

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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John Dillon, Pastor
9th Sunday after Pentecost
July 25, 2021 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Reverend Fred Neuschel

Music Leaders: Scott Iddings, Adult Choir,

Mike Griswold, organist, Ann Legg, accompanist

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Liturgists: Camden and Cassidy Koronkiewicz

WE GATHER IN GRACE

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 96*)

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.

**All: Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be revered above all gods.**

One: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.
Honor and majesty are before him;
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY!

GTG 305

**Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us
through the ages long!**

**In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

**Long years have come and gone,
and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision,
dream the dream!**

**In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

**Let courage be our friend;
let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify
the Crucified!**

**In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

**Come sing, O church, in joy!
Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er
the ages long!**

**In bold accord,
come celebrate the journey now
and praise the Lord!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One Gracious and loving God, as we seek to encounter you afresh through the act of worship, we must also encounter ourselves afresh.

All: **We bring with us joys, accomplishments and thanksgivings as well as regrets, embarrassments and misadventures.**

We are a mixed bag.

Sometimes we rightly stand with head high.

Sometimes we are bent over with guilt.

Sometimes we are correct in our self-assessment.

Sometimes we miss the mark by a mile.

One: But we know that you know us through and through: the good, the bad, the ugly and the magnificently beautiful. You have sent your Son to prove your love and to call us to be our best selves.

All: **Hear us as we bring ourselves to you in silent prayer.**

In happiness. In sorrow.

In guilt. or in the joy of accomplishment.

But most importantly, in genuineness.

Receive us with grace and grant us peace.

~ silence ~

One: Lord, hear our prayers.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

One: This is affirmation of Saint John: God sent his son into the world not to condemn the world, but to save the world through faith in the message of Jesus. Let us affirm that message. Peace be with you; not a peace that is passive, but a peace that is passionate.

All: **And also with you.**

(Please exchange the Peace in whichever way is acceptable to you and your neighbors.)

SUNG RESPONSE: DONA NOBIS PACEM (PEACE)

WE GROW IN GRACE

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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

ANTHEM: THERE IS A RIVER IN JUDEA

MESSAGE

"Faith Maps"

Rev. Fred Neuschel

**Faith begins by letting go,
giving up what had seemed sure,
taking risks and pressing on,
though the way feels less secure:
pilgrimage both right and odd,
trusting all our life to God.**

**Faith endures by holding on,
keeping memory's roots alive
so that hope may bear its fruit;
promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
not through merit we possess
but by God's great faithfulness.**

**Faith matures by reaching out,
stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
sharing struggles, living prayer,
binding up the broken parts;
till we find the commonplace
ripe with witness to God's grace.**

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! 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

LET US BUILD A HOUSE (*verses 1, 4, and 5*)

GTG 301

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured,
taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
all are welcome; all are welcome;
all are welcome in this place.**

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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