RAMSEY MEMORIAL UMC Sunday, September 20, 2020 at 10am 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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Prelude

Opening Prayer

Welcome & Announcements

Hymn

Just a Little Talk With Jesus

I once was lost in sin but Jesus took me in, and then a little light from heaven filled my soul; it bathed my heart in love and wrote my name above, and just a little talk with Jesus made me whole.

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, let us tell him about our troubles, he will hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by; now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, and you know a little fire is burning, you will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right, makes it right.

Sometimes my path seems drear, without a ray of cheer, and then a cloud of doubt may hide the light of day; the mists of sin may rise and hide the starry skies, but just a little talk with Jesus clears the way.

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I may have doubts and fears, my eyes be filled with tears, but Jesus is a friend who watches day and night; I go to him in prayer, he knows my every care, and just a little talk with Jesus makes it right.

Now let us have a little talk with Jesus, let us tell him about our troubles, he will hear our faintest cry, and he will answer by and by; now when you feel a little prayer wheel turning, and you know a little fire is burning, you will find a little talk with Jesus makes it right, makes it right.

Special Music

Scripture

Luke 18:1-8

(New Revised Standard Version)

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying,

'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

For a while he refused; but later he said to himself,

'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice,

so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.

And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night?

Will he delay long in helping them?

I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them.

And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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(New Living Translation)

Parable of the Persistent Widow

One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself,

'I don't fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy.

I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'" Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night?

Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly!

But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

Sermon Story Time - Just Ask 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 Hear My Prayer, O God

Hear my prayer, O God, and listen to my plea; faithful, righteous One, give ear and answer me. Judge me not, I pray; no merit dare I claim; knowing my own faults, I trust in your just Name.

Hounded by a foe who crushed me to the ground, I am like the dead or those in prison bound. Hopeless, numbed by fear, I ponder all your care; thirsty as parched earth, I lift my hands in prayer.

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Answer soon, O God, my spirit faints in me; do not hide your face, or I will cease to be.
When the morning dawns, make known your love anew; show me how to walk, for I will trust in you.

Keep me safe, O God, and help me learn your will; let your Spirit lead through level pathways still. For your great Name's sake, my griefs and fears dispel; free me from my foes, that I may serve you well.

Benediction