

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE

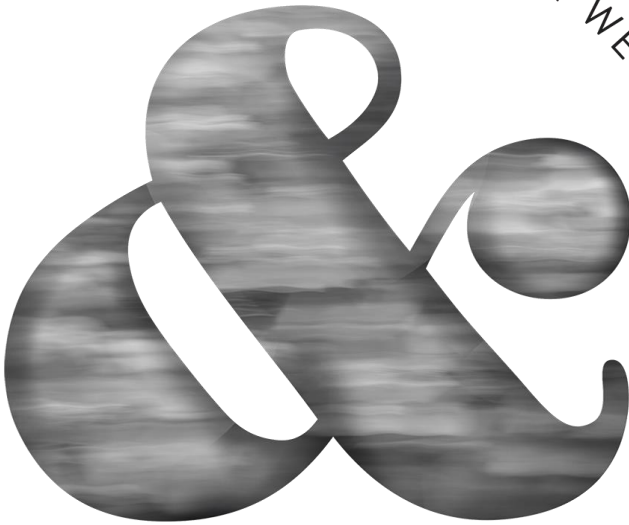


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AGAIN & AGAIN WE ARE REFORMED



**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**March 21, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,  
Scott Iddings, Al Popp, Dan Gilman, and Rod Russell*

*Liturgist: Mike Wilson*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

PRELUDE: MIGHTY TO SAVE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Every week is a new week, another chance to say:

**All: "Here I am, Lord. Use me."**

Pastor: Every day is a new day, another chance to say:

**All: "Thank you for yesterday. Thank you for tomorrow."**

Pastor: Every hour is a new hour, another chance to say,

**All: "Creator God, again and again, make me new."**

Pastor: We do not come to this place to stay the same.

**All: We come to this place to be changed  
by the power of the Spirit.**

Pastor: So, let us worship holy God, who created yesterday, will  
create tomorrow, and even now is creating something new.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Matt Redman

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful**

**Where Your streams of abundance flow,**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place**

**Though I walk through the wilderness,**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise**

**And when the darkness closes in Lord still I will say**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord,**

**Blessed be Your glorious name**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me**

**When the world's all as it should be**

**Blessed be Your name**

**Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name**

**Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
And when the darkness closes in Lord still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name**

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Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Trusting that even when we forget to seek out God,  
God is seeking us out.

Join me in the prayer of confession today  
as we take one step closer to the Divine

**All: Gracious God, we want to see you.  
We want to be known as the people who looked for  
Jesus; but not only that, we want to be people who have  
your covenant written on our hearts.  
Why do we feel so far away from that at times?  
What went wrong? Where did we lose our way?  
Could you, would you, once again, write on our fragile  
hearts? We would be so grateful. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE: KYRIE

GTG 577

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison. (*Lord have mercy.*)  
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this:  
God is here. God sees you. God knows you.  
God meets you at the edge of every new beginning,  
and God calls you beloved.

**All: We are washed by the water. We are called beloved.  
Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

Pastor: Forgiven and washed clean, let us share the  
Peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

**All: And also with you.**

SUNG RESPONSE: WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED AND FREE Paul M Vasile

**We are forgiven loved and free.  
We're washed anew and then called to be  
hope for the weary, strength for the weak,  
with a blessing of peace for all,  
with a blessing of peace for all.**

## **WE GROW IN GRACE**

WEE WORSHIP

SUNG RESPONSE: ALMIGHTY GOD

Steve Bell

**Almighty God to you all hearts are open  
all desires known, no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit.  
That we may perfectly love you,  
worthily magnify your holy name  
through Christ our Lord.  
La da da Oh La da da Oh La da da Oh**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12:20-33

MESSAGE *"The Old Ways have Failed"* Rev. John Dillon

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Pastor: Let us together affirm our faith in the Triune God.

**All: We believe that flowers need the rain.  
We believe that humans need community.  
We believe that bodies need rest.  
We believe that hearts need connection.  
We believe that mornings need sunrise.**

**We believe that seasons need change.  
We believe that grief needs space.  
We believe that change needs time.  
We believe that love needs security.  
We believe that pain needs art.  
We believe that joy needs company.  
We believe that our spirits need God.**

Pastor: Again and again, our spirits need God.

Fortunately for us, we trust that God is here.

God is at work in our lives.

God is a lighthouse keeper that never gives up.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

SPIRIT OPEN MY HEART (*verse 2*)

GTG 692

*Refrain:* **Spirit, open my heart  
to the joy and pain of living.  
As you love may I love,  
in receiving and in giving.  
Spirit, open my heart.**

**Write your love upon my heart  
as my law, my goal, my story.  
In each thought, word, and deed,  
may my living bring you glory. (*refrain*)**

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: *World Water Day video*

SUNG RESPONSE: TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

GTG 698

**Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

## WE GO IN GRACE

LIFESONG

Mark Hall; Casting Crowns

**Empty hands held high  
Such small sacrifice  
If not joined with my life  
I sing in vain tonight**

**May the words I say  
And the things I do  
Make my lifesong sing  
Bring a smile to you**

**Let my lifesong sing to you  
Let my lifesong sing to you  
I wanna sign your name  
To the end of this day  
Knowin' that my heart was true  
Let my lifesong sing to you**

**Lord I give my life  
A living sacrifice  
To reach a world in need  
To be your hands and feet**

**May the words I say  
And the things I do  
Make my lifesong sing  
Bring a smile to you**

**Let my lifesong sing to you  
Let my lifesong sing to you  
I wanna sign your name  
To the end of this day  
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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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