



RAMAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2017

RAMAH CHURCH
AT WORSHIP
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WE GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE Your word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
ALL **Your word is our heritage forever, the joy of our hearts.**

✦ HYMN “O Worship the King, *Blue #476*
 All Glorious Above!”

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE The Scriptures are shot through with stories of people just like us: men who grieved, women who questioned, siblings who did not get along, parents who chose favorites.
ALL **God’s word of grace is meant for people just like us. There is no need for pretense in this place. Let us go to God in prayer.**

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting. (*silent reflection*)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

- ONE** The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
- ALL** **May the God of mercy, who forgives all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Blue #376

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

✦ PEACE

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Blue #579

WE HEAR

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Brian

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Psalm 119:105-112

INTERLUDE

✠ GOSPEL Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev Copeland

WE RESPOND

✠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed (Traditional)*
Blue page 14

✠ HYMN OF RESPONSE "Open My Eyes
That I May See" *Blue #324*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*
Blue page 16

CALL TO OFFERING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

✠ DOXOLOGY *Blue #592*

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

HOLY COMMUNION

WE DEPART

✠ HYMN

“The Lord’s My Shepherd,
I’ll Not Want”

Blue #170

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ POSTLUDE

✠ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

THOSE ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY

Greeters	Lee Brown
Children's Church	Sonya Ashburn
Toddler Nursery	Jo Brown & Ann McCarthy
Acolyte	Lacey Mayhew

THIS WEEK AT RAMAH

Sunday, July 16	Tuesday, July 18
<i>9am., Sunday school</i>	<i>6pm, Scouts</i>
<i>10am, Worship</i>	Saturday, July 22
<i>5pm, Ice Cream Social</i>	<i>Youth return from Montreat</i>

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Family of Juliet Brown (Walter Craven's sister)
Walter Craven
Jackie Keel (sister of Janine Bryant)
Dave McCord
Martha Ann Reading
Jo Ruple (mother of Jo Brown)
Linda Scott
Jeanette Shoemaker
Sarah Craven Washam

*Remember our Military
& our First Responders

*People will be placed on
the prayer list at your
request for 30 days.

If you would like them to
remain for another 30
days, please request again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone who stayed after church this past Sunday to attend a brief meeting. The turnout was great – we had 23 people who attended. For those members of the congregation who were not able to attend, a list of local ministry opportunities and a survey form are available.

The annual summertime Ice Cream Social is today at 5PM.

On Sunday, August 6, the worship service will be a special one for Wholeness and Healing. The vital element of worship in the service for wholeness is prayer since this is essentially a time of waiting in faith upon God. Thanksgiving for God's promise of wholeness, intercessions and supplications should be offered. Adequate time for silent prayer should be provided, as well as occasions for prayers spoken and sung. Enacted prayer in the form of the laying on of hands and anointing with oil is appropriate. (James. 5:14.) The enactment of prayers involves the presiding minister of Word and Sacrament together with representatives of the believing community.

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the Narthex.

The Elder on call for July is Dianne Dulovitz:
(704) 962-5674.

Last week's attendance: 52
Weekly needs \$3,787 actual offering \$930
YTD collections: \$67,632 YTD budget: \$87,101

KEEPING UP WITH RAMAH

- Now until July 30, Hymnal Drive
- July 16, Ice Cream Social, 5PM
- July 16, Montreat Youth Conference
- July 30, Hymn Sing

*DETAILS IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

