

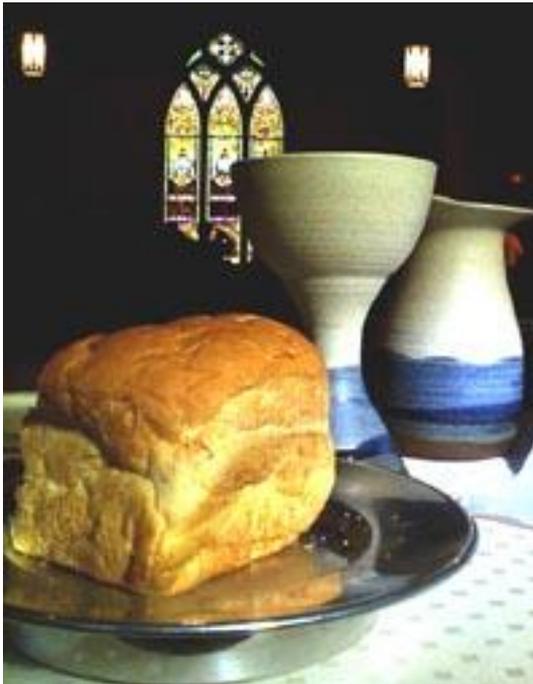
AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020 | 9:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,
Rebecca Floyd, and John Morefield

WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: "[Troubled Water](#)"

by Margaret Bonds*
performed by Maria Corley

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,

All: God welcomes us here.

Pastor: Whether we seek healing and wholeness,
or stand ready to extend compassion,

All: God welcomes us here.

Pastor: Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain,
or renewed and refreshed, our souls at peace,
we gather to hear the good news.

All: Come close and be renewed.

The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

GATHER US IN (*verses 1,3,4*)

GTG 401

**Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: "Do not fear," you tell us. But we cower before threats to our comfort and security, not trusting your promise to care for us nor boldly stepping forward in faith.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: "Take up the cross," you tell us. But we live as though death still holds dominion, and doubt the promise of the gospel.

All: Forgive us, Lord.

Pastor: "Place your trust in me" you tell us. But we fail to challenge powers that diminish and principalities that destroy.

**All: Forgive us, Lord. Help us to live with you and for you.
Make us worthy to bear the name of Christ.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: Behold Christ makes all things new.
Starting with each of us and starting at this moment.
We are forgiven in his name and may the
Peace of Christ descend upon us all
to bring us courage and strengthen our faith.

**All: Let it be so and let us share the Peace one with another.
Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE: COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

GTG 466

**Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SUNG RESPONSE: LISTEN, GOD IS CALLING

GTG 456

Refrain:

**Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy. (repeat)**

Verse:

Help us to be faithful, standing steadfast,
walking in your precepts, led by your Word.

Refrain:

**Listen, God is calling, through the Word inviting,
offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Hebrews 11:23-29

MESSAGE

“By Faith”

Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING :

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!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

music provided by John Morefield

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

WE GO IN GRACE

GIVE THANKS FOR THOSE WHOSE FAITH IS FIRM (*vs 1,2,4*) GTG 731

**Give thanks for those whose faith is firm
when all around seems bleak:
on God's good promise they rely,
so while they live and when they die
how forcefully they speak:
the strong, who once were weak!**

**Give thanks for those whose hope is clear,
beyond mere mortal sight:
who seek the city God has planned,
the true, eternal promised land,
and steer on toward that light,
a beacon ever bright.**

**Give thanks for saints of ages past
and saints alive today:
though often by this world despised,
their hearts by God are richly prized.
Give thanks that we may say
we share their pilgrim way.**

SENDING

A CLARE BENEDICTION

John Rutter
sung by Rebecca Floyd

About the music...

* Margaret Allison Bonds (1913-72) was a concert pianist and composer, who created works in a broad range of genres. A native of Chicago, Bonds studied at Northwestern University, earning undergraduate and graduate degrees in music in 1933 and 1934. That same year of 1934, she became the first African American soloist to perform with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Bonds studied composition with Florence Price and William Dawson, with further work at the Juilliard School with Roy Harris. Bonds was a frequent collaborator with Langston Hughes setting much of his work to music.

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