

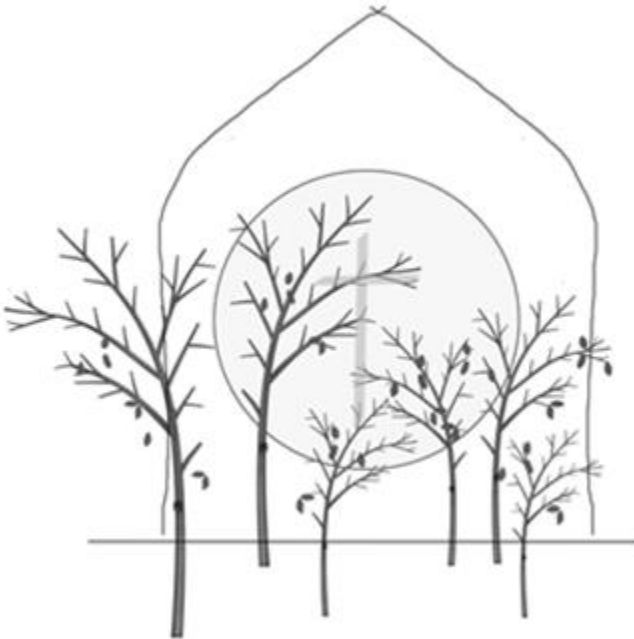
AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**March 29, 2020 | 9:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Rev. Fred Neuschel and Rev. John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston, and Scott Iddings*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Fred Neuschel

OPENING SONG: 10,000 REASONS

words and music by Matt Redman

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's Holy name  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**The sun comes up,  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's Holy name  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**You're rich in love,  
And you're slow to anger  
Your name is great,  
And your heart is kind  
For all your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's Holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's Holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**Lord, I'll worship your Holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name  
I'll worship your Holy name  
I'll worship your Holy name**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Fred Neuschel

One: Lord of life, today we turn our attention  
to the story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead;  
and we take courage from the words of Jesus,  
"I am the resurrection and the life."

**All: We thank you for your saving grace which brings with  
it reconciliation with you and with each other.**

One: When we are afraid and our fear  
leads us to think only of ourselves,

**All: raise us up, O Lord.**

One: When we are discouraged and grow tired  
of being the servants you have called us to be,

**All: raise us up, O Lord.**

One: When we are proud and haughty and turn a deaf ear  
or blind eye to others,

**All: call us out of that tomb, O Lord.**

One: When we abuse the gifts you have given us  
through your creation,

**All: call us out of that tomb, O Lord.**

One: When we shun change and cling to old ways of thinking  
and comfortable habits of behavior,

**All: raise us to an openness of mind,  
a life of gratitude and a joy in living. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE: YOU ARE THE LORD,  
GIVER OF MERCY! (GTG 437)

**All (sing): You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Fred Neuschel

One: As they approached Jerusalem, Jesus said to his disciples,  
“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will send in my name,  
will teach you everything, and remind you  
of all that I have said to you.  
Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
and do not let them be afraid.”

**All (sing): (GTG 288)**

**Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.**

PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Fred Neuschel

One: The peace of the Lord be with you;

All: **and also with you.**

**The peace of the Lord be with you;  
and also with you.**

## WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

Anthony

PSALM 23 by John Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING: [John 11:1-45](#)

Rev. Fred Neuschel

WHEN JESUS WEPT (GTG 194)

text: Perez Morton, 1770; music: William Billings, 1770

**When Jesus wept, the falling tear  
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.  
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear  
seized all the guilty world around.**

MESSAGE

*[“Abiding Presence”](#)*

Rev. Fred Neuschel

CALL OF WISDOM by Will Todd

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. John Dillon

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. John Dillon

**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

Rev. John Dillon

*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!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. John Dillon

## WE GO IN GRACE

HYMN OF PROMISE (GTG 250) (*verses 1 and 3*)

**In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.**

**In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

SENDING

Rev. John Dillon

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