

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**  
**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

**CHURCH LIFE**

**July 30, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

Prelude: Redeemed, How I love To Proclaim It Rita Pittman

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jonathon Kosec

**\* Call to Worship**

Pastor: I will lift your praise, my God and King, and bless your name forever.

**People: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever.**

Pastor: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

**People: Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you.**

Pastor: Send your Holy Spirit to lighten our load and the songs of our heart.

**People: For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

\* Hymn #78 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

\* Invocation

**Offering** Hymn # 369 Jesus Lover of My Soul

\* Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Scripture Lesson** Romans 8:26-39 Dallas Jensen

**Special Music** How Great Thou Art Rita Pittman

**Today's Message:** "NOTHING Separates!" Rev. Kosec

Hymn #83 "What A Fellowship"

**Prayers of the Church**

The Pastoral Prayer

\* Closing Hymn #676 "Go, My Children"

**\* Benediction**

Postlude: Wonderful Words of Life Rita Pittman

**PRAYER REQUESTS.** If you have a specific prayer request you want included in the prayers today during worship, please let Pastor Jon know before worship.

**SIGN IN, PLEASE!** We are blessed to have you with us today and we invite you to use the sign-up sheets on the rear table.

**ROMANS 8: STUDY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.** Today is the last of our focus on the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives using Paul's Letter to the Romans.

- *Overview of the Holy Spirit's activity.*
- *Focus on the Holy Spirit's role of making us children of God.*
- *Focus on nothing being able to separate us from God's love because of the Spirit.*

**FLOWER ARRANGING**...If this is your interest and you'd like to help out with our Altar arrangements, please talk to Nan McCleerey or call: 941-445-3769.

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!** If you are looking for a church home, we hope you would consider Covenant Church of Bay Indies as the place you'd like to call home!

**LOOKING AHEAD!!!**

Breakfast Buffet.....Aug.13th at Venezia Hotel

Sign-ups will begin next Sunday. Two weeks ago, 22 folks from our church attended and enjoyed small-table conversations.

**Head Usher:** Diane Carl

**Usher/Greeters:**

Richard & Barb Welch

**Attendance Last Week:**

In-Person - 34

## Scripture Reading

Romans 8: 26-39 (New Living Translation)

<sup>26</sup> And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. <sup>27</sup> And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. <sup>28</sup> And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. <sup>29</sup> For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. <sup>30</sup> And having chosen them, he called them to come to him. And having called them, he gave them right standing with himself. And having given them right standing, he gave them his glory.

<sup>31</sup> What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

<sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

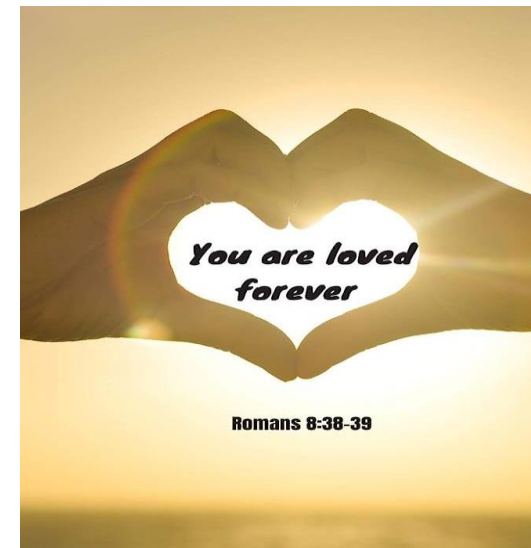
<sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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