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Episode Three: The New Creation

Hi, my name is Sara Martin. I am Wesley United Methodist Church's young adult ministry resident and digital discipleship/online engagement pastor. Welcome to our first series of Methodist Minutes videos, where we will learn about the polity, history, and doctrine of the United Methodist Church together.

As United Methodists, we find ourselves rooted in a biblical and theological tradition that centers on the promise of God making all things new. We believe through the grace of God, our hearts and lives are made anew, and we are born again! Not only are our lives transformed, but our communities, relationships, institutions, and cultures will be too. Our families, neighborhoods, politics, economics, personal identity, and social relationships are seen through the lens of the new birth of Jesus Christ.

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

For Wesley, the mission of the Church is inherently shaped by how the Holy Spirit, Jesus the Son, and God the Father work together to transform our lives and the world we live in. This understanding of salvation leads to a vision of the Triune God acting through history to save all creation. This belief is not only the foundation of the Christian faith but an expression and vision that the Triune God will redeem and transform a broken world that we might experience and help usher in the New Creation, bringing about a world where human flourishing and Divine joy are realities. A world where there is no more strife, tears, suffering,

brokenness, or sin, but all of creation is made right with God and one another, renewed, redeemed, restored, and elevated to a state of grace and glory that aligns with God's intention of Goodness and Wholeness.