

RAMSEY MEMORIAL UMC
4th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020
United by the Spirit through Technology

Prelude

Opening prayer

Welcome & announcements

Hymn Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know

Ask ye what great thing I know,
that delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on his right,
with the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

This is that great thing I know;
this delights and stirs me so:
faith in him who died to save,
him who triumphed o'er the grave:
Jesus Christ, the crucified.

Special Music

Tammy Heller

Scripture

Hebrews 12:25-29

- ²⁵ Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!
- ²⁶ When God spoke from Mount Sinai his voice shook the earth, but now he makes another promise: "Once again I will shake not only the earth but the heavens also."
- ²⁷ This means that all of creation will be shaken and removed, so that only unshakable things will remain.
- ²⁸ Since we are receiving a Kingdom that is unshakable, let us be thankful and please God by worshiping him with holy fear and awe.
- ²⁹ For our God is a devouring fire.

Sermon

"Changed & Unchanged: Unshakable"

Rev. Claudia Stallings

Hymn

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the
depths of the sea
Creations revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the
fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song
that it sings
All exclaiming
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and
You know them by name.
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we
humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told every lightning bolt
where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden
with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives
source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the
coolness of night
None can fathom
Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and
You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful, untameable,
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Prayer & Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, which 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever AMEN*

Consecrating our tithes and offerings**Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Hymn At the Font We Start Our Journey

At the font we start our journey,
in the Easter faith baptized;
doubts and fears no longer blind us,
by the light of Christ surprised.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Hope held out and realized.
At the pulpit we are fashioned
by the Easter tale retold
into witnesses and prophets,
by the power of Christ made bold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Faith proclaimed, yet still untold.

At the altar we are nourished
with the Easter gift of bread;
in our breaking it to pieces
see the love of Christ outspread.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Life embraced, yet freely shed.
At the door we are commissioned,
now the Easter victory's won,
to restore a world divided
to the peace of Christ as one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter's work must still be done.

Benediction