

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**4th Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 31, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston, Steve Connell,  
Scott Iddings, Al Popp, Dan Gilman, Rod Russell, Mike Griswold*  
*Liturgist: Naomi Stange*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Based on Psalm 111*)

One: Our God is gracious and merciful.  
Holy and awesome is God's name.  
The universe reveals God's amazing creativity,  
power and majesty.

**All: We are part of that amazing reality, we are made in  
God's image and invited to be co-creators.**

One: Let us draw near to our God and offer  
this time of worship with our whole hearts and minds.

10,000 REASONS

Matt Redman

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's Holy name  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**The sun comes up,  
It's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass  
And whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing  
When the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's Holy name  
Sing like never before,  
O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**You're rich in love,  
And you're slow to anger**

**Your name is great,  
And your heart is kind  
For all your goodness  
I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons  
For my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's Holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**And on that day  
When my strength is failing  
The end draws near  
And my time has come  
Still my soul will  
Sing your praise unending  
Ten thousand years  
And then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul  
O my soul  
Worship God's Holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**Lord, I'll worship your Holy name  
Sing like never before, O my soul  
I'll worship your Holy name  
I'll worship your Holy name  
I'll worship your Holy name**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**One:** You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you.

**All:** **Forgive us when we fail.**

**Open our hearts and minds to your teachings.**

One: You modeled compassion  
in the person of Jesus Christ,

**All: but we do not always extend kindness  
to our friends, let alone strangers.**

One: You challenge systems of injustice  
through the movement of your spirit,

**All: but we keep choosing comfort over justice,  
the status quo over the kingdom of God.**

One: You create all things good,  
and your creation sings your praise,

**All: but we consider no creatures but ourselves  
and wound your earth by our sin.  
Forgive us, O God.**

One: Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your  
forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another.  
Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
ever mindful of the covenant.  
The works of God's hands are faithful and just,  
established forever and ever.  
Holy and awesome is God's name.  
Sisters and brothers we are forgiven.  
The Peace of Christ is with us.  
Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

UBI CARITAS

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**Live in charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

## WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

WORD OF GOD SPEAK

Bart Millard and Pete Kipley

**I'm finding myself at a loss for words  
and the funny thing is it's okay.  
The last thing I need is to be heard,  
but to hear what You would say.  
Word of God, speak.**

**Would You pour down like rain,  
washing my eyes to see Your majesty,  
to be still and know  
that You're in this place?  
Please let me stay and rest  
in Your holiness.  
Word of God, speak.**

**I'm finding myself in the midst of You,  
beyond the music, beyond the noise.  
All that I need is to be with You,  
and in the quiet, hear Your voice.**

**Word of God, speak.  
Would You pour down like rain,  
washing my eyes to see Your majesty,  
to be still and know  
that You're in this place?  
Please let me stay and rest  
in Your holiness.**

**Word of God, speak.  
Would You pour down like rain,  
washing my eyes to see Your majesty,  
to be still and know  
that You're in this place?  
Please let me stay and rest  
in Your holiness.**

**Word of God, speak.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 1:21-28

MESSAGE            *“What have you to do with us,  
Jesus of Nazareth?”*

Rev. John Dillon

GOODNESS IS STRONGER THAN EVIL

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**Goodness is stronger than evil;  
love is stronger than hate;  
light is stronger than darkness;  
life is stronger than death.  
Victory is ours; victory is ours,  
through God who loves us.  
Victory is ours, victory is ours,  
through God who loves us.**

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: THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD

arr. by Howard Helvey  
African American Spiritual

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

# WE GO IN GRACE

BE THOU MY VISION

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**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

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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