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Sunday, March 31, 2024

Culmore
United Methodist Church

Welcome and
Good Morning!

Happy Birthday, Virgie!

Once again it's your birthday. Once again the time is here.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Happy time is your birthday, happy time this year.
What a loving gift from Jesus, He has given you one more year.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
For you have Jesus Christ everyday of your life.
Oh happy birthday to you, oh happy birthday to you.
The Lord bless and keep you.
Happy birthday to you. And to Jesus with you.
God bless you and keep you. Happy birthday to you.





Leader: Christ is Risen!

All: **He is Risen Indeed!**

Opening Prayer



Dear eternal and loving God,

We are here on this holiest day of the year to worship, to give thanks and to be mindful of the great love that You show each and every one of us.

We are grateful for Your boundless love. Help us to remember that our being joined with You is a gift made possible only through the sacrifice of Your son Jesus.

God, it looks foolish to the world that You, the almighty, would stoop to love us so deeply, so absolutely, that You would send Your only son to save us....and yet, this is just what You did.

Father, let us be aware of Your grace on this Easter Sunday and always. **Amen.**



Christ Has Risen TFWS - 2115

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.

Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumor:
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people,
who he died to love and save;,
Christ has risen for the women
Bringing flowers to grace his grave.
Christ has risen for disciples
Huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
Can't be silenced by the tomb.

Matthew 27: 22



What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” Pilate asked.
They all answered, “**Crucify him!**”

John 11:50



“It’s better that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish.”

Matthew 27: 18



Pilate knew it was out of **self-interest** that the crowd had handed Jesus over to him.



Mark 15: 39



The curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom.

And when the centurion, who stood there in front of Jesus,

saw how he died, he said, **“Truly this man was the Son of God.”**

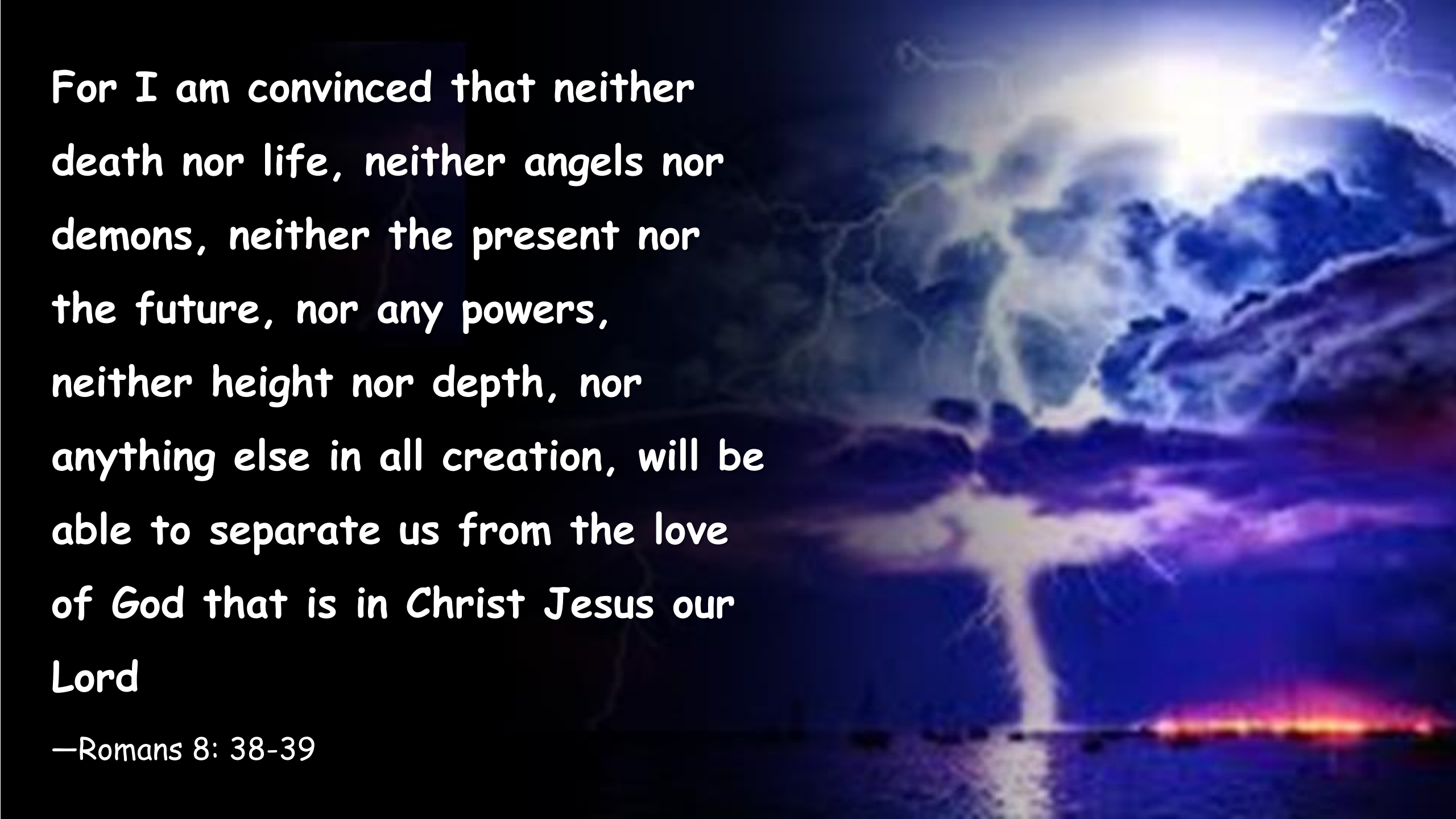
Luke 23: 34

Father, forgive them,
for they do not know
what they are doing.



God gives you his love.
What will you do with it?





For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord

—Romans 8: 38-39

Matthew 28: 20



And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.

In Christ Alone

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There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;

Community Prayer

Lord Jesus,

As we gather to celebrate Your resurrection and the new life it brings, we might question how we would respond if we found ourselves in situations that threaten our personal welfare.

Would we, like Peter, in the moment of trial, show weakness and deny You? Would we be at the foot of the cross with Your mother and Your disciple John, or just be disinterested, like Pilate? That's a good question to honestly ask ourselves.

We are so grateful that—no matter how often we stumble—You gave Your life for all of us. As You said when You died, those who betrayed You did not understand what they were doing.

LORD, we still need forgiveness for when we take Your sacrifice too lightly, ignoring all that You have done for us through Your death on the cross. Father, forgive us! *Amen.*

Offering and Doxology

UM Hymnal 95



We give thanks for this wonderful,
generous community of faith.

Benediction



Art by Kim DeGroat

God Is Good

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May your struggles keep you near the cross,
May your troubles show that you need God,
May your battles end the way they should.

Matthew 27: 20



But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.