

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
4th Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2020 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston, Scott Iddings,
Alex Riak, Elizabeth Novak, and John Morefield*

WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: [THE PORTER'S GATE - NOTHING TO FEAR](#)

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION: OFFERING OF LETTERS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Gentle Shepherd of our souls.

Truth behind all mystery.

Life within all living.

All: We praise you!

Pastor: Salve of every soreness.

Mender of every brokenness.

Protector of our journeying.

All: We praise you!

Pastor: Ground of all being.

Judge of all nations.

Provider of tomorrow.

All: We praise you!

Pastor: Maker. Redeemer. Savior. Shepherd.

God beyond all names.

All: We praise you!

EVERYTHING GLORIOUS

David Crowder

The day is brighter here with You.

The night is lighter than its' hue.

Would leave me to believe, which leads me to believe.

You make everything glorious.

You make everything glorious.

You make everything glorious, and I am Yours.

What does that make me?

My eyes are small but they have seen

The beauty of enormous things.

Which leads me to believe

There's light enough to see, oh that,

**You make everything glorious.
You make everything glorious.
You make everything glorious, and I am Yours.**

**From glory, to glory,
You are glorious, You are glorious.
From glory, to glory,
You are glorious, You are glorious.**

**Which leads me to believe,
Why I can believe.**

**You make everything glorious.
You make everything glorious.
You make everything glorious, and I am Yours.**

**You make everything glorious.
You make everything glorious.
You make everything glorious, and I am Yours.**

**From glory, to glory,
From glory, to glory,
You are glorious. You are glorious.
You are glorious. You are glorious.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us take a moment of silence
and open our hearts to God.

~ silence ~

Pastor: Shepherd of our very being,
your fold is always open for your sheep.
There is no cooling of the warmth of your welcome.
No closing of the hospitality of your invitation.
No refusal of your help.

**All: Yet we know we have strayed,
we know we have wandered
both accidently and deliberately from your care.**

Pastor: It is only your grace and power which cancels our
wrongdoing and overlooks our faults.
Forgive us for those times when we have failed

to find our way to you, and instead have gone our own way, and walked away from the flock.

All: Forgive us for those times when we have ignored the shepherd's call and instead gone headlong into the darkness of sin.

Pastor: Lord Jesus, we know that you are the shepherd of our lives, always looking out for us, offering protection from a world that can be a scary place.

All: Thank you for never giving up on your restless flock. Shepherd of our lives, hear our prayer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE

Pastor: Hear the shepherd's call!

Experience the shepherd's compassion!

Know the shepherd's love and forgiveness!

In Christ we are forgiven.

All: Give thanks to the Lord !

Pastor: Jesus is the breath of life and the peace of the world.

Carry that peace upon your breath and share it with others near and far .

All: Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: IN GOD ALONE

Taizé

**In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
in God my peace and joy.**

**Only in God my soul can find its rest,
find its rest and peace.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC: IN THE ROUGH

Alex Riak*

cello performance by Tina Guo

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

[Ezekiel 34:1-6,12-13 and John 10:1-10](#)

(from *The Message*)

MESSAGE

“Abundant Life”

Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING : THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS Elizabeth Novak

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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE music provided by John Morefield

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: We have been fed at the Good Shepherd's table.
Refreshed and sustained by God's Grace,
let us take a moment to ask God's Blessing upon our
bodies, our souls, our world. Amen.

WE GO IN GRACE

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

(GTG 187)

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need your tender care.
In your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have bought us: we are yours.**

**We are yours: in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us;
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
hear your children when we pray.**

**You have promised to receive us,
poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us,
grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
early let us turn to you.**

**Early let us seek your favor;
early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
you have loved us; love us still.**

SENDING

[GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS](#)

Israel Houghton

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

***.... about the music this Sunday**

***In the Rough* Description:**

Performed by critically-acclaimed cellist Tina Guo and written as part of my graduate thesis at Columbia College Chicago, I wrote *In the Rough* as an homage to one of my favorite compositional inspirations, David Diamond. Inspired by the beauty of the first movement of Diamond's Fourth Symphony, I repurposed two of the movement's motifs and recolored them using a wide blend of techniques that I've learned during my time in my graduate program. The piece also has some additional chordal quotes and inspirations drawn from some of my other favorite musical inspirations; including Kevin Penkin, Tatsuya Kato, Nobuo Uematsu, Thomas Newman, and several others. I like to think of music composition as a mostly additive experience over a long period of time, so I love to include tiny quotations or harmonies from other pieces that have inspired me along the way while still putting my unique spin on them.

Tina Guo Bio:

Internationally acclaimed, GRAMMY Award-nominated and BRIT Female Artist of the Year-nominated musician Tina Guo has established an international career as a virtuoso acoustic/electric cellist, multi-instrumentalist, composer, and entrepreneur. Known for her unique genre-crossing style, she is one of the most recorded solo cellists of all time and can be heard on hundreds of blockbuster film, television, and game soundtracks.

What I've Been Up To:

Before the Shelter-in-Place order, I was living in Chicago, studying wonderful music daily, and working hard to attain my Master's in Music Composition – Scoring for the Screen at Columbia College Chicago. Thankfully since most of the musical work that I do involves technology and the ability to sit in one location for several hours, I can still get all of my work done and finish my degree from home. After I graduate and the country is safe to travel around again, I plan on moving to Los Angeles and plan on working in the bustling media empire there.

Best, Alex

The Session has called for a congregation meeting on May 17th immediately following the 10am worship service via Zoom conference for the purpose to:

- Elect Ruling Elders
- Elect Session Youth Elder
- Elect Deacons
- Elect Audit Committee Member
- Elect Nominating Committee Members
- Elect JCB Endowment Member