

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
Baptism of the Lord
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Worship Leaders Today

Message: Rev. John Dillon

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,
Steve Connell, and Scott Iddings*

WE GATHER IN GRACE

DOWN TO THE RIVER TO PRAY

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We awoke this day to the beauty of the sunrise.

All: Lord God, how majestic is your creation.

One: We awoke this day to new opportunities
to encounter our Maker and Savior.

All: Lord God, you are present in all things.

One: Let us worship the One who gives life.

MORNING HAS BROKEN (*verses 1 and 3*)

GTG 664

**Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Mine is the sunlight!
Mine is the morning,
born of the one light
Eden saw play!
Praise with elation;
praise every morning,
God's re-creation
of the new day!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of every moment, we admit that we always find time
to satisfy our own needs and desires.
Often at the cost of someone else's unfulfilled needs.
Or at the cost of the Earth's destruction.

Forgive us, God of Glory and Power.
In the days ahead of this New Year,
remind us that there is enough for all,
and time for everything.

Refresh us with moments of grace, words of comfort,
and relationships which bless and enrich.

We are your children.

Be merciful and wash us clean of all our sin.

SUNG RESPONSE: SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

GTG 288

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: Jesus Christ alone can save. His Peace is all that we need.
Our failures of word and action are in the past.
Today, we begin anew washed clean by the
power of the Creator, Christ and Spirit.
Peace be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SUNG RESPONSE: BAPTIZED IN WATER (*verse 1*)

GTG 482

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
heirs of salvation, trusting the promise,
faithfully now God's praises we sing.

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

PSALM 29:11

God shall give strength to the people;
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

DA PACEM CORDIUM *Give Peace to Every Heart*

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SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Mark 1:4-11 and Acts 19:1-7

MESSAGE *“The Heavens Torn Apart”*

Rev. John Dillon

SUNG RESPONSE: BAPTIZED IN WATER (*verse 3*)

GTG 482

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
marked with the sign of Christ our King;
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

OFFERING:

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

I WAS THERE TO HEAR YOUR BORNING CRY (*verses 1,3,4*) GTG 488

**“I was there to hear your borning cry;
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.”**

**“In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I’ll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I’ve begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I’ll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.”**

**“I was there to hear your borning cry;
I’ll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.”**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: A CLARE BENEDICTION

John Rutter

*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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