

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 20, 2020 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,
Steve Connell and Ann Legg

WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: [We Labor Unto Glory](#) The Porter's Gate
(feat. Liz Vice, Josh Garrels, & Madison Cunningham)

WELCOME

MOMENT FOR MISSION: LIVING WATERS

CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 145*)

One: The Lord is faithful and gracious in all things.

**All: The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

One: The eyes of all look to you, our God,
and you give them their food in due season.

**All: You open your hand,
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

One: The Lord is just and kind.
Come let us worship God in word and deed.

I WILL EXALT MY GOD, MY KING

GTG 622

**I will exalt my God, my King;
I will praise your name forever.
I will exalt your name forever.
Every day I'll praise your holy name.**

Refrain:

**I will praise your name forever;
I will exalt your name forever.
Lord our God, you are great
and worthy of the highest praise and honor,
for your greatness is far beyond us;
every day I'll praise your holy name.**

**Each generation to the next
will proclaim your works of splendor,
and celebrate your mighty deeds.
Every day I'll praise your holy name. (*Refrain*)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of grace, your love created the universe and all that it contains. Each and every part made with love.

**All: You give us so much more than we deserve.
Your generosity goes far beyond our understanding.**

One: Forgive our selfishness. Forgive us when, rather than share, we hoard your blessings.

**All: Merciful God, forgive us
when we give in to fear and envy.**

(silence)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: Lord Jesus, your word is a light to our feet and a lamp to our path.
Your word is a promise of presence.
Your word is a command by which we are to live.
Your word is Peace.
Peace beyond all understanding.
Peace which brings healing to every ill.
Peace washing us in forgiving love.

All: Let us bid one another Peace.

SUNG RESPONSE: IN THE LORD I'LL BE EVER THANKFUL GTG 654

**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

SUNG RESPONSE: KNOW THAT GOD IS GOOD GTG 659

**Know that God is good.
Know that God is good.
Know that God is good;
God is good; God is good.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Ann Legg, piano

SCRIPTURE READINGS: [Exodus 16:2-4 & 11-12 and Matthew 20:1-16](#)

MESSAGE *“Economics of Grace”*

Rev. John Dillon

FOR THE FRUIT OF ALL CREATION

GTG 36

**For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.**

**For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.**

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.**

**In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.**

**For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.**

**For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.**

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: Lord, I Want to Be A Christian sung by Steve Connell
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

GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

GTG 716

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the church made one.**

**Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.**

**Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

SENDING

[YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN](#) feat. Paul Zach & Madison Cunningham

*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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