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WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

Worship Leader Jerry Ham
Music Leader Praise Team
Prelude
Song "We Fall Down"
Song "Turn your eyes upon Jesus"

GATHERING

Welcome
Call to Worship **HWB** 821
Hymn "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" **SJ** 16
Hymn "I heard the voice of Jesus say" **HWB** 493
Prayer of Confession **HWB** 696
Back to School Blessing
Dismissal for Junior Worship (ages 4-7)
Song "Give us clean hands"

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Luke 16:19-31
Sermon "Trading Places" Pastor Ryan Ahlgrim
Silent Reflection

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn "I bind my heart this tide" **HWB** 411
Sharing of Joys & Concerns Ryan Ahlgrim
Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Offertory "The More I Seek You" Praise Team

SENDING

Sending Song "Go now in peace" **HWB** 429
Benediction

Luke 16:19-31 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

¹⁹ "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰ And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹ who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²² The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham.^[a] The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.^[b] ²⁴

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.*' ²⁵

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.*' ²⁶ 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.' ²⁷

He said, '*Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—*' ²⁸ for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment. ²⁹

Abraham replied, '*They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.*' ³⁰

He said, '*No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.*' ³¹

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.*'"