

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, 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: [Rombaho / From All that Turns Us from You](#)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord says, "I will answer the prayers of my people.
I will hold them close."

All: Lord, hold us close.

Pastor: I will deal with them with integrity,
justice, tenderness and mercy.

All: Lord, be tender.

Pastor: I shall know them by name and cradle each one in love.

All: Lord cradle me.

Pastor: I will say, "You are my people."

All: We shall respond. You are our God.

Pastor: Lord, accept the worship of your children. Amen.

WE BELONG TO YOU

Victoria Thomson, Trevor Thomson*

Refrain

**We belong to you,
O Lord of our longing,
We belong to you.
In our daily living,
dying and rising
We belong to you.**

**In the waters of your mercy,
When the old becomes the new,
Souls united in the myst'ry:
We belong to you.**

**Filled with gifts and filled with goodness,
Spirit breathing life into
All who seek to find their purpose:
We belong to you.**

Refrain

**We belong to you,
O Lord of our longing,
We belong to you.
In our daily living,
dying and rising
We belong to you.**

**We are called to share your word, Lord,
In all we say, and all we do.
As our journey moves us onward,
We belong to you.**

Refrain

**We belong to you,
O Lord of our longing,
We belong to you.
In our daily living,
dying and rising
We belong to you.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Jesus, Savior and Friend, your life, your teaching,
your suffering, death and resurrection was for us.
Individually you know us and love us. In all our diversity
and wrongdoing you still value each and every one.

**All: Sometimes willfully, sometimes without thought,
we have de-valued another.**

For this we ask that you forgive us.

Pastor: When we take one of your children for granted
and see their value only in how it enriches us,

All: disturb and correct us, merciful Savior.

Pastor: In your mercy, confront our prejudice, stretch our
narrowness, penetrate our lives until generosity is our only
measure and we give value to all of your creation.

SUNG RESPONSE: TAKE O TAKE ME AS I AM

GTG 698

**Take, O take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: The Lord God Almighty has brought us to a place where we can no longer hide and must face our own emptiness. An emptiness which can only be filled by the Peace of Christ, So take a moment for the Peace of Christ to cleanse all that harms you and brings you hope.

~ silence ~

**All: We are forgiven and filled with the Peace.
Let us share it and rejoice. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE: WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED AND FREE Paul M Vasile

**We are forgiven loved and free.
We're washed anew and then called to be
hope for the weary, strength for the weak,
with a blessing of peace for all,
with a blessing of peace for all.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART (GTG 452)

Paul Baloche

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing "Holy, holy, holy"**

**High and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing "Holy, holy, holy"**

(sing two times)
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see You

SCRIPTURE READING:

[1 Corinthians 6:1-6,11b-12,19-20](#)

MESSAGE

“De-valued People”

Rev. John Dillon

SACRED THE BODY

GTG 27

Sacred the body
God has created,
temple of Spirit that dwells deep inside.
Cherish each person;
nurture relation.
Treat flesh as holy, that love may abide.

Bodies are varied,
made in all sizes,
pale, full of color; both fragile and strong.
Holy the difference,
gift of the Maker,
so let us honor each story and song.

Love respects persons,
bodies and boundaries.
Love does not batter, neglect, or abuse.
Love touches gently,
never coercing.
Love leaves the other with power to choose.

Holy of holies,
God ever loving,
make us your temples; indwell all we do.
May we be careful,
tender and caring,
so may our bodies give honor to you.

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.

WE ARE PRAYING

**All Sing: We are praying, Lord, we are praying.
We are praying, Lord, we are praying.
We are men, women, we are children,
and Lord, we are praying.**

**So let the rains go, let the healing river flow.
Let justice roll like waters.
Let the days begin, when new life enters in,
and let your Kingdom come.**

OFFERING:

music provided by John Morefield

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DOXOLOGY

GTG 607

**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

LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

GTG 737

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,
to carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears.
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.
And with all of the family you saved by your love,
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

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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