

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**Christ the King Sunday**  
**November 22, 2020 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*  
*Message and Prayers: Rev. Phyllis Mueller*  
*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,*  
*Steve Connell and Scott Iddings*  
*Liturgists: Deb Bendis and Tom and Pepper Lafontaine*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, as this new day begins,  
help us to recognize you when our neighbors say:**

One: I am present ...  
I am hungry ...  
I am thirsty ...  
I am a stranger ...  
I am vulnerable ...  
I am sick ...  
I am in prison ...

**All: Give us minds to know you, hearts to love you,  
and strength to serve you, this day and always. Amen.**

GATHER US IN

GTG 401

**Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young; our lives are a mystery.  
We are the old who yearn for your face.  
We have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;  
gather us in, the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**All: Lord Jesus Christ, as we worship together,  
we remember our neighbors and we ask ourselves:**

**One: When did I recognize you?  
When did I give you food?  
When did I give you drink?  
When did I welcome you?  
When did I protect you?  
When did I care for you?  
When did I visit you?**

**All: Lord, bless what we have done. Forgive what we have  
failed to do. Forgive us of those times when we have  
been too consumed with trying to get through life in  
these difficult times, to hear and respond to the stories  
and needs of those around us. Forgive us when we  
haven't recognized you in our presence.  
Forgive us, so we may serve you with energy and joy.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: Jesus says: "I am with you always."

We are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The peace of our Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

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.**

## WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING:

Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE

*"The Stories"*

Rev. Phyllis Mueller

WE GATHER TOGETHER

GTG 336

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!**

**We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

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: ETUDE-TABLEAUX No. 5, Op. 33

Rachmaninoff

music provided by John Morefield

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO IN GRACE**

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

GTG 39

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

SENDING

*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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