

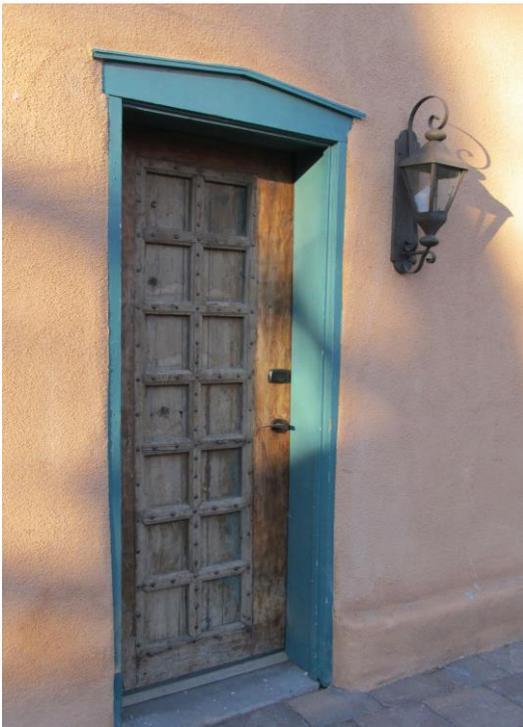
AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
5th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2020 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon

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

WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: [SPEM IN ALIUM*](#)

Thomas Tallis

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

**All: We long for abiding peace and friendship
that renews our souls.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

**All: We seek wisdom that endures
and guidance for our journey.**

Pastor: Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also."

**All: We come to encounter Christ.
Let us worship our God!**

HYMN 311: HERE, O LORD, YOUR SERVANTS GATHER (*verse 1*)

**Here, O Lord, your servants gather,
hand we link with hand;
looking toward our Savior's cross,
joined in love we stand.
As we seek the realm of God,
we unite to pray:
Jesus, Savior, guide our steps,
for you are the Way.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Loving God, we do not always know what the right thing to do is. We do not always know what you want from us.

**All: Your words can be confusing,
they can be hopeful,
they can be happy, they can be sad,
but whatever they are, whatever they mean,
we know that they all point us towards your love for us.**

Pastor: We pray that your life will be our guide, that we will have the courage to follow you, to know the way forward through your example, that our lives will be inspired and led by what we know of you.

All: Thank you, God, for showing us the way forward, even though we might not be able to see you with our eyes, we know you through the world, and our families, and our church.

Pastor: We know that as long as we love you, and love each other, we will be following your way.

All: Forgive our faltering steps.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE

Pastor: God has forgiven you.

Christ will renew you and the Spirit will enable you.

Receive and share the Peace of Christ.

All: Let it be so. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

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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

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

[Psalm 31:1-5 and John 14:1-14](#)

MESSAGE

["Doorsteps & Thresholds"](#)

Rev. John Dillon

ONE ROAD TO FREEDOM

Ben Harper

Tell me which road are you traveling.

Which road are you traveling on?

Tell me who will you turn to, when the light has gone.

I hear somebody calling.

I hear somebody calling to me.

With so many roads to travel, there's just one can set you free.

**There's just one road,
one road to freedom, just one.**

**In my life I have been blessed,
In my life I have been cursed.**

**I have lived the best of times,
I have suffered the worst.**

Do you know which road you're traveling?

Do you know where you want to be?

**With so many roads to travel,
there's just one can set you free.**

**There's just one road,
one road to freedom, just one.**

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.

OFFERING

music provided by John Morefield

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

HYMN 311: HERE, O LORD, YOUR SERVANTS GATHER (*verse 4*)

**Grant, O God, an age renewed,
filled with deathless love;
help us as we work and pray;
send us from above
truth and courage, faith and power
needed in our strife:
Jesus, Savior, be our Way;
be our Truth, our Life.**

SENDING

["DOXOLOGY"](#)

Michael Gungor

*... about the music this week

Spem in Alium is a 40 part Renaissance motet by Thomas Tallis, composed inc.1570 for eight choirs of 5 voices each. It is considered by many to be the greatest piece of English early music and is described as Tallis' "crowning achievement."

I have never put my hope in any other
but in Thee, God of Israel
who canst show both wrath and graciousness,
and who absolves all the sins
of man in suffering
Lord God,
Creator of Heaven and Earth
regard our humility

*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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