

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
24th Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2020 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. Fred Neuschel
Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,
Steve Connell and Scott Iddings
Liturgists: Brynn LeFevre and Family

WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 49:9-11*)

One: See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**All: Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise from the end of the earth!**

One: Let the sea roar and all that fills it,
the coastlands and their inhabitants.

**All: Let the desert and its towns lift up their voice,
the villages that Kedar inhabits;**

One: let the inhabitants of Sela sing for joy,
let them shout from the tops of the mountains.

I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

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**I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.**

**The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.**

**God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.**

**Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!**

**There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy God, we come to you confessing how little we understand you, but sincere in how much we desire to know more.

All: **Holy God, your countenance is too bright for us to see. Your deeds of creation are so magnificent that we cannot wrap our minds around them. When we contemplate your holiness we are diminished to the point of near insignificance.**

One: We listen and watch for your guidance, but live in fear that we will receive harsh judgment, unachievable demands and unnerving insistence.

All: **Grant us the faith to believe that in the life of Jesus you have bridged the gap between your holiness and our humanness.**

One: Grant us vision to see that Jesus has shown us holiness in the most mundane parts of life.

All: **Grant us certainty that with each new day we have is a chance to unveil your holiness.**

One: Grant us joy in knowing that you use us to carry forward your holy works.

All: **Speak to us in ways that we can grasp. Inspire us to do your will. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: Jesus is the bridge, the reconciler, the bringer of peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

**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 READING:

Matthew 20:1-16

MESSAGE

"Beyond Fairness"

Rev. Fred Neuschel

WOMB OF LIFE AND SOURCE OF BEING

GTG 3

**Womb of life and source of being,
home of every restless heart,
in your arms the worlds awakened;
you have loved us from the start.
We, your children, gather 'round you,
at the table you prepare.
Sharing stories, tears, and laughter,
we are nurtured by your care.**

**Word in flesh, our brother Jesus,
born to bring us second birth,
you have come to stand beside us,
knowing weakness, knowing earth.
Priest who shares our human struggles,
Life of Life and Death of Death,
risen Christ, come stand among us,
send the Spirit by your breath.**

**Brooding Spirit, move among us;
be our partner, be our friend.
When our memory fails, remind us
whose we are, what we intend.
Labor with us; aid the birthing
of the new world yet to be,
free of servant, lord, and master,
free for love and unity.**

**Mother, Brother, holy Partner;
Father, Spirit, Only Son:
we would praise your name forever,
one-in-three and three-in-one.
We would share your life, your passion,
share your word of world made new,
ever singing, ever praising,
one with all, and one with you.**

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: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Chris Tomlin

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

WE GO IN GRACE

COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!

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**Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called
to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom
of the city of God.**

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called
to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence
will be no more.**

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign,
and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers
united in love.**

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

SENDING

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