

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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“Raise your voice... do not be afraid.” — The Messenger
“I Believe in Love: Daring Right Relationship”

John Dillon, Pastor
2nd Sunday of Advent
December 6, 2020 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,
Scott Iddings, Rod Russell, Dan Gilman, and Al Popp
Readers and Candle Lighter: Andrea and Teddy Pracht

WE GATHER

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

ADVENT PRAYER

Pastor: Holy One, we thank you for the glimpses
we catch of your gift of daring love.
Even in the midst of fear, of challenge, of struggle—
even when we cannot yet see a better day
when we will act like the human family we are,
ignite the flame of love within us,

**All: that we might glow with its brilliance
from the inside out.**

Pastor: Help us face this fear of difference
and dare to see what love can do.

All: Amen.

Pastor: You are invited to light your Advent candle
of Love at this time.

EVEN SO COME

Chris Tomlin

**All of creation
All of the earth
Make straight a highway
A path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon
Call back the sinner
Wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon
Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing
Even so come
Lord Jesus, come
Even so come
Lord Jesus, come**

**There will be justice
All will be new
Your name forever
Faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon**

**Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing
Even so come
Lord Jesus, come**

**Even so come
Lord Jesus, come**

**So we wait
We wait for You
God, we wait
You're coming soon**

**So we wait
We wait for You
God, we wait
You're coming soon**

**Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing**

**Like a bride waiting for her groom
We'll be a Church ready for You
Every heart longing for our King
We sing**

**Even so come
Lord Jesus, come**

PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ, the Peace of Love
be with each of us this day and for evermore.
Peace be with You.

All: **And also with you.**

WE PROCLAIM

CHILDREN'S TIME TO SHINE: *This Little Light of Mine*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 7:1-14 (CEB)

THE WITNESS OF MUSIC: SEE THE LOVE

The Brilliance

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:1-25 (CEB)

MESSAGE

"Fear not! Love Conquers All"

Rev. John Dillon

WE RESPOND

LITANY OF BELIEF

Pastor: I believe that we have been taught to fear one another
AND

All: I believe that we are capable of learning to love.

Pastor: I believe that our society is built on a foundation of
oppression of some over others AND

**All: I believe that we can speak this truth
and move to act in ways that balance this inequity.**

Pastor: I believe that we are afraid AND

**All: I believe that we can lean on each other
and God for courage to face anything.**

Pastor: We believe, even when we are discouraged.

**All: We believe, that when we are discouraged, raising
our voices for justice will bring about more love in
the world!**

PRAYERS IN THE STILLNESS: "STILLNESS"

OFFERING: OPPORTUNITIES TO "FILL THE NIGHT" WITH LOVE

DOXOLOGY: "FILL THE NIGHT" WITH LOVE

[to the tune of "Give Thanks" GTG 647]

**Believe, with a loving heart!
Believe, and shine your light!
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!**

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Believe, and shine your light!
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!**

**And now let the weak say, “We are strong;”
let the poor say, “We are rich
because of what our God has done for us.”**

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let the poor say, “We are rich
because of what our God has done for us.”**

**Believe, with a loving heart!
Believe, and shine your light!
Believe, because the song we sing is sung for all!
Believe!**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND LOVE 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

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: Summoned by holiness, roused to justice-
we are called to live in love.
Granted forgiveness, blessed be mercy-
we are called to live in hope.
Beckoned by saints, encouraged by angels-
we are called to live in joy. Amen.

WE GO FORTH

CAROL OF RESISTANCE: IT CAME UPON A MIDNIGHT CLEAR GTG 123

**It came upon the midnight clear,
that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth,
to touch their harps of gold:
“Peace on the earth, good will to all,
from heaven’s all-gracious King”:
the world in solemn stillness lay,
to hear the angels sing.**

**Yet with the woes of sin and strife
the world has suffered long;
beneath the heavenly hymn have rolled
two thousand years of wrong;
and we at war on earth hear not
the tidings that they bring;
O, hush the noise and cease the strife
to hear the angels sing!**

**For lo, the days are hastening on,
by prophets seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold,
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.**

BENEDICTION

HAND BELL BENEDICTION

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