

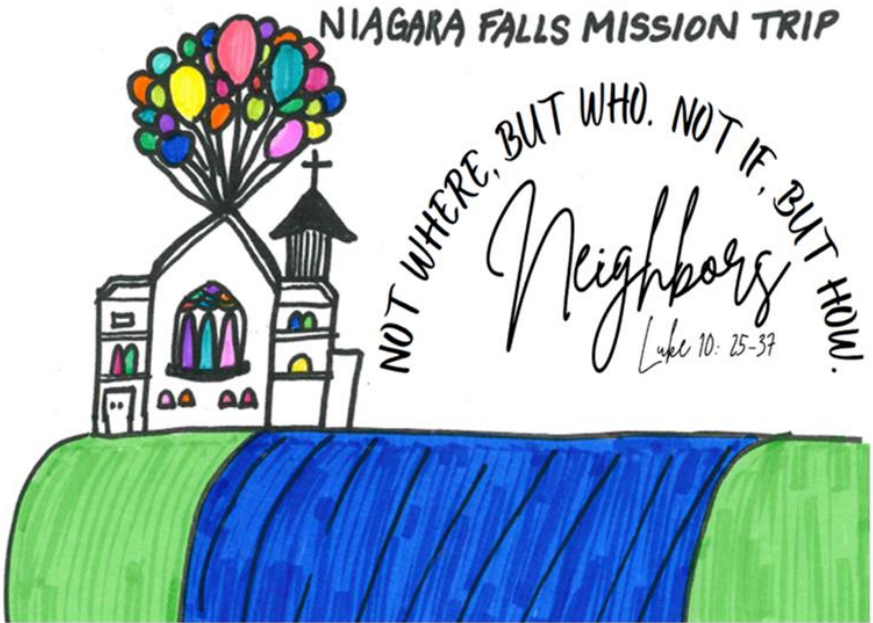
AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon
Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston,
Mike Griswold, organist
Mission Trip Youth
Technical Director: Steve Connell

WE GATHER IN GRACE

PRELUDE

Brendan Baser, piano

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Connor Hoffman)

One: A time set apart,

All: a time to come together;

One: a space filled with silence;

All: a space filled with song;

One: hearts seeking solace,

All: hearts overflowing with joy:

One: this is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us worship God.

COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTER

TUNE BEACH SPRING, GTG 716

words: Shirley Erena Murray

**Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

(Sam Baser)

One: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. Confident of God's love for us, let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

~ silence ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Patient God, we wait all year for the summer months when we can rest and relax. Our schedules change from the demands of weekly living, to times which are supposed to be devoted to leisure. But we have redefined leisure to mean a flurry of activities.

We need some time to rest, to sit quietly and listen to the beautiful sounds of the world. Forgive us when we are determined to crowd every moment of our lives with activity.

Help us to find a quiet center with you where we can just relax and not try to get everything done as though life was some sort of a contest.

Give us peace for a little while. Refresh our souls so that we can truly serve you, not out of exhaustion but out of enthusiasm. Be with us this day, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God's love awaits us. It has been lavished upon us as a gentle summer rain, refreshing our souls, opening our hearts, healing our wounds. Rest in God's eternal love and share the Peace of Christ. Peace be with You.

All: **And Peace be with all, neighbor and stranger.**
(Please exchange the Peace in whichever way is acceptable to you and your neighbors.)

SUNG RESPONSE: DONA NOBIS PACEM (PEACE)

YOU ARE THE CENTER

Text/Music: Margaret Rizza
(Samuel Viner and Iona Dillon)

**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.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Mark 6:30-34,53-56

MESSAGE *“Actions are Louder than Words:
Reflections on Mission Trip”*

Rev. John Dillon
and Mission Youth

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACON

WE LABOR INTO GLORY

Sarah Lochen, soloist

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

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED

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**My shepherd will supply my need;
Jehovah is his name.**

**In pastures fresh he makes me feed,
beside the living stream.**

**He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death
your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath
drives all my fears away.**

**Your hand, in sight of all my foes,
does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows;
your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode,
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest,
but like a child at home.**

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE: SIYAHAMBA

**Siyahamba kukha nyen kwen kos,
Siyahamba kukha nyen kwen kos.
Siyahamba kukha nyen kwen kos,
Siyahamba kukha nyen kwen kos.**

**Siyahamba , hamba siyahamba, hamba,
Siyahamba kukha nyen kwen kos.
Siyahamba , hamba siyahamba, hamba,
Siyahamba kukha nyen kwen kos.**

**We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching, marching,
we are marching oh-oh,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, marching,
we are marching oh-oh,
We are marching in the light of God.**

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*