

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
6th Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2021 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon

Music Leaders: Sherri Dees, Anthony Jay Houston, Dan Bretz,

Members of the Adult Choir, Rebecca Floyd, soprano

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Liturgist: David Dees

WE GATHER IN GRACE

PRELUDE MUSIC

Anthony Jay Houston, vibraphone,
Dan Bretz, drums, Sherri Dees, piano

INTROIT: HOLY SPIRIT COME TO US

GTG 284

**Holy Spirit, come to us;
kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us.
Holy Spirit, come to us.**

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God of love, you are our creator, our redeemer, you
command us to love you and all that you have created.

**All: We gather to offer you this time of worship,
to renew our vow to love and to offer ourselves to you.
Draw near to us as we draw near to you in worship.**

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

GTG 366

**Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Loving God, we confess that as humanity, we have created divisions and segregation between the peoples of the earth.

All: We have not listened to your eternal story from creation to redemption, and have not grasped, nor fostered, inclusive and mutual love in the way we should have.

Pastor: We confess that we have been guilty of creating such comforts and security for ourselves as individuals or nations, while denying comfort and security to others.

All: As people who admit to such failure, today we seek to be challenged to do better. To accept your grace and mercy, we must first be humble and honest. We must be ready to mend our ways and be even more ready to live by the example of your son, who taught us about the true meaning of friendship, and so discover what it takes to be completely at one with you and all your people. 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!

SUNG RESPONSE: SING A NEW SONG

JL Bell

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

WADE IN THE WATER

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Acts 10:44-48 and John 15:9-17

MESSAGE

"Love Unlimited?"

Rev. John Dillon

"AMEN" (THEMBA) SOUTH AFRICA

JL Bell

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: "THE LORD'S PRAYER" from *REQUIEM*

Bradley Ellingboe

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

HYMN: LOVE IS THE TOUCH OF INTANGIBLE JOY

JL Bell

**Love is the touch of intangible joy;
love is the force that no fear can destroy;
love is the goodness we gladly applaud:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;
love is the hope that can make us rejoice;
love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;
love is the will to be whole once again;
love is the trust of a friend on the road:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

**Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the pathway the saints all have trod:
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Anthony Jay Houston and Dan Bretz

*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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