

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
7th Sunday of Easter
May 16, 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, Rod Russell, and Jodie LeFevre*

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Liturgist: Mike Wilson

WE GATHER IN GRACE

PRELUDE MUSIC: PSALM 148

IMPERMANENT THINGS

Sons of Korah

Peter Himmelman

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Lord God, we thank you that you prayed for your disciples
and still you pray for us.

**All: Your prayer for us is that we might learn how to love
and serve you by loving and serving each other.
So, God may we see the things you want us to do.**

Pastor: May we love those you want us to love,
however easy or difficult that is.

**All: And may we know that you are always with us,
looking on us not with judgement, but with love,
cheering us on to be all that you created us to be.**

Pastor: May our worship remind us of who you are and confirm
your spirit and your power in us, as we serve you in our
daily lives, always for your glory. Let us worship the One
who protects and guides and constantly prays for us.

All: Amen.

THE SOUND THAT SAVED US ALL

Anthony Skinner

**All hail the power of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all
I just want to sing Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound that saved us all
Let every kindred tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe
And crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all**

**I just want to sing Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound that saved us all**

**I just want to sing Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound that saved us all**

**Oh, with that yonder throng
That we at his feet may fall
And join the everlasting song
We'll crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all**

**I just want to sing Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound that saved us all**

**I just want to sing Amazing Grace
How sweet the sound that saved us all**

**I just want to sing Amazing Grace
How sweet ___ the sound ___ that saved us all**

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Risen, Lord Jesus, who prays for us, may we know ourselves, today, surrounded by prayer.

**All: Light of the world, go before us in all things and
compel us to follow in your wake so that, in
your risen power, we can light up the world with love.
Forgive us, Lord,
when we allow the light of faith to dim.
Forgive us when we allow fear and doubt
to build up and hold us back.
Forgive us when we forget the joy and
the reality of your risen presence in our world.
Help us to draw near to you so that our light may shine
brightly again and so that we can share your light in
the world. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: Christ shall raise us up and lead us from falsehood to truth,
from despair to hope, from death to life.

Let the Peace of Christ fill our lives and our world.

Peace be with you!

All: And also with you!

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

BEARING WITNESS

Carrie Newcomer

**Could you be some redemption?
Could you be some relief?
Could you be a safe haven?
Do you promise to believe?**

**When I tell you these stories,
Every pain and hard won glory,
Bear witness to a journey
That's been well traveled so far,
So very far.**

**Don't you want to know sometimes
How close we're getting ?
It seems like we're leaping
Into the Kingdom of God.
But, I'm coming undone,**

**I'm all loose ends and ravel.
Bear witness to a journey
That's been well traveled so far,
So very far.**

**So, believe me, heal me.
Believe me, it's all true.
Believe me, You can heal me.
It's all true.**

**I hear my heart beating,
I see my chest heaving.
I close my eyes and wonder,
Did I run this far?
Could you be some forgiveness
By not passing judgment?
Bear witness to the shouting
And every pregnant stillness,
So far, so very far, so very far.**

**Believe me, heal me.
Believe me, it's all true.
Believe me, You can heal me.
It's all true .**

**So, believe me, heal me.
Believe me, it's all true.
Believe me, You can heal me.
It's all true .**

**Now, I've haven't always known you ,
But I never tried to hurt you .
I've always had the hunger
And I've changed my own rules.**

**I've made my mistakes,
Too many to mention.
Bear witness to a life
Lived with good intentions. So far.
So very far. So very far, so very far.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Psalm 1 and John 17:6-19

MESSAGE

"Facing the Future"

Rev. John Dillon

PEACE PRAYER

John Foley

**Lord, make me a means of your peace
Where there's hatred grown let me sow your love
Where there's injury Lord let forgiveness be my sword
Lord, make me a means of your peace**

**Lord, make me a means of your peace
Where there's sadness here let me sow your joy
When the darkness nears may your light dispel our fears
Lord, make me a means of your peace**

**Lord, grant me to seek and to share
Lest to be consoled than to help console
Lest be understood than to understand your good
Lord, make me a means of your peace**

**Lord, grant me to seek and to share
To forgive in thee you've forgiven me
For to die in thee is eternal life to me
Lord, make me a means of your peace**

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.

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EASTER DOXOLOGY

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**Praise we the Father, Spirit, Son:
Praise we the victory God has won: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise we the Lamb who reigns above:
Praise we the King whose rule is love: Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

GO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek

**Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.**

**We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a difference in the world.**

**Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.**

**We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a difference in the world.**

**Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.**

**So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a difference in the world.
And the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference.
We can make a difference.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference in the world.
Go make a difference in the world.**

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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