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“Home Sweet Home” – Advent 1

John Dillon, Pastor
1st Sunday of Advent
November 28, 2021 | 9:30

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston, Scott Iddings,
Mike Griswold, Ann Legg, Iona Dillon, and Adult Choir
Technical Director: Steve Connell
Liturgist: Mary Finch

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord, we are yearning and longing to love and to be loved.

**All: We raise our voices in worship,
singing praise to the birth of Love in Jesus.**

+PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN

GTG 619

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Praise the Maker all your days!

**Praise God for the grace and favor
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

**Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame,
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

All within me, praise God's name!

**Angels, teach us adoration;
you behold God face to face.**

**Sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space:**

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

+LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE*

Voice A: Your church awaits your coming, Lord,
With watchful, eager eyes upraised;
Spread justice, joy, through every land,
Shed light upon our year of grace.

*Voice B: One candle flame shall guide us now;
Its light seems frail, but we believe
It heralds Christ our Light, the one
Our hearts prepare now to receive.*

Sung Response:

**All: O come, Lord Jesus, God's own Son!
O come, Lord Jesus, Light from light!
O come, Lord Jesus, Prince of peace!
Now come in splendid glory bright!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
In joyful hope your people wait;
Rejoice! Rejoice!
To you, O Lord, we lift our praise!**

+ADVENT PRAYER AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: What is "Home Sweet Home"?

**All: It is a just world, where peace flows like a river; it is
the end of suffering; it is where hospitals run empty;
joy is contagious; and all nations feel like neighbors.**

One: "Home Sweet Home" is the world God promises.
"Home" isn't that "Sweet" yet, but we are on our way.
God is here. God is still creating.

**All: Let us worship Holy God and
share the coming peace of Christ with one another.**

One: Peace be with you!

+SUNG RESPONSE:

GTG 113

All sing: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

THE NAME OF JESUS

Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 2:1-5

MESSAGE

"Home Sweet Home"

Rev. John Dillon

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
be there at our labors and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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: ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY (v 4) GTG 143

**All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ,
the newborn king!**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO

+WE WAIT THE PEACEFUL KINGDOM

GTG 378

**We wait the peaceful kingdom,
when wolf and lamb shall lie
in gentleness and friendship
without a fear or sigh,
when lion shall be grazing,
when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us
both strong and weak alike.**

**Where is the peaceful kingdom?
When will this new day start?
We long for peace and comfort
to reign within each heart.
Yet not in our lives only,
nor simply in our home:
we pray that all creation
will one day find shalom.**

**When wars of desolation
and hate come to an end,
when nation meets with nation
and calls the other “friend,”
still peace in all its fullness
will only have begun:
shalom for all creation
begins with justice done.**

**That little child shall lead us
to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom,
to greet God's newborn day.
The child born in a stable
is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table
the day when justice reigns.**

+SENDING

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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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