

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 27, 2020 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*  
*Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon*  
*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,*  
*Scott Iddings, and Dan Gilman*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: [At the Name of Jesus](#)    Ralph Vaughan Williams  
[Every Knee Shall Bow](#)

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,  
every tongue confess him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,  
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

At his voice creation sprang at once to sight:  
all the angel faces, all the hosts of light,  
thrones and dominations, stars upon their way,  
all the heavenly orders in their great array.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
from the lips of sinners, unto whom he came;  
faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
brought it back victorious when from death he passed;

bore it up triumphant, with its human light,  
through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,  
filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name him brothers name him, with love as strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath;  
he is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue  
all that is not holy, all that is not true.  
Look to him, your Savior, in temptations' hour;  
let his will enfold you in its light and power.

Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
with his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;  
for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,  
and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Based on Psalm 78*)

One: Let us incline our ears

**All: to the words of our Lord.**

One: In stories of old, in parables anew,

**All: may we find the teaching of God.**

One: May we be ever refreshed,

**All: by the abundant Word of life flowing like rivers of water from the generosity of God.**

One: Let us worship God,

**All: as one people united in love.**

PEOPLE OF THE LORD (PSALM 78)

GTG 632

**People of the Lord,**

**listen to my voice.**

**Hear the ancient words.**

**Once again rejoice!**

*Refrain:*

**What we have heard, what we have known,  
let our tongues tell our sons and daughters  
the wonders of our living God,  
that they may join us in the chorus.**

**Tell of God's great deeds.**

**Teach God's loving law  
that faith's precious seed  
in each heart may grow. (*Refrain*)**

**Tell the news till each  
generation knows.**

**They, in turn, will teach  
those yet to be born. (*Refrain*)**

**May we trust in God,  
rest in God's strong hand,  
live in God's strong love,  
follow God's commands. (*Refrain*)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God said, "I made you in my image and called you to be my child and fellow worker. Hold your head high. You are beloved by me."

**All: But we have let you down, Lord Almighty. You made us trustees of the earth and we have ravaged it.**

One: The power of the Spirit is still at work.  
Ask sincerely for God's forgiveness  
and you will find fresh hope and courage!

**All: So, Lord, we seek your forgiveness and ask for new power to do and to dare in your name.**

One: God shall heal us and help us. Since our own nature is not up to the challenge, Jesus will nourish us with Grace and Peace which is beyond all understanding. Trust and believe in Jesus' name. Amen.

*(silence)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: God who knows our fears, God who knows our hearts,  
will rid us of our need for power.

Bring us down to earth.

Free us from human weakness.

Grant us vision so we can see each other face to face  
and respond to real needs without the fear of failing  
or losing status.

**All: May the power of your Peace flood our hearts,  
give us the strength to change, and the courage to act.**

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

SUNG RESPONSE: COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

GTG 466

**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

SUNG RESPONSE: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

GTG 452

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;  
to see you high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love  
as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy, we want to see you.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: [Psalm 78:1-4,12-16](#) and [Matthew 21:23-32](#)

MESSAGE *"The Upside of Giving Up"*

Rev. John Dillon

SUNG RESPONSE: IN LOVE YOU SUMMON

JLBell

**In love you summon, in love I follow,  
living today for your tomorrow.  
Christ to release me, Christ to enfold me,  
Christ to restrain me, Christ to uphold me.**

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: Change Your Mind\*

Sister Hazel

*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!*

## WE GO IN GRACE

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

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**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.**

**Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.**

**Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart; O take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.**

**I'm bound for the kingdom, won't you come with me  
I'm bound for the kingdom, won't you come with me  
I'm bound for the kingdom, won't you come with me  
I'm bound for the kingdom, won't you come with me**

**Hallelujah, we sing!  
Hallelujah, we sing!  
Hallelujah, we sing!**

SENDING

GOD BE IN MY HEAD

John Rutter,  
The Cambridge Singers

**God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in mine heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and in my departing.**

\*Change Your Mind song lyrics...

**Did you ever think  
There might be another way  
To just feel better,  
Just feel better about today  
If you never wanna have  
To turn and go away  
You might feel better,  
Might feel better if you stay  
I bet you haven't heard  
A word I've said  
If you've had enough  
Of all your tryin'  
Just give up  
the state of mind you're in:  
If you wanna be somebody else  
If you're tired of fighting battles, with yourself  
If you wanna be somebody else  
Change your mind. . .  
Have you ever danced in the rain  
Or thanked the sun, just for shining,  
Just for shining o'er the sea,  
Take it all in  
The world's a show  
You look much better  
Look much better when you glow**

**I hope you've heard  
Every word I've said  
If you've had enough  
Of all your tryin'  
Just give up  
The state of mind you're in:  
If you wanna be somebody else  
If you're tired of fighting battles, with yourself  
If you wanna be somebody else  
Change your mind. . .**

**What do ya say  
We all go and seize the day  
What's your hurry  
What's your hurry, anyway?**

**I hope you've heard  
Every word I've said  
If you've had enough  
Of all your tryin'  
Just give up  
The state of mind you're in:  
If you wanna be somebody else  
If you're tired of fighting battles, with yourself  
If you wanna be somebody else  
Change your mind. . .**

*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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