

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



## Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**5th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 27, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston,*

*Mike Griswold, organist, Adult Choir*

*Technical Director: Steve Connell*

*Liturgist: Fred Neuschel*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

INTROIT: YOU ARE THE CENTER

Text/Music: Margaret Rizza

**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.**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We look at Jesus, who lived as we do, only more fully;  
who loved as we do, only more deeply,  
and at far greater cost to himself.

**All: Jesus believed, and he questioned.  
Jesus trusted, and he wavered.  
Jesus loved, and was disappointed.  
Jesus laughed, and wept and raged.**

One: Merciful God we were made “in your image”, and come  
today in like mind with like experiences to share our  
sorrows and our joys and to praise your Holy name.  
Let us join in worship.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

GTG 39

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Great is thy faithfulness!  
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Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

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Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**One:** Whether we are soaring today in the heights of ecstasy, or mired in the depths of despair, there is nothing we cannot share with God who already knows us better than we know ourselves.

**All:** **Lord, you welcome us as we are.  
And so we bring, not just our routine thanks,  
but our most exuberant praises for all the joys and  
blessings of this life, and for the supreme joy of loving  
and knowing that we are loved.**

**We not only confess our sins,  
we lament our disastrous failures in love.  
We bewail the harm that has been done to your world.  
We weep for all that has been lost, and for our own  
most painful losses, recent and long ago.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: Loving God, maker of all,

**All: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus Christ, servant of the poor,

**All: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Holy Spirit, breath of Life,

**All: have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Let us in silence admit our frailty and confess our failings.

*~ silence ~*

Pastor: God has forgiven you. Christ shall renew you and the  
Spirit will enable you to grow in love.

Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

SUNG RESPONSE: CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

GTG 702

**Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;  
Christ be above me, never to part.**

**WE GROW IN GRACE**

WEE WORSHIP

PSALM 30

Emergent Psalter

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

1 Sam 1:1-3,9-11 & 20

Mark 5:24b -34

MESSAGE

*“God’s Gentle Healing Touch”*

Rev. John Dillon

**The woman hiding in the crowd  
reached for Christ's garment hem  
that simply by the touch of it  
she might be healed within.**

**From Christ went forth the healing grace,  
her health and life restored.**

**"Who touched my clothes?" the Savior asked,  
but no one said a word.**

**The woman knelt before him then  
with joy and anxious fear,  
and Jesus blessed her lovingly:  
"In peace go forth from here."**

**The burdens now that weigh us down,  
the sins we fear to speak,  
the ache of heart and empty soul  
we lay before your feet.**

**So touch us, Lord, with healing grace  
and make us whole again  
that we may always live in you  
and know your peace within.**

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: WE CANNOT MEASURE HOW YOU HEAL

JL Bell

*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!*

DOXOLOGY:

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **WE GO IN GRACE**

GOD WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

GTG 716

**God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store,  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door:  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing  
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom,  
races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
lest we strive for self alone.  
Born with talents, make us servants  
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your grace conferred:  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.**

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: AMEN

GTG 601

*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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