

# RAMAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE REVEREND BRIAN COPELAND  
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: TIM WARD  
18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## AUGUST 6, 2017

### WE GATHER

*PRELUDE* "A Living Prayer" *Mike Bryant*

#### *ANNOUNCEMENTS*

#### ✦ *CALL TO WORSHIP*

ONE Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

**ALL Those who wait for the Lord  
shall renew their strength,**

ONE they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

**ALL they shall run and not be weary,**

ONE they shall walk and not faint.

✦ *HYMN* "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Brown #210*

### WE CONFESS

#### *CALL TO CONFESSION*

ONE Jesus said: Ask and it will be given you; seek, and you will  
find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

**ALL For every one who asks receives, and the one who  
seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be  
opened.**

ONE Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask,  
and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace.

**ALL Let us open our lives to God's healing presence,  
forsaking all that separates us from God and  
neighbor.**

ONE Let us be mindful not only of personal evil but also of our communal sins of family, class, race, and nation.

ALL **Let us confess to God whatever has wounded us or brought injury to others, that we may receive mercy and become for each other ministers of God's grace.**

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION*

*In Unison*

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. (*silent reflection*)**

*WORDS OF ASSURANCE*

ONE Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn?

ALL **Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

ONE Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

ALL **The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. Amen.**

✠ *PEACE*

✠ *GLORIA PATRI*

*Brown #813*

## **WE HEAR**

*CHILDREN'S TIME*

*Pastor Brian*

*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION*

‡ **GOSPEL**                      Matthew 14:13-21  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*SERMON*

*Rev Copeland*

## **WE RESPOND**

‡ *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

*Adapted from  
A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and death we belong to God, Through the  
grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, The love of God,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust  
in the one triune God, The Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.  
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching  
good news to the poor and release to the  
captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing  
the children, healing the sick and binding up the  
brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving  
sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the  
gospel.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba,  
Father. In sovereign love God created the world  
good and makes everyone equally in God's image  
male and female, of every race and people, to  
live as one community.**

**Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of  
the covenant. Like a mother who will not  
forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs  
to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the**

**giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.**

**In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for god's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

✠ *HYMN OF* "There's a Wideness *Brown #355*  
*RESPONSE* in God's Mercy"

*CALL TO OFFERING*

*WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS*

✠ *DOXOLOGY* *Blue #592*

*PRAYER AFTER OFFERING*

*LAYING ON OF HANDS AND ANOINTING WITH OIL*

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

*HOLY COMMUNION*

# WE DEPART

† *HYMN*

“He Leadeth Me”

*Brown #690*

† *BENEDICTION*

† *POSTLUDE*

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† PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

## **THOSE ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY**

|                          |                               |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Greeters</b>          | Larry Makin                   |
| <b>Children's Church</b> | Amy Isaacs                    |
| <b>Toddler Nursery</b>   | Karen Helms & Dianne Dulovitz |
| <b>Acolyte</b>           | Maloree Foster                |

## **THIS WEEK AT RAMAH**

**Sunday, August 6**  
*9am., Sunday school*  
*10am, Worship*

**Tuesday, August 8**  
*6pm, Scouts*

**Wednesday, August 9**  
*6:15pm, Dinner & Bible*

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Walter Craven  
Jackie Keel (sister of Janine Bryant)  
Dave McCord  
Martha Ann Readling  
Jo Ruple (mother of Jo Brown)  
Linda Scott  
Jeanette Shoemaker  
Tim Ward

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**

Dinner & Bible returns to Ramah for six weeks beginning Wednesday, August 9, with dinner at 6:15PM and continuing on Wednesdays:

August 9- Romans 1:1-17 Salutation & Thanksgiving

August 16- Romans 1:18-4:25 God's Wrath & God's Righteousness

August 30, September 6 and September 13. The Bible portion will follow at 6:40pm. All ages are welcome! Dinner donations will be gladly accepted.

Session has called a congregational meeting for Sunday August 13 immediately following the Worship service for the purpose of electing an Elder Nominating Committee.

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the Narthex.

The Elder on call for August is:  
Sonya Ashburn (980) 722-6055.

**Last week's attendance: 62**  
**Weekly needs \$3,787 actual offering \$3,545**  
**YTD collections: \$77,377 YTD budget: \$94,675**

## KEEPING UP WITH RAMAH

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- August 6, service for Wholeness & Healing
- August 9, Dinner & Bible, 6:15PM
- August 16, Dinner & Bible, 6:15PM
- August 23 Dinner & Bible, 6:15PM
- August 30, Dinner & Bible, 6:15PM
- August 31, Preschool Open House, 8:30AM
- September 1, Morning Circle, 10AM
- September 5, 1<sup>st</sup> day of Preschool
- September 6, Dinner & Bible, 6:15PM

\*DETAILS IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS  
CHURCH WEBSITE: [WWW.RAMAHPCUSA.ORG](http://WWW.RAMAHPCUSA.ORG)

