**Worship on August 17th, 2025**

**Announcements:**

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.
**People: Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!**Leader: The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!
**People: Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.**Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.
**People: Let us praise God who is always with us. AMEN.**

**Morning Prayer**

**Hymn: Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior #351**

**The Apostles’ 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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sit at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Offertory Prayer**:

Enduring and Gracious God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have gone before us and those who walk beside us in faith. As we bring our gifts before you, we offer them in gratitude, knowing that our generosity is part of your ongoing work in the world. Strengthen us to run with perseverance the race set before us, so that through our giving and through our living, we may reflect the joy of Christ and the love that unites all your saints. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

**Prayer for Joys and Concerns:**

Heavenly Father, grant those who are sick the strength and courage to overcome their illness. Surround them with your healing light and let them feel your presence in every moment of their recovery. We ask that you bring peace to their minds and comfort to their hearts, reassuring them that they are never alone in this journey. May your love be a constant source of hope and may they find strength in the support of those around them. We want all who are suffering to know this entire church family is lifting them up in prayer and they are not alone during this time. We pray in Jesus name the prayer you taught us…

**The Lord’s Prayer   #89**

**Doxology #95:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all

creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son,

and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Hymn: God Of Every Nation #435**

**Message: “The Times In Which We Live”**

**Closing Hymn:  Here I Am Lord #593**

**Benediction:**

As you go from here, remember to love. For love is what God asks of us;

it is the very heart and soul of what it means to follow Jesus Christ. So go from here to love and serve God by loving and serving those you meet. And may God—who loved us first, and who showed us what real love looks like—be with you and among you wherever you find yourself in the coming week. Go in Peace, Amen!

**Weekly Giving:** Listed below are the **actual offerings** received and what is needed each week to meet expenses.

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 July 6th $ 680 $1037 Aug 3 $955 $1037

 July 13th ----- $1037 Aug 10 $580 $1037

 July 20th $640 $1037

 July 27th $675 $1037

 $1995 $4148

 ***The Lord’s Cupboard***-

**June 2025- 21 families (47 individuals) were assisted**

**May 2025 -30 families (90 individuals) were assisted**

Donations of food & supplies and monetary gifts are very appreciated. Thank You

***PRAYER LIST***

Donna Sievers (illness), Caroleann Black, Katy Hutton and all our friends in care facilities and hospitals. Please include our country, its leaders, and our military personnel. Please pray our Country, our local communities and the congregations of RMC. Let us be grateful for where we live. Personal requests we hold in our hearts, along with others who needs only God knows, named and unnamed.

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