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Words of Welcome

Morning Prayer

Amazing God –

who wraps your arms around the cosmos,

who kisses us with every breath of life,

who chases us with grace and love;

We are so distant from one another today.

We miss the handshakes and hugs, signs of peace.

We miss the sounds of babies and children, signs of life.

We miss the familiar gentle smile sitting in the pew with us, signs of love.

We miss the embodiment of you in one another.

Lord, Jesus, bind us together.

While we are socially apart bring us spiritually close;

remind us the church is the people gathered together

even through digital means.

Where we feel disconnect, Spirit, link us.

Where we are drained, Spirit, fill us.

Where we are dead, Spirit, revive us!

through worship today, through your Word shared today, through you, God, today. Amen.

“Our Father Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

Bible Readings

Romans 8:14-17, 28, 31-35, 37-39 (NRSV)

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.



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What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Sermon

“Why God’s Love Prevails”

Lenten Sermon series: Why? Making Sense of God’s Will
Pastor Scott Walters

Pastoral Prayer

Announcement

Blessing



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