

# WELCOME TO GRACE PLACE

Today is May 11, 2019

*"What a Friend!" - Pastor Ed Rosser*

## SONG

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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## SCRIPTURE READINGS

*1 John 2:9-11*

Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- G** **Thanks be to God.**

*1 John 4:19-21*

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not

seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.

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- G** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOOD NEWS

*John 15:12-17*

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- G** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- G** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## SONG

*"On What Has Now Been Sown"*

On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;  
The pow'r is Thine alone to make it sprout and grow.  
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,  
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

To Thee our wants are known, from Thee are all our pow'rs;  
Accept what is Thine own and pardon what is ours.  
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,  
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

O grant that each of us, now met before Thee here,  
May meet together thus when Thou and Thine appear  
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.  
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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