

# Outdoor Bluegrass Worship: Sunday, September 17, 2023

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## Welcome

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### God of Grace and Glory

God of grace and God of glory, On thy people pour thy power  
Crown thine ancient church's story, Bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour  
For the facing of this hour.

Cure thy children's warring madness, Bend our pride to thy control  
Shame our wanton selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal  
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal

Save us from weak resignation, To the evils we deplore  
Let the search for thy salvation, Be our glory evermore  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving thee whom we adore  
Serving thee whom we adore.

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### The Old Rugged Cross

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best,  
for a world of lost sinners was slain

#### Refrain:

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
'til my trophies at last I lay down.  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.**

Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary. **(Refrain)**

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
such a wonderful beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and die  
to pardon and sanctify me. **(Refrain)**

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where His glory forever I'll share. **(Refrain)**

### Scripture: Daniel 2: 20-23b

Daniel said: "Blessed be the name of God from age to age,  
for wisdom and power are his. He changes times and  
seasons, deposes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom  
to the wise and knowledge to those who have  
understanding. He reveals deep and hidden things; he  
knows what is in the darkness, and light dwells with him. To  
you, O God of my ancestors, I give thanks and praise, for  
you have given me wisdom and power,

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### Sermon: *The Very Reverend John C. Ross*

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### Prayers

#### Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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### Keep On The Sunny Side

Well there's a dark and a troubled side of life  
There's a bright and a sunny side too  
But if you meet with the darkness and strife  
The sunny side we also may view

#### Chorus:

**Keep on the sunny side,  
always on the sunny side  
Keep on the sunny side of life  
It will help us every day,  
it will brighten all our way  
If we keep on the sunny side of life**

Oh, the storm and its fury broke today  
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear  
Clouds and storms will in time pass away  
The sun again will shine bright and clear **(Chorus)**

Let us greet with a song of hope each day  
Though the moments be cloudy or fair  
Let us trust in our Savior always  
To keep us, every one, in His care **(Chorus)**