

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



## Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**May 2, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston,*

*Scott Iddings, Dan Gilman, Al Popp, Rod Russell, Jodie LeFevre*

*Technical Director: Steve Connell*

*Liturgist: Mike Wilson*

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God of planting and harvest, growth and nourishment,  
we see you everywhere and in everything.

**All: Teach us that everything is connected:  
soil, sun and rainfall. Each one of us to each other  
and each to Jesus, our Lord.**

Pastor: Connections run deep within your created world,  
and we, your people, are in the middle of it all,  
energized and lead by God.

**All: Forever remind us of how you call us to not  
just be consumers of your world's products,  
but stewards too of all that is beautiful and special.**

Pastor: Let us worship the source of all life.

BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE

**Come set Your rule and reign  
In our hearts again  
Increase in us we pray  
Unveil why we're made.**

**Come set our hearts ablaze with hope  
Like wildfire in our very souls  
Holy Spirit come invade us now.**

**We are Your church  
We need Your power in us.**

**We seek Your kingdom first  
We hunger and we thirst  
Refuse to waste our lives  
For You're our joy and prize.**

**To see the captive hearts released  
The hurt; the sick; the poor at peace  
We lay down our lives for Heaven's cause.**

**We are Your church  
We pray revive this earth.**

**Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land.**

**Set Your church on fire  
Flood the world with love  
Change the atmosphere  
Build Your kingdom here  
We pray.**

**Unleash Your kingdom's power  
Reaching the near and far  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts.**

**You made us for much more than this  
Awake the kingdom seed in us  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.**

**We are Your church  
We are the hope on earth.**

**Build Your kingdom here  
Let the darkness fear  
Show Your mighty hand  
Heal our streets and land.**

**Set Your church on fire  
Flood the world with love  
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#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Pastor:** God, in your mercy, you gave Jesus as a gift to the world. He became the vine that we might be the branches—extending your goodness out into our communities and world.

**All:** We seek forgiveness today for the times when we break connection with the vine; when we thirst because we refuse to drink from the cup Jesus offers.

Pastor: We seek forgiveness today for the many times we have been intoxicated by sour wine and poisoned grapes.

**All: Lord, like refreshing rain wash over us and bring renewal and new life. Take the ingredients that make us who we are, and make them into something full of life, energy and vigor.  
May your Spirit grant us forgiveness, and may she inspire us to new growth. 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

GTG 582

**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.**

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Amen.**

### WE GROW IN GRACE

#### WEE WORSHIP

#### THE SUMMONS (*verse 1*)

GTG 726

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown;  
will you let my name be known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

John 15:1-8 and Acts 8:26-39

MESSAGE

*“Fearful, Fearful, Ever Fearful”*

Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING:

*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!*

OFFERING RESPONSE: THE SUMMONS (*verse 5*)

GTG 726

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

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: ROOM AT THE TABLE

Carrie Newcomer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION / BENEDICTION

**All: Fed by the Lord, grafted to the vine,  
may our actions and speech be fertile ground for  
branches to grow, for grapes to ripen,  
for leaves to shade, for sun to sweeten,  
that we might all be bound together in one great word,  
your word: Love. Amen.**

## **WE GO IN GRACE**

**FATHER LET YOUR KINGDOM COME** By Ben Cooper, Latifah Alattas,  
Liz Vice, Paul Zach, Madison Cunningham,  
Orlando Palmer, and Isaac Wardell

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**May the works of my hands bring you joy.**

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**May the words from my mouth speak your peace.**

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**You make all things new. You make all things new.**

**In places we don't choose. You make all things new.**

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*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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