

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
21st Sunday after Pentecost
Reformation Sunday
October 25, 2020 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,
Dan Gilman, Al Popp, and Scott Iddings
Liturgists: Fred and Sue Neuschel

WE GATHER IN GRACE

WELCOME

INTROIT: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 90*)

One: Into your presence we come, Lord God,
into your dwelling place,

All: acknowledging we are but dust before your holiness.

One: A thousand years are like a day to you, a day like a dream,
like a blade of grass renewed each morning,

All: and yet you love us.

One: Make us glad to worship you this day

All: and reveal to us your glorious power.

Let us worship the Lord!

EVERLASTING GOD

Chris Tomlin

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.**

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we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.**

**Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God.**

You do not faint, you won't grow weary.

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From everlasting to everlasting,
God, You are everlasting.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of love, it is the greatest of your commands,
and though we strive to live each day
attempting to fulfill it, we too often fail.

**All: In a world of conflicting allegiances and distractions,
where hate is easier than care,
help us to know your love.**

One: God of love, teach us to know a love that is patient, kind,
and giving that seeks justice and equality for all.

**All: In a world of discrimination and prejudice,
where many are treated as of no value,
help us to show your love.**

One: Forgive us when we choose the easy option rejecting a life
lived in the warmth of true love, given freely to all.

~ silence ~

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: The light of God's love
shines into the dark places of our world,
healing its brokenness,
and bringing hope to places of despair.
The light of God's love,
through the Peace of Christ, makes us a forgiven people.
Share that peace and give thanks to God!

**In the Lord I'll be ever thankful;
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God; do not be afraid.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READINGS: [Deuteronomy 34:1-12 & Matthew 22:31-46](#)

MESSAGE *["Gratitude is Love"](#)*

Rev. John Dillon

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT*

Porter's Gate

**Love the Lord your God
With all your heart and soul and mind
And love your neighbor as yourself
Let us be known, let us be known
By the way we love**

**Love, love, love, the greatest commandment is
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Love**

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: BE THOU MY VISION

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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

WON'T YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

arr. by Mutual Kumquat

**Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey;
we are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**Will you let me, will you let me,
Will you let me be your servant?
Will you let me, will you let me,
Will you let me be your servant, too.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.**

**Will you let me, will you let me
Will you let me be your servant
Will you let me, will you let me
Will you let me be your servant, now,**

**Will you let me, will you let me
Will you let me be your servant now,
Will you let me, will you let me
Will you let me be your servant, too?**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony. Now tell me,**

**Will you let me, will you let me
Will you let me be your servant
Will you let me, will you let me
Will you let me be your servant, too?**

SENDING

POSTLUDE MUSIC: OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

*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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