

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
Christ the King Sunday
November 21, 2021 | 9:30

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston, Scott Iddings,
Al Popp, and Jodi Iddings
Technical Director: Steve Connell
Liturgist: Naomi Stange

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.

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Strength through vulnerability.

Peace through pain.

All: This is Jesus’s way.

One: Justice through questioning.

Light through darkness.

All: This is Jesus’s way.

One: Courage through truth.

Love through reconciliation.

All: This is Jesus’s way.

One: Jesus our Lord and King has shown us the way.

All: Let us worship and follow Him.

+GATHER US IN

GTG 401

**Here in this place the new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young; our lives are a mystery.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty;
gather us in, the proud and the strong;
give us a heart, so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away:
here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in, all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of all life we lay ourselves open to you.
We bring our faith and our doubt,
our joy and our sorrow, our hope and our despair.

All: **Lord, take from me the burden of hurts that I carry
and the hurts I have caused. Release me from their
weight that I might continue my faith journey
with a surer and lighter step.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: The Lord will lead you from death to life, from falsehood
to truth, from fear to trust, from hate to love.
The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ will do all these things.
Let us turn one to another and acknowledge that Peace.

+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.
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

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE

GTG 611

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**

**All thy works with joy surround thee;
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.**

**Mortals, join the happy chorus
which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

Isaiah 9:2-7

+EVERLASTING GOD

Chris Tomlin

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.**

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.**

**Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God.**

You do not faint, you won't grow weary.

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.**

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
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**Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God.**

You do not faint, you won't grow weary.

**You're the defender of the weak.
You comfort those in need.
You lift us up on wings like eagles.
From everlasting to everlasting,
God, You are everlasting.**

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

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!

+DOXOLOGY

Crowder

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.
Amen. Amen. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+IN THE LIGHT

**I wanna be in the Light as You are in the Light
I wanna shine like the stars in the heavens**

**Oh Lord, be my Light and be my salvation
'Cause all I want is to be in the Light
All I want is to be in the Light**

**I wanna be in the Light as You are in the Light
I wanna shine like the stars in the heavens**

**Oh Lord, be my Light and be my salvation
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I wanna shine like the stars in the heavens**

**Oh Lord, be my Light and be my salvation
'Cause all I want is to be in the Light
All I want is to be in the Light**

**All I want is to be ...
in the Light, in the Light,
in the Light, in the Light,
in the Light, in the Light,
in the Light, in the Light.**

+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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