

**RAMSEY MEMORIAL UMC**  
**August 23, 2020 at 10am**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
*United by the Spirit through Technology*

**Prelude**

**Opening Prayer**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Hymn**

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

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While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then in love,  
fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

**Special Music**

**Scripture**

**Luke 16:19-31**  
**(New Revised Standard Version)**  
**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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**(New Living Translation)**

**Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus**

Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who was splendidly clothed in purple and fine linen and who lived each day in luxury.

At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus who was covered with sores.

As Lazarus lay there longing for scraps from the rich man's table, the dogs would come and lick his open sores.

"Finally, the poor man died and was carried by the angels to sit beside Abraham at the heavenly banquet.

The rich man also died and was buried, and he went to the place of the dead.

There, in torment, he saw Abraham in the far distance with Lazarus at his side.

"The rich man shouted, 'Father Abraham, have some pity!

Send Lazarus over here to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue.

I am in anguish in these flames.'

"But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing.

So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish.

And besides, there is a great chasm separating us.

No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to us from there.'

"Then the rich man said, 'Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father's home.

For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them

so they don't end up in this place of torment.'

"But Abraham said, 'Moses and the prophets have warned them.

Your brothers can read what they wrote.'

"The rich man replied, 'No, Father Abraham!

But if someone is sent to them from the dead, then they will repent of their sins and turn to God.'

"But Abraham said, 'If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets,

they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead.'"

**Sermon**

**Story Time - Pay Attention**

**Rev. Claudia Stallings**

**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 & 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**

**Open Our Eyes**

Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus,  
to reach out and touch him,  
and say that we love him.

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Open our ears, Lord,  
and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.

**Benediction**