

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**April 25, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,*

*Members of the Adult Choir*

*Technical Director: Steve Connell*

*Liturgist: Brynn LeFevre*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

INTROIT: HEAVEN AND EARTH

JL Bell

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We praise and bless you, O Lord,  
for you are the King of all ages, and through Christ,  
your Son you have made all that is.

**All: In the beginning of the beginning,  
you breathed upon the waters of creation,  
and filled the earth with life through your Spirit.**

Pastor: The heavens and the earth declare your Glory.  
The sun, moon and stars bring light.

**All: You spoke and all creation burst forth with life.  
Calling forth creation, enlivening every creature,  
making us in your image.**

Pastor: Let us joyfully praise and worship our God and Creator.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (*verses 1,2,3,6*)

GTG 15

**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother wind with clouds and rain,  
you nurture gifts of fruit and grain.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O sister water, flowing clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear.  
Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O brother fire, so warm and bright,  
chase off the shadows of the night.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfolds such blessings on our way,  
sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!**

**Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Spirit of the Living God, at the dawn of creation you  
moved over the raging chaos  
and brought order and life to all.

Teeming life in every part of earth and sea and sky.

Even into the vastness of space.

Blessing us with star and wonder.

**All: Lord it is your will that all life flourish and grow.  
Yet we have to confess our failure to care,  
our destructive ways, our waste, our greed,  
our need to dominate. Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor: In your mercy, open our hearts and minds and will  
to our mutual needs and turn us from mutual destruction.

**All: Risen Christ who raised dead Lazarus,  
raise us to life anew and help us to find ways to repair  
what we have broken, damaged and destroyed.  
Forgive us, Lord.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: Christ shall raise us up and lead us from falsehood to truth,  
from despair to hope, from death to life.

Let the Peace of Christ fill our lives and our world.

Peace be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

SUNG RESPONSE: HALLELUJAH

**Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah.**

# WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

ANTHEM: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Howard Goodall

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 24:1-5 and John 10:11-18

MESSAGE

*“Shepherds and Sheep”*

Rev. John Dillon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ARE PRAYING

**All Sing: We are praying, Lord, we are praying.  
We are praying, Lord, we are praying.  
We are men, women, we are children,  
and Lord, we are praying.**

**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.**

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: LOOK AT THE WORLD

John Rutter

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE GO IN GRACE

MY LIFE FLOWS ON

GTG 821

**My life flows on in endless song,  
above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.**

*Refrain*    **No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?**

**Through all the tumult and the strife,  
I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)**

**What though my joys and comforts die?  
I know my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth. (*Refrain*)**

**The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his!  
How can I keep from singing? (*Refrain*)**

SENDING

CHORAL RESPONSE: AMEN

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*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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