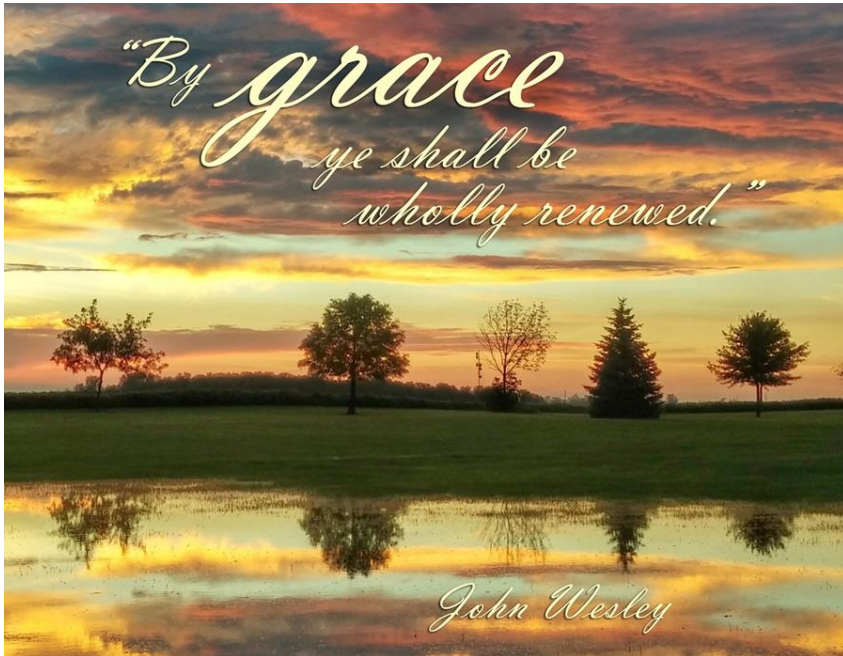


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Virtual and Indoor Worship Bulletin



Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Come with confidence before our God.

For nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Can hunger?

No!

Can hardship?

No!

Can people who are against us?

No!

Can death?

No!

Can anything in all creation?

No!

Then let us worship this most amazing God.

(from Ministry Matters)

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
Covenant Virtual Choir

Time with Children

Pastor Dawn

Scripture

Romans 8:31-39 (The Message)
See Text Below

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Special Music

And Can It Be
Virtual Choir

Campbell/Wesley/Martin

Sermon

“Our Theology of Grace”

Pastor Dawn

Invitation to Offering

Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor. We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us. We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness. For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him. May we walk in his ways. Amen.

Words of Assurance

For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

Sharing the Bread & the Cup

Closing Hymn

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus
Virtual Choir

Benediction

Postlude

Romans 8:31-39, The Message

³¹⁻³⁹So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture:

They kill us in cold blood because they hate you.

We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one.

None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

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