

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



## Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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*ready for battle*

**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 16, 2020 | 9:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*  
*Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon*  
*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,*  
*Scott Iddings, and John Morefield*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC:

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Listen and understand, says the Lord.

**All: We come with open hearts and minds  
to explore and uncover new insight.**

Pastor: With story and encounter,  
argument and influence, passion and heartache,

**All: we share in the ongoing discovery  
of faith and community.**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

COME, HOST OF HEAVEN'S

words: The Iona Community

HIGH DWELLING PLACE

tune: St. Columba

**Come, Host of Heav'n's high dwelling place,  
Come, earth's disputed guest;  
Find where we meet a welcome home,  
Stay here and take your rest.**

**Bless and inspire those gathered here  
With patience, hope, and peace,  
And all the joys that know the depth  
In which all sorrows cease.**

**Build, from the human fabric, signs  
Of how your kingdom thrives,  
Of how the Holy Spirit changes life  
By changing lives.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Have mercy on us! In the midst of our pain and our fear,  
we cry out for those we love,  
for our planet, for our neighbor and ourselves.  
We cry out for those we have hurt  
and for those who have hurt us.

**All: Merciful God, help us!**

Pastor: We search for answers, for comfort and healing,  
and we often only find platitudes or well wishes.

**All: We need help, we need care and compassion.  
We cry out.**

Pastor: Why? Because our answers are in you alone, our Lord,  
our God. We turn to you because your mercy is on us,  
because our help comes from you.

We kneel before you, O God, our comforter and guide,  
our strength through the pain, our light in the darkness,  
and we praise you.

**All: Let your forgiveness wash over us. Take from us  
all ungodly words, thoughts and actions.**

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: Friends, Christ alone can forgive.

Christ alone can wash us clean.

Christ alone can bring true peace.

Accept and share the peace of Christ and

know that we are forgiven. Amen.

#### SUNG RESPONSE: IN GOD ALONE

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**In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,  
in God my peace and joy.**

**Only in God my soul can find its rest,  
find its rest and peace.**

## WE GROW IN GRACE

#### WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING:

[Proverbs 21:24-31](#)

MESSAGE

*“Co-operating with God”*

Rev. John Dillon

TAKE MY LIFE

Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

**Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to Thee.**

**Take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love.**

**Take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
always only for my King.**

**Take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold.**

**Take my intellect and use  
ev'ry power as You choose.**

**Here am I, all of me.**

**Take my life, it's all for Thee.**

**Take my will and make it Thine,  
it shall be no longer mine.**

**Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
it shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at Your feet its treasure store.**

**Here am I, all of me.**

**Take my life, it's all for Thee.**

**Here am I, all of me.**

**Take my life, it's all for Thee.**

**Take myself and I will be  
ever only all for Thee.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### 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: IMPROVISATION ON AIN'T A THAT GOOD NEWS

music provided by John Morefield

*Your gifts to RCLPC matter now more than ever! Our expenses continue, and since we won't be passing offering plates each Sunday, your online or mailed giving is essential. If you are able to give online, we ask that you do so now through our [online giving program](#). We are checking the mail, if you prefer to mail in your check. However you are able to give, your generosity in this time makes a big difference!*

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO IN GRACE**

COME AND SEEK THE WAYS OF WISDOM

GTG 174

**Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,  
she who danced when earth was new.  
Follow closely what she teaches,  
for her words are right and true.  
Wisdom clears the path to justice,  
showing us what love must do.**

**Listen to the voice of Wisdom,  
crying in the marketplace.  
Hear the Word made flesh among us,  
full of glory, truth, and grace.  
When the word takes root and ripens,  
peace and righteousness embrace.**

**Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;  
nurture all who seek rebirth.  
Spirit-guide and close companion,  
bring to light our sacred worth.  
Free us to become your people,  
holy friends of God and earth.**

SENDING

FATHER LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

The Porter's Gate  
(Urban Doxology & friends)

*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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