

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020 | 9:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Liturgy and Scripture Reader: Brendan Baser
Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,
Scott Iddings, and Rebecca Floyd

WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: Marvelous Error text: by Antonio Machado,
Last Night, As I Was Sleeping
music: Paul Halley
vocalist: Theresa Thomason
from *Sound Over All Waters*

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Holy God, our hope and strength,
accept our worship this day.

**All: By the power of your Spirit, prepare the way in our
hearts for the coming of your Word.**

One: Allow us to see glorious signs of your promise fulfilled.

All: Even in the everyday ebb and flow of life.

One: No matter what befalls us, be it fame or shame.

All: Grant us the certainty of your ever present guidance.

One: Let us place our hope in God and worship with joy. Amen.

PEOPLE OF THE LORD

GTG 632

**People of the Lord,
listen to my voice.
Hear the ancient words.
Once again rejoice!**

Refrain:

**What we have heard, what we have known,
let our tongues tell our sons and daughters
the wonders of our living God,
that they may join us in the chorus.**

**Tell of God's great deeds.
Teach God's loving law
that faith's precious seed
in each heart may grow. (*Refrain*)**

**Tell the news till each
generation knows.
They, in turn, will teach
those yet to be born. (*Refrain*)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, you are the Light of the World.
Yet, too often, we shroud your light with our indifference.
There is much we must confess:
When we turn a blind eye to suffering,

All: forgive us.

One: When we are silent in the face of injustice,

All: forgive us.

One: When we choose comfort over compassion,

All: forgive us.

One: When we neglect to offer grace and love,

All: forgive us.

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: Gracious God, you entered into our broken world and
made a home among the desperate and despairing.
Enter now the shadows of our lives.
Give us eyes to see you in the faces of those we meet.
Give us the will to care for our neighbors in need.
Banish all our sins and open our hearts to receive your
grace—Grace which only comes from the Peace of Christ.
Peace which alone brings forgiveness.
Accept the Peace and share the bounty of our Father.
Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: GLORY TO GOD,
WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

GTG 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

KNOW THAT GOD IS GOOD

GTG 659

Know that God is good.
Know that God is good.
Know that God is good;
God is good; God is good.

Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah.
Halle, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah.

SCRIPTURE READING:

[Genesis 37:1-4,12-28](#) (CEB)

MESSAGE

"I Have Met Every One of Them"

Rev. John Dillon

GOD, HOW CAN WE FORGIVE

GTG 445

God, how can we forgive
when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew,
our trust reborn?
When human loving fails
and every hope is gone,
your love gives strength beyond our own
to face the dawn.

When we have missed the mark,
and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt,
the debt we owe?

**The ocean depth of grace
surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain,
Christ intercedes.**

**Who dares to throw the stone
to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past,
forgive again?**

**No more we play the judge,
for by your grace we live.**

**As you, O God, forgive our sin,
may we forgive.**

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: ISN'T IT A PITY

George Harrison
music provided by Scott Iddings

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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.**

WE GO IN GRACE

HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

GTG 754

**Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.**

**Be present, Lord, among us
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted,
and meant to love and live.**

**Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.**

**Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.**

**Lord, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for justice and for bread,
we need new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:
renew us with your Spirit;
Lord, free us; make us one!**

SENDING

A CLARE BENEDICTION

sung by Rebecca Floyd

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