

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**2nd Sunday of Easter**  
**April 19, 2020 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston, and Scott Iddings*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: [A NEW ANOINTING](#)

by Zoe Group

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: With Mary Magdalene, whose glad tidings  
signaled hope and summoned joy, we proclaim:

**All: We have seen the Lord!**

Pastor: With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace  
and freed from fear, we declare:

**All: We have seen the Lord!**

Pastor: Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

**All: Let us worship God!**

JESUS IS RISEN FROM THE GRAVE

JLBell, Iona Community

**Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave,  
Jesus is risen from the grave, Alleluia.**

**Jesus was seen by Mary,  
Jesus was seen by Mary,  
Jesus was seen by Mary, Alleluia.**

**Thomas will stop his doubting,  
Thomas will stop his doubting,  
Thomas will stop his doubting, Alleluia.**

**Jesus will live forever,  
Jesus will live forever,  
Jesus will live forever, Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Living God, we are among the ones  
whom Jesus said were blessed.

But we have seen no risen body, no walking through walls,  
no nail-pierced hands and side.

**All: Come close, Lord.**

Pastor: How much easier it would be if we had seen  
with our own eyes; if we knew where he was,  
and could invite others to come and see for themselves.

**All: Help us see, Lord.**

Pastor: But that is not how it is, nor ever was meant to be.  
Resurrection is not an argument, but an experience of  
a relationship that death cannot sever. It is an act of trust,  
not a test of logic nor a feat of willpower.

**All: Come close, Lord.**

Pastor: We ask forgiveness, not for our doubting,  
but for our failure to be honest about what we do believe,  
and what we struggle to affirm.  
Not for asking questions,  
but for stopping short of the really hard questions  
that would take us closer to the deepest truth.

**All: Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: We pray, as we always do,  
for your presence with us in our worship here today.  
May we be surprised,  
astonished,  
delighted,  
when our prayers are answered,  
and we depart knowing  
that we have been with the One who lived  
and died and is alive for evermore,  
Jesus Christ, our companion and friend.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, believe the Good News.  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven  
and receive the peace which only Christ can bring.

I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

GTG 623

**I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.**

## **WE GROW IN GRACE**

WEE WORSHIP

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD (*verse 1*)

GTG 286

**Breathe on me, breath of God;  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

[Psalm 16:1,2,5,7-11 and John 20:19-31](#)

MESSAGE

*["He came. He stood. He said."](#)*

Rev. John Dillon

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Chris Tomlin

**There is an endless song,  
echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.  
Though the storms may come,  
I am holding on to the rock I cling.**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King,  
and it makes my heart want to sing.**

**I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,  
for I know my Savior lives.  
And I will walk with You,  
knowing You'll see me through  
and sing the songs You give.**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King,  
and it makes my heart want to sing.**

**I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.  
I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.  
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.  
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord,  
when I call You in prayer.  
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know  
That I'll sing with the angels  
and the saints around the throne.**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise?  
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?  
How can I keep from shouting Your name?  
I know I am loved by the King,  
and it makes my heart  
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart  
I am loved by the King,  
and it makes my heart want to sing.**

#### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

music provided by John Morefield

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE GO IN GRACE

I DANCED IN THE MORNING

GTG 157

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

*(Refrain)*

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

**I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they would not follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John.  
They came with me and the dance went on. *(Refrain)***

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame.  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,  
and left me there on a cross to die. *(Refrain)***

**I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
but I am the dance and I still go on. *(Refrain)***

**They cut me down and I leapt up high.  
I am the life that will never, never die.  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. (*Refrain*)**

SENDING

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...  
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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