

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
13th Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston,
Dan Gilman, Al Popp, Jodi Iddings
Technical Director: Steve Connell
Liturgist: Alice Haznedl

WE GATHER IN GRACE

A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.

INTROIT: GREEN PASTURES

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We worship in the place we call church,
in the place we call home, in the place we call work.

**All: We remember that all creation belongs to You,
and we find You wherever we are in the action and
sometime chaos of the day,
and in the moments of silence and peace.
Wherever we are, there You are present.
We still our minds and hearts to be at one with You.
We are ready now. We are ready to be with You.**

One: Let us know the presence of Christ our Lord
as we worship together.

+HOW LOVELY, LORD

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**How lovely, Lord, how lovely
is your abiding place;
my soul is longing, fainting,
to feast upon your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter,
a place to build her nest;
and so your temple calls us
within its walls to rest.**

**In your blest courts to worship,
O God, a single day
is better than a thousand
if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance
and claim you as my Lord
than revel in the riches
the ways of sin afford.**

**A sun and shield forever
are you, O Lord Most High;
you shower us with blessings;
no good will you deny.
The saints, your grace receiving,
from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers
of blessing overflow.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One of God, we struggle to make sense
of this life and its choices.

We want to do what's right,
but nothing gives us an easy answer.

**All: Help us to choose right from wrong, yes from no,
and in the oft confusion of life,
let us to choose instead a relationship of trust in Jesus.
Amen.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: God of Life, we lay our lives before you.

**All: I bring my faith and doubts.
I bring my joys and sorrows.
I bring my hope and despair.
I bring the hurts that I carry
and the hurts I have caused.
Nothing in me is hidden from You, O Lord.**

~ silence ~

Pastor: Christ will never cast us aside nor punish us unjustly.
He has promised to always sustain us with the power of
the Spirit and to grant unending Peace. Now share the
Peace of Christ with stranger and friend.

All: Peace be with us!

+SUNG RESPONSE: MY PEACE

Woody Guthrie

**My peace, my peace is all I've got
that I can give to you;
My peace is all I've ever had,
it's all I ever knew.**

**I give my peace to green and black,
to red and white and blue;
My peace, my peace is all I've got
that I can give to you.**

**My peace, my peace is all I've got,
It's all I've ever known;
My peace is worth a thousand times more
than anything I own.**

**I pass my peace around and around
'cross hands of ev'ry hue;
My peace, my peace is all I've got
that I can give to you.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Ephesians 6:13-18 and John 6:56-69
(from *The Message*)

MESSAGE *"Too Tough to Swallow"* Rev. John Dillon

+ACROSS THE MILES

Third Time Out

**All around this world I've traveled
Through it all I've come to find
The ties that bind can come unraveled
I've had to face some lonely times
But when I'm tired and feeling low
Oh what a comfort it is to know**

**Across the miles there's someone praying for me
Across the miles there's someone on their knees**

**Lifting my name to the Lord above
In joy and pain I can feel the love
And see you smile
Across the miles**

**Life can be so complicated
Walking through it on your own
When kindred hearts are separated
It gives love a chance to grow
And even though I'm so far away
Oh I'm reminded every day**

**Across the miles there's someone praying for me
Across the miles there's someone on their knees
Lifting my name to the Lord above
In joy and pain I can feel the love
And see you smile
Across the miles
Across the miles
Across the miles**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**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: BLESSING OF THE CWS KITS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+THERE IS A TIME

Rodney Dillard, Mitch Jayne, Lansdowne/Winston
Music publishers
new words, David Dees

**There is a time for joy and wonder
At God's gifts both great and small.
The time is now and ever after.
Our spirits soar, we bow in awe.**

**There is a light that shines within us.
A deep reflection of God's grace.
The light's revealed in all creation,
A glimpse of God in every face.**

**There is a call for servant leaders
To be God's hands in bold new ways.
The call is clear, so is our answer
in all we do, in all we say.**

**There is a place to share the story
And the glory of God's love.
The place is here and all around us.
For where we go, we go with God.**

**There is a peace that we are offered.
We need not solve God's mystery.
The peace is Christ's, his arms are open
Forever new, forever free. Forever new, forever free.**

+SENDING

*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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