

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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AGAIN & AGAIN WE ARE SHOWN THE WAY

John Dillon, Pastor
3rd Sunday in Lent
March 7, 2021 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon

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

Liturgist: Tom Lafontaine

WE GATHER IN GRACE

PRELUDE: BETTER IS ONE DAY

Matt Redman, artists, Kutless

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Again and again,

All: we come to this space.

Pastor: Again and again,

All: we gather as a community.

Pastor: Again and again,

All: we move closer to God.

Pastor: And again and again,

All: God is here.

Pastor: We are met.

All: We are heard.

Pastor: We are shown the way.

All: So again and again, let us worship holy God.

YOU ARE GLORY

Words and music by Wes Willis, Kevin Huguley, and Jason Ingram; Rush of Fools

You are the sunrise in the east.

You are the ocean at our feet.

You are the bright and shining star.

You are the love that's in our hearts.

And You are glory, glory.

And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You.

And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You, our King, our King.

You are the thunder in the sky.

You are the shelter through the night.

You are the wind that shakes the trees.

You are the One that's shaken me.

And You are glory, glory.

And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You.

And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You.

And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You, our King.

Solo Deo Gloria, Gloria. Solo Deo Gloria, Gloria.

**And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You.
And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You.
And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You.
And all fall, all fall, all fall short of You, our.....
You are glory, glory.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Science tells us that a person makes about 35,000 choices in a day. 35,000 choices each and every day! In the prayer of confession, we pause to take a moment to think and to ask: How many of our decisions are choices God would have us make? How many are not? So let us pray together, knowing that we need guidance, and trusting that even if we fall, God is showing us the way.

God of Justice, we are guilty of building tables.

**All: We have built tables that oppression dines on,
sexism thrives on, and racism lives on.**

Pastor: God of Justice, we are guilty of forgetting where we are,

**All: Of turning faith into a negotiation tool
and the church into a place for insiders.**

Pastor: God of Justice, we are guilty of ignoring the point;

**All: for you taught that the temple was for worship
and your message was for all.**

Pastor: God of our hearts,

All: be in our decision making.

Pastor: Draw near to our choices.

All: Forgive our mistakes.

Pastor: And as you do,

**All: overturn every table, habit, belief, or
point of view that needs adjusting.**

Pastor: With hope we pray for a better day. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE: KYRIE

GTG 577

Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.

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Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS: I Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 2:13-22

MESSAGE “*We are Shown the Way.*” Rev. John Dillon

TURNING OVER TABLES by John Arndt, David Gungor,
Matt Maher & Alex Pappas

OFFERING: TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM GTG 698

Your gifts to RCLPC matter now more than ever! Our expenses continue, and since we won't be passing offering plates each Sunday, your online or mailed giving is essential. 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!

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE:
I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Steve Angrisano
and Tom Booth

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**All: We believe in a God who knows holy rage—
a God who stands with the underdog,
who passionately protects the suffering,
and who overturns systems of corruption.
We believe in a God who leads by example—
feeding the hungry, welcoming the children, offering water
to the Samaritan, eating with the tax collector,
healing the sick, preaching from the mountaintop,
and offering second chances.
We believe in a God who knew that we would lose our way,
and still said, “This is my body broken for you.”
We believe in a God who knew our capacity for mistakes,
and still said, “I’m going to prepare a place for you.”
And because of this love, we believe that God shows us the
way, again and again and again. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

WE GO IN GRACE

LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN GTG 729 (arr. Bill Carter)

**Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.**

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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