

RAMAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE REVEREND BRIAN COPELAND
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: TIM WARD
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 20, 2017

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ *CALL TO WORSHIP*

ONE God has forgiven us and drawn us close, reconciling us through Jesus Christ, who has lavished upon us the fullness of the blessed Holy Spirit.

ALL **With glad and grateful hearts, praise the Lord!**

✦ *HYMN* "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" # 21

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE Let us confess our sins without fear

ALL **to the One who yearns to embrace us, forgive us, protect us, and bless us.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Unison

Have mercy on us, Lord Jesus; we are tormented! Our lives have been disrupted by the devil and by our own devilish desires and evil exploits. We are dismayed at your presence, anguished by the awful fallout of our own failures. We cannot take back what we have said or undo what we have done or atone for the agony we have caused. We are haunted by the past, plagued by the present, and

fearful of the future.

**We shrink away from your gaze as strangers
outside your circle of blessing. Yet the faith you
have planted in us reaches out for your favor,
returns to your presence, and hungers for your
mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(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**

#813

WE HEAR

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Brian

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

✦ **GOSPEL** Matthew 15: 10-28

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

SERMON

Rev Copeland

WE RESPOND

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostle's Creed

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius**

Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠ *HYMN OF* "The Solid Rock" #526
RESPONSE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

✠ *DOXOLOGY* #815

PRAYER AFTER OFFERING

WE DEPART

✠ *HYMN* "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" #665

✠ *BENEDICTION*

✠ *RESPONSE TO THE* "Blest Be the #426
BENEDICTION Tie That Binds"

✠ *POSTLUDE*

THOSE ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY

Greeters

Children's Church

Toddler Nursery

Acolyte

Scott Bradford

Jeff & Sally Watson

Rodney & Kathy Kiser

Cooper Watson

THIS WEEK AT RAMAH

Sunday, August 20

9am., Sunday school

10am, Worship followed

by a reception in the FH

The Elder nominating

committee meeting will

follow that.

Tuesday, August 22

6pm, Scouts

Wednesday, August 23

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

Jay Wise (father of Karen Helms)

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 continues this Wednesday, August 23, with dinner at 6:15PM and continuing on Wednesdays:

August 23- Romans 5-8 Living in Hope

August 30- Romans 9-11 God's Faithfulness

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

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and hugs after our worship service today to honor Charles and Faye Davis. Charles and Faye will begin a new chapter of their lives the end of August, when they move to a retirement community near Pinehurst, NC. We want to honor the Davis' for their many years of service to Ramah Church as we say farewell.

The Elder Nominating Committee will meet briefly following the reception today.

The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is Sunday, August 27.

The Worship service will return to the 11AM start time on September 3.

September 10 is Rally Day.

Homecoming will be on September 24 with Alan Gray.

The annual Mission Port-a-Pit Chicken BBQ fundraiser will be Friday, October 13.

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: 46
Weekly needs \$3,787 actual offering \$1,685
YTD collections: \$83,344 YTD budget: \$102,249

KEEPING UP WITH RAMAH

- August 20, Reception in FH, Noon
- 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 3, Worship returns to 11AM
- September 5, 1st day of Preschool
- September 6, Dinner & Bible, 6:15PM
- September 10, Rally Day
- September 10, Session Meeting, Noon
- September 24, Homecoming
- October 13, Port-a-Pit Chicken BBQ, 11AM

*DETAILS IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS
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