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The Riddle of Life Solved

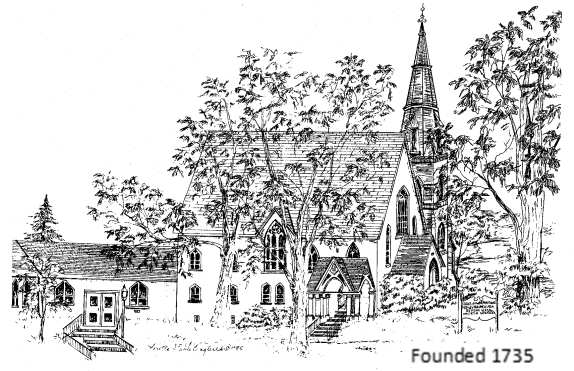
SERMON NOTES: July 31st, 2022

Scripture Text: **Psalm 49 (ESV)**

To the choirmaster. A Psalm of the Sons of Korah.

- 49**Hear this, all peoples!
Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
²both low and high,
rich and poor together!
³My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.
- ⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of those who cheat me surrounds me,
⁶those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?
⁷Truly no man can ransom another,
or give to God the price of his life,
⁸for the ransom of their life is costly
and can never suffice,
⁹that he should live on forever
and never see the pit.
- ¹⁰For he sees that even the wise die;
the fool and the stupid alike must perish
and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹Their graves are their homes forever,
their dwelling places to all generations,
though they called lands by their own names.
¹²Man in his pomp will not remain;
he is like the beasts that perish.
- ¹³This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;
yet after them people approve of their boasts. Selah
¹⁴Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;
death shall be their shepherd,
and the upright shall rule over them in the morning.
Their form shall be consumed in Sheol, with no place to dwell.
¹⁵But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,
for he will receive me. Selah
- ¹⁶Be not afraid when a man becomes rich,
when the glory of his house increases.
¹⁷For when he dies he will carry nothing away;
his glory will not go down after him.
¹⁸For though, while he lives, he counts himself blessed
—and though you get praise when you do well for yourself—
¹⁹his soul will go to the generation of his fathers,
who will never again see light.
²⁰Man in his pomp yet without understanding is like the beasts that perish.

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I. Riches without Ransom (vv. 7-12)

II. Ransom without Riches (vv. 13-15)

III. The Fading Glory and the Morning Light (vv. 16-20)