

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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John Dillon, Pastor
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Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Jac Kelewae
Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston, Scott Iddings,
and Adult Choir
Technical Director: Steve Connell
Liturgist: Al Popp

WE GATHER IN GRACE

A “+” indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.

Reminders: Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom.

Per CDC guidelines, masks are required in the building.

INTROIT: HEAVEN AND EARTH

JL Bell

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 89, selected*)

One: I will celebrate your love for ever, Yahweh,
age after age my words shall proclaim your faithfulness.

**All: For we claim that your love
is built to last forever and
your faithfulness founded firmly in the heavens.**

One: The heavens are yours and the earth is yours.

All: You founded the world and all it holds.

One: Righteousness and Justice support your throne.

All: Love and Faithfulness are your attendants.

One: Happy are the people who learn to acclaim you!

**All: We will rejoice in your name all day
and exult in your righteousness!**

+COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!

GTG 749

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

**We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.**

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

**We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and violence will be no more.**

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

**Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love.**

**We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O Yahweh, the source of all that we are and have,
we come in humbleness to worship and praise you.

**All: We confess that we often forget whose world this really
is and hold tight to our possessions and our rights.**

One: When we hear that you do not want our songs and our
praise, that you want us to do justice,

**All: we confess that we are more comfortable with
delegating justice to others.**

One: We want to just send money and lament tragedies
from afar rather than change our lives and our
relationships with our neighbors.

**All: Help us to defend the weak and the fatherless,
to uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed,
as you have commanded.**

One: Help us to see the weak and the needy in our own lives
and to act with compassion and restoration,
as you have done with us.

~ let us continue our confession in silence ~

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, if anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation: everything old has passed away;
see everything is made new.

**All: In Christ, we become new people, altogether –
the past is finished and gone,
everything has become fresh and new.**

One: Believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven
and restored to a right relationship with God.**

+WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?

GTG 70

**What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.**

+PASSING THE PEACE:

One: Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to greet one another in peace.

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING:

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

MESSAGE

“Justice and Worship”

Jac Kelewae

+THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

GTG 435

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea.
There's a kindness in God's justice,
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment given.**

**For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
we would gladly trust God's Word,
and our lives reflect thanksgiving
for the goodness of our Lord.**

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.

ANTHEM: WHEN THE POOR ONES

David M. Cherwein

OFFERING: MOMENT FOR MISSION: WRITE FOR RIGHTS

Your gifts to RCLPC matter now more than ever! Since we won't be passing offering plates each Sunday, you may choose to use the offering baskets at the back of the sanctuary. 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!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES

GTG 757

**Today we all are called to be
disciples of the Lord,
to help to set the captive free,
make plowshare out of sword,
to feed the hungry, quench their thirst,
make love and peace our fast,
to serve the poor and homeless first,
our ease and comfort last.**

**God made the world and at its birth
ordained our human race
to live as stewards of the earth,
responding to God's grace.
But we are vain and sadly proud;
we sow not peace but strife.
Our discord spreads a deadly cloud
that threatens all of life.**

**Pray justice may come rolling down
as in a mighty stream,
with righteousness in field and town
to cleanse us and redeem.
For God is longing to restore
an earth where conflicts cease,
a world that was created for
a harmony of peace.**

**May we in service to our God
act out the living word,
and walk the road the saints have trod
till all have seen and heard.
As stewards of the earth may we
give thanks in one accord
to God who calls us all to be
disciples of the Lord.**

+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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