



# Grace is Sufficient

**Memorial Service**

**June 10, 2025**

**Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center**



**Northern Illinois Conference**  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Memorial Service

## Remembering the Saints Triumphant

### Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

**Gathering Music**

*Promises*

NIC Praise Team

**Centering Words**

Rosa Lee

**Centering Music**

*Give Me Jesus*

NIC Praise Team

**The Word of Grace**

*United Methodist Book of Worship*

Cherie Quillman

Jesus said, I am resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, yet shall they live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I hold the keys of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also.

**\* Hymn of Worship**

*In the Garden*

UMH #314

**Scripture Reading**

*Romans 8:1–2, 11, 14, 17–18, 28, 31–32, 35–39 (NRSVUE)*

David Hamer (English)  
Audrey Rochet (Spanish)

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.  
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.  
If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.  
For all who are led by the Spirit of God 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.  
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 separate us from the love of Christ?  
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?  
As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."  
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.



## Memorial Service (continued)

### Reading

*Grief, a poem* by Morgan Harper Nichols

Dan Van Haften

Whether grief is a mountain range  
towering high above you,

or an unsettling hum  
in a desert  
you didn't know  
you'd have to travel through,

a volcano,  
indiscriminate  
as it wildly erupts,

or an earthquake  
that never prepares you  
before it breaks everything up,

a storm of waves that turn the ocean  
into an inescapable dome

a starless void of silence  
millions of light years from home,

for whatever shape grief takes,  
its presence claims space,  
unapologetically pushing the boundaries  
of logic, time, and place.

You are not a failure  
when you cannot  
make the grief just  
“go away.”

It'll take time  
to move through this landscape  
and I hope you know  
that's okay.

### Hymn of Worship

*It is Well with My Soul*

UMH #377

### Scripture Reading

*2 Corinthians 12:1-10 (NRSVUE)*

Sophia Hyon (Korean)  
Amy Reimer (English)

It is necessary to boast; nothing is to be gained by it, but I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

### Sermon

Bishop Dan Schwerin



# Memorial Service (continued)

## Act of Remembrance and Thanksgiving

Song of Reflection

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry, Vs. 1-2*

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### Active Clergy

Charlene Hill, Jan. 27, 2025  
Dennis Oglesby Jr., June 16, 2024  
Sigfried Schwirblat, Dec. 29, 2024  
Robyn Tabb, Oct. 22, 2024

### Retired Clergy

Ronald Ball, Jan. 11, 2025  
Nancy Dvorachek, July 12, 2024  
George Edwin Franke, Sept. 29, 2024  
Sang Hyu Han, May 15, 2024  
C. Wesley Johnson, Aug. 23, 2024  
Gladys King-Lucas, Feb. 8, 2025  
Lynn Everitt Longenbaugh, June 6, 2024  
Ron Purser, Feb. 24, 2025  
Raymond Rhoads, Aug. 4, 2024  
Royal Speidel, July 21, 2024  
Francine Taylor-Thirus, Oct. 8, 2024  
Margaret Anne Williams, June 5, 2024  
Cynthia Zolk, July 25, 2024



Song of Reflection

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry, Vs. 3-4*

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### Spouses of Retired Clergy

Marsha Harman, July 20, 2024  
Susan Keck, Oct. 17, 2024  
Robert Lacock, Feb. 28, 2025  
Maurine Patten, Dec. 9, 2024  
John E. Robinson, July 13, 2024  
Rosalind Swanson, Aug. 15, 2024

### Surviving Spouses of Deceased Clergy

Patrice Brown-Jackson, Aug. 24, 2024  
Catherine "Beth" Bundy, Jan. 28, 2025  
Esther Crandall, July 28, 2024  
Bruce Eller, Aug. 18, 2024  
Janet Matteson, Nov. 22, 2024  
Jane Reid, Feb. 3, 2025  
Kathryn Rockwood, June 30, 2024  
Elva Strawser, July 1, 2024



Song of Reflection

*I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry, Vs. 5-6*

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### Lay Members to Annual Conference

James "Jim" Blue, June 9, 2024  
Elizabeth "Liz" Okayama, Sept. 2, 2024  
Grace Elaine Willstead, June 7, 2024

# Memorial Service (continued)

**Song of Reflection**

*I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry, Vs. 7*

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**Remembrance at Tables**

Corey Ashley

At your table, you received a small glow stick. The glow sticks are varied in color and size. As you break the glow stick, I invite you to raise it up for all of us to see and remember one of the saints who now rests from their labor. One of the saints who has helped to make you who you are. One of the saints who lived their faith the best they knew how. One of the saints who has now joined the great cloud of witnesses. As you remember and give thanks for them, see the light continue to grow as we remember that great cloud of witnesses. May their memory be a blessing.

**Worship Song**

*Beautiful Things*

NIC Praise Team

**Prayer**

*United Methodist Book of Worship*

David Profit

**\* Hymn of Parting**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

NIC Praise Team

**Benediction**

Bishop Dan Schwerin

**Going Out Song**

*Gratitude*

NIC Praise Team

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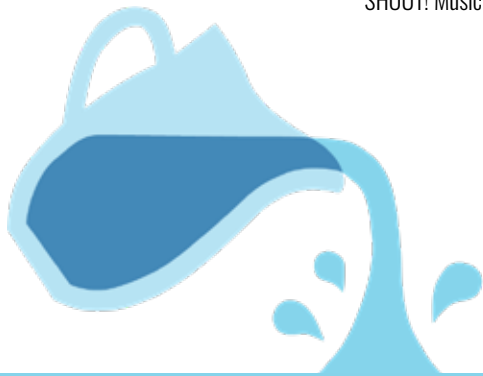
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