 am, Sanctuary

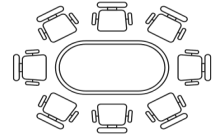
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 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.



General Conference

## GENERAL CONFERENCE 2024

Please be in prayer for the UMC General Conference 2024, which will take place April 23-May 3.



## RAMSEY KIDS

Ramsey Kids, a children's church experience for those aged pre-K through 5th grade meets in Room 101, during our 10am worship service. Invite all the children you know to come and become followers of Jesus!