

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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AGAIN & AGAIN THE SUN RISES



**John Dillon, Pastor**

**Easter**

**April 4, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,  
and Members of the Adult Choir*

*Technical Director: Steve Connell*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

INTROIT: RING YE BELLS OF EASTER MORNING

Don Besig  
and Nancy Price

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus was dead, laid in a tomb.

**All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Pastor: Morning has broken, tomb now empty.

**All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Pastor: A new day has come, life not undone.

**All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

Pastor: Come and worship, the Lord is here!

**All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY (*verses 1 and 4*)

GTG 232

**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Let us open our lives to the risen Christ  
and ask forgiveness.

Lord, for those times when we treated you  
as a piece of history and not as a living Lord.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those times when we are blind to your presence  
and ignore your commands.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: To all who turn to him, Christ says,

“Your sins are forgiven. My peace is with you, always.”

Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA! (*verse 3*)

GTG 248

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.**

**Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.**

**Tell its grim, demonic chorus:**

**"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"**

**God the First and Last is with us.**

**Sing Hosanna everyone!**

## WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

ANTHEM: WHO ROLLED THE STONE AWAY

Stephen Hatfield

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 16:1-8

MESSAGE

*"Sacrificial Love"*

Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING: SIMPLY ALLELUIA

Tom Fettke

*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!*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC: "ALLELUIA" from "EXSULTATE, JUBILATE"

W. A. Mozart

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Easter God, you have met us in bread and wine,  
and surprised us with your joy.

Send us out into the world

dancing with delight

and with hallelujahs ringing in our hearts.

We go, to announce life eternal and

to share your justice and your praise.

**All: Hallelujah! Christ is risen!**

## WE GO IN GRACE

"HALLELUJAH CHORUS" FROM "MESSIAH"

G. F. Handel

*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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