

## June 28- written service

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**Special music-** Kyle Durst

### Prelude

### Welcome

### Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship the God of the vulnerable.

All: God hears the cries of the poor and sees the hurting.

Leader: The world chases after wealth, status, and luxury.

All: But God calls us to open our eyes and share our blessings.

Leader: Let us not ignore the people at our gates.

All: Let us instead be rich in mercy and love. Let's worship God together!

### Song: Shine, Jesus, Shine

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us,  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;  
Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory.  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire.

Flow, river, flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord,  
And let there be light.

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness  
So our faces display Your likeness,  
Ever changing from glory to glory;  
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story;  
Shine on me, shine on me.

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### **Prayer**

#### **Song: Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart**

Give thanks with a grateful heart;  
Give thanks to the Holy One;  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now let the weak say,  
"I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say,  
"I am strong,"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
Give thanks!

### **Announcements**

#### **Special music – Kyle Durst**

#### **Congregational Prayer**

#### **Song: #666- A Charge to Keep I Have (vs. 1,2,3)**

A charge to keep I have,  
A God to glorify,  
A never dying soul to save,

And fit it for the sky.

To serve the present age,  
My calling to fulfill;  
O may it all my powers engage  
To do my Master's will!

Arm me with watchful care  
As in Thy sight to live,  
And now Thy servant, Lord, prepare  
A strict account to give!

### **Offering/Offertory**

**Offering Song: Glorify Thy Name**

**Offering Prayer**

### **Children's Message**

#### **Scripture: Luke 16: 19-31**

<sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup> "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

<sup>25</sup> "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

<sup>27</sup> "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

<sup>29</sup> "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

<sup>30</sup> "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

<sup>31</sup> "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

### **Message**

Intro-

Bucket List

Live Like You're Dying

Scripture-Luke 16:19-31

Lazarus is the only character in Jesus' parables that ever gets a name

But he is not the main character in this story

In fact, Lazarus never speaks

The focus is actually on the unnamed, rich man

And all of the action in the story happens after they are both dead

The rich man has 2 requests made to Abraham (as the Jewish patriarch, he's present as an authority figure in the afterlife)

1. Let Lazarus cool my tongue
2. Let him warn my brothers

Abraham's response

1. In your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us

The rich man had already received comfort in this life (and seems to have given none)

More than that there is a great, fixed, unbridgeable chasm

There will be no comfort from Lazarus

2. 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'

Abraham also refuses to send Lazarus back to the land of the living to warn the rich man's brothers

Abraham tells him that Moses and the Prophets (another way of referring to the Scriptures)

If the words of God are not enough to convince them, even a ghostly vision will not change things

There is nothing Lazarus or this man can do for his brothers now

Time has run out for this man

Where are we in this story?

One commentator makes the observation that we are the brothers

We are those who remain alive

For us, the time is now

Because there are things we can't do in eternity

From this story, we see that in eternity it is too late

To care for our neighbors

To come to faith in God and to share that faith with others

And why can't we do these things?

No more poverty or sickness, no more suffering or pain

Revelation 22:1-3 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the

Lamb<sup>2</sup> down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

For those who are with God, like Lazarus there is all the comfort we could hope for

For those who are not, there is a infinite divide from the Source of all comfort

In that day, our “faith will be sight” as the Bible says

All will believe because all will see the reality of God as we stand in His presence

No one will ask for proof any more that God has been saying is true

Now that the rich man has seen and believes, he wants his brothers to know as well

But for us, these things come through faith

To believe through the inspired words of Scripture and through the working of the Holy Spirit

What we do now

How do we use the days we have been given?

Knowing that there will come a time when we are no longer able to comfort others, to have faith, and to share that faith

We do the things that we are able now

Because we don't know when our time is up

It seems like that caught both Lazarus and the rich man by surprise

So today, we offer what comfort we can to those who are struggling

Today, we have faith and we grow that faith

Today, we share the love and peace of Jesus with others

Because we don't know when their time runs out either

All of our excuses fall short

Never too young-can't count on tomorrow/next time

Have faith and love faith today

Never too old-don't waste what time we have left

Have faith and love faith today

Never too busy-nothing more important (this puts everything else in perspective)

Have faith and love faith today

**Song: #435- God of Grace and God of Glory (vs. 1,2,4)**

God of grace and God of glory,

On Thy people pour Thy power.

From the fears that long have bound us,

Free our hearts to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom;  
Grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us,  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom;  
Grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces  
In the fight to set men free.

Grant us wisdom;  
Grant us courage  
That we fail not man nor Thee,  
That we fail not man nor Thee.

**Benediction**

**Postlude**