

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
10th Sunday after Pentecost
August 1, 2021 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Pastor Karen Schlack

*Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston
Dan Gilman, Rod Russell, Mike Griswold, and Ann Legg*

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Liturgist: Karen Hutchings

WE GATHER IN GRACE

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day
to the rising of life itself.

Let the purpose of God be between us and each purpose,

Pastor: The hand of God between us and each hand;

One: The pain of Christ between us and each pain.

Pastor: The love of Christ between us and each love.

**All: O God, you brought us to the light of this new day,
Bring us to the guiding light of eternity.**

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

GTG 65

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.**

I am weak, but thou art mighty.

Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,

whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar

lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,

be thou still my strength and shield;

be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction,

land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: We gather in God's name and claim Christ's promised presence. My sisters and brothers, not out of dread and fear, but believing in the understanding and forgiveness of God, let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us pray. Eternal Maker of the endless heavens, lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth, Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky, you are ever present.

All: O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet. you are there. And we give thanks.

One: But where we have not touched, but trampled you in creation, where we have not honored, but avoided you in one another, where we have not received, but rejected your goodness, forgive us and hear our plea for your pardon.

All Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Know that God is good, and that God forgives what is past, and enables us to begin again. Once we were no people, now we are God's people. Once we were beyond God's mercy, now that mercy has been given to us. So let us live as those who treasure God's costly generosity by safeguarding God's earth, delighting in its people, and loving our Maker to whom be glory forever.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE PEACE

One: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us exchange the sign of peace with one another.

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

YOU ARE THE CENTER

Text and Music: Margaret Rizza

**You are the center, You are my life,
You are the center, O Lord, of my life.**

**Come, Lord, and guide me, Lord of my life,
Send me your Spirit, Lord of my life.
You are the center, Lord, of my life.**

**Give me your Spirit, and teach me your ways.
Give me your peace, Lord, and set me free.
You are the center, Lord, of my life.**

**You are the center, You are my life,
You are the center, Lord, of my life.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: BREAD FROM HEAVEN

Ruth Elaine Schram

SCRIPTURE READING:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

MESSAGE

"Eternal Moments"

Rev. Karen Schlack

LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN

GTG 498

**Loaves were broken, words were spoken
in a quiet room one night.
In the bread and wine you gave them,
Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages:
“I am with you; do not fear!”
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

**By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.
Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.**

OFFERING

Your gifts to RCLPC matter now more than ever! Since we won't be passing offering plates each Sunday, you may choose to use the offering baskets at the back of the sanctuary. 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 AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: May the Holy One be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to our God.**

One: Let us give thanks to the God of all.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: Source of all goodness, we praise you and we bless you.

All: **We are your children, bearing your image.**

You have made us, and we belong to you.

You do not hide from us.

You are not distant.

**You have revealed yourself and your great love for us
in all your wonderful works.**

One: We see you in the strength of mountains, the solitude of deserts, and in gentle and refreshing rain.

*Pastor: We see you in the height of skies and ocean depths,
in birds that soar and fish that swim. We see you
in the hope of sunrise, the relief and rest of sunset.
All your works proclaim your love.*

**All: Holy, holy, holy One, God of everlasting love.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in
the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name
of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest!**

One: Ever-living God, we thank you for speaking your clear word of love to us in Jesus.

*Pastor: He came to assure us who you are, revealing your love
and grace, your way of justice and peace. For all he
said and did, we thank you.*

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

Pastor: On the night before he died, Jesus gathered his friends together for a meal and shared with them his life and love. While they were at supper he took the bread, gave thanks, broke it, and passed it among them saying; "This is my body, given up for you." Then he took the cup and said to them: "This is the cup of my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me." Holy God, send forth your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us, the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION / BENEDICTION

Pastor: From where we are to where you need us.

All: Lord Jesus, lead us.

Pastor: From the familiarity of what we know
to the wonder of what you will reveal.

All: Lord Jesus, lead us.

Pastor: Lead us out to transform the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your Kingdom.

All: Lord Jesus, lead us.

Pastor: Blessings, hope and wonders have been promised
to those who love God.

All: Lord Jesus, lead us.

Pastor: Go now in the Name of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.
Amen.

WE GO IN GRACE

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

GTG 611

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

*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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