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## PRELUDE

## OPENING PRAYER

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HYMN

### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything 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 every 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.

## SPECIAL MUSIC



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communicate with our Ramsey  
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## SCRIPTURE

### **John 3: 5-17** (NRSV)

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6 What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8 The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9 Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10 Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 11 “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 17 “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

### **John 3: 5-17** (NLT)

5 Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.” 9 “How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked. 10 Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things? 11 I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony. 12 But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13 No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. 16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

## SERMON

### **But God - A New Beginning**

*Rev. Claudia Stallings*

**PRAYER &  
LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be  
done on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for  
ever.  
Amen.

**CONSECRATING OUR  
TITHES & OFFERINGS**

**DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**HYMN**

**What a Friend**

Everybody has trials and temptations  
(Ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh)  
Everybody knows heartbreak, isolation  
(Ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh)

**Refrain:**  
**But we can lay our burdens down**  
**Lay our burdens down**  
**What a friend we have in Jesus**  
**East to west my sins are gone**  
**I see grace on every horizon**  
**And forever and ever His heart is my**  
**home**

Everybody has fears, everybody got worries  
(Ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh)  
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation  
(Ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh ooh)

No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
How He has proven it over and over  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful  
How He has proven it over and over  
Over and over

**DISMISSAL WITH  
BLESSING**

**Prayer Requests**

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Brittany Johnson  
Darlene Thomas  
Debbie Mullins  
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Emily Bucknam

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Fox Family  
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Frances Owen  
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Jimmie Early

Justus  
Joanne Jenkins  
Lois Crafton  
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Mitch Early  
Nancy Hulon

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