

RAMAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE REVEREND BRIAN COPELAND
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: TIM WARD
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ *CALL TO WORSHIP*

ONE Praise the Lord! Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful, for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

ALL Let the faithful sing for joy.

✦ *HYMN* "Come, Thou Almighty King" #8

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

ONE Amid the countless things that human beings cannot fully comprehend about God, there stands this:
God so loves us as to bathe us with grace and feed us with mercy and forgive us our sins.

ALL Confident in the love of God, let us pray together.

Lord God, while we were still slaves to sin, you died for our salvation. Yet we still worship the false gods of the world, forgetting that you are Lord. Loving worldly wealth, we have not loved you with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves. Trusting worldly strength, we have not trusted your word nor followed the Word-made-flesh. Forgiving by worldly norms, we have not shown mercy to others as you have shown mercy to us. Forgive us yet again, we pray in Christ's name. (*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* Romans 13:8-14

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

SERMON

Rev Copeland

WE RESPOND

✦ *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

*The Nicene Creed
(Ecumenical)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

✦ *HYMN OF
RESPONSE*

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord”

#405

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

HOLY COMMUNION

WE DEPART

✠ ***HYMN*** “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

#90

✠ ***BENEDICTION***

✠ ***POSTLUDE***

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✠ PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

THOSE ASSISTING IN SERVICE TODAY

Greeters	Dianne Dulovitz
Children's Church	Amy Isaacs
Toddler Nursery	Jo Brown & Ann McCarthy
Acolyte	Lacey Mayhew

THIS WEEK AT RAMAH

Sunday, September 10 <i>9am,, Sunday school, Rally Day 10am, Worship Noon, Session</i>	Tuesday, September 12 <i>6pm, Scouts</i> Wednesday, September 13 <i>6:15pm, Dinner & Bible</i>
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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 finishes up the Romans lesson this Wednesday, Sept. 13, with dinner at 6:15PM
– Romans 15:14-16:27 Paul's Closing Reminders.
The Bible portion will follow at 6:40pm. All ages are welcome! Dinner donations will be gladly accepted.

Saturday, September 16 will be the fall lean up day to get the grounds ready for Homecoming.

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 September is:
Larry Makin (704) 743-7713.

Last week's attendance: 57
Weekly needs \$3,787 actual offering \$3,695
YTD collections: \$94,284 YTD budget: \$109,823

KEEPING UP WITH RAMAH

- September 10, Rally Day
- September 10, Session Meeting, Noon
- September 16, 8AM, Clean Up Day
- September 24, Homecoming
- October 13, Port-a-Pit Chicken BBQ, 11AM

*DETAILS IN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS
CHURCH WEBSITE: WWW.RAMAHPCUSA.ORG

