

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**14th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 29, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*  
*Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon*  
*Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston*  
*Mike Griswold, organist, Adult Choir*  
*Technical Director: Steve Connell*  
*Liturgist: Samuel Viner*

## WE GATHER IN GRACE

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

*Reminders: Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom.*

*Per CDC guidelines, masks are required in the building.*

INTROIT: PRAISE YOUR MAKER

JL Bell

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 19*)

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;  
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;

**All: The commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous.  
More to be desired than gold, sweeter than honey.**

One: Let us raise our voices in praise of the Lord.

+FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

GTG 14

**All: For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

Women: For the wonder of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

*Men: For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

**All: For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For thyself, best gift divine  
to the world so freely given;  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**One: Eternal God, source of light and truth and life itself,  
you never change in who you are, your essential being  
remains the same, and yet there is infinite variety in the  
ways in which we experience you.**

**All: Gracious God, we come to tell you what you already  
know: that we have not lived up to our own highest  
standards, never mind yours; that we have said one  
thing and done another; that we have spoken without  
thinking of the hurt our words might cause;**

**One: that we have talked too much and listened too little;  
that we have prided ourselves on being good Christians  
and neglected the needs of others.**

**All: So work in us, we pray, the transformation  
that we cannot accomplish on our own.  
Plant the seeds of your Word deep within us.**

+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: RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS

GTG 155

**Raise a song of gladness,  
peoples of the earth.  
Christ has come, bringing peace,  
joy to every heart.  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!  
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart!**

## **WE GROW IN GRACE**

WEE WORSHIP

ANTHEM: I WILL LIFT MINE EYES TO THE HILLS

David Childs

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

MESSAGE

*"Priorities, Priorities!"*

Rev. John Dillon

CHORAL RESPONSE: LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF THY PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*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!*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### WE GO IN GRACE

+GO TO THE WORLD

GTG 295

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.  
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,  
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.  
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.  
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;  
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.  
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,  
for I am with you till the age shall end,  
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

*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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