

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 6, 2020 | 9:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston, and Scott Iddings*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

GATHERING MUSIC: [Down to the River to Pray](#)

Allison Krauss

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Based on Psalm 149*)

One: Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song!

**All: We are glad in our Maker and we rejoice in our King.**

One: We praise our Lord with melodies and dancing!

**All: May we bring pleasure to our Lord,  
and seek out his most holy way.**

One: And when we find ourselves amidst argument  
and division, conflict and disagreement,

**All: may we return to your presence  
resolved to find a better way.**

One: Let us praise the Lord in all we do!

O SING TO THE LORD (*verses 1,3,4,5*)

GTG 637

**O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.**

**O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.**

**O sing to the Lord; O sing God a new song.**

**O sing to our God; O sing to our God.**

**So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.**

**So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.**

**So dance for our God and blow all the trumpets.**

**O sing to our God; O sing to our God.**

**O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.**

**O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.**

**O shout to our God, who gave us the Spirit.**

**O sing to our God; O sing to our God.**

**For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!**

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**O sing to our God; O sing to our God.**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, you have commanded us to sing a new song,  
to live a new life, to walk a different way,  
all of which is given in your grace for us  
and for all your beloved children.

**All: So, we sing with joy, hope, and faith, in the knowledge  
of your care, and the assurance of your love.**

One: We, your faithful children, delight this day, in proclaiming  
your name, and ask for the strength to continue to bear  
witness to your holy Word, to constantly reform and  
rebuild your church, and to never waver from welcoming  
all, stranger and friend: seeing your son Jesus Christ, in the  
face of all whom we meet.

**All: We congregate, with love, hope, and thankfulness.  
A people gathered and a people dispersed wherever we  
are, yet a people conscious of our failures and in need  
of forgiveness.**

One: We are a community unified in your grace and care,  
and we pray for the skill and the ability to approach  
difference with grace, to learn and to grow, and to  
never close ourselves off from the pain of the world.

**All: God, in your mercy, we beseech you to love and forgive  
us still. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: Friends we are forgiven all our actions,  
intentional and accidental which have  
damaged ourselves, or others and offended our Maker.  
Christ promised it was so and through his life,  
death and resurrection, brought us peace  
beyond all human understanding.

**All: Let us show that peace in our community and world.  
Amen.**

**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

WE WALK HIS WAY

**We walk his way.  
He is the one who calls us to this life, we walk his way.  
He is the one who calls us to this life, we walk his way.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Psalm 149 & Matthew 18:15-22

MESSAGE

*"In the Assembly of the Faithful"*

Rev. John Dillon

SUNG RESPONSE: WE ARE LISTENING

Ben Johnston-Krause

**We are listening, Lord, we are listening.  
We are listening, Lord, we are listening.  
We are men, women, we are children, and Lord,  
we are listening.  
So let the rains go, let the healing river flow.  
Let justice roll like waters.  
Let the days begin, when new life enters in,  
and let your Kingdom come.**

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: THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

Emma Lou Diemer

*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

THE SUMMONS (*verses 1,2 and 5*)

GTG 726

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?**

**Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?**

**Will you let my love be shown;**

**will you let my name be known;**

**will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?**

**Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?**

**Will you risk the hostile stare**

**should your life attract or scare?**

**Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.**

**Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.**

**In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.**

**Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

SENDING

[THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU](#)

John Rutter

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