

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
20th Sunday after Pentecost
October 10, 2021 | 9:30

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston
Mike Griswold, and Adult Choir
Technical Director: Steve Connell
Liturgist: Paula Viner

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

One: Come before God, you faithful people.
Bring your hallelujahs and your complaints,
your praise and your laments—
for God wants you as you are.

All: **Whether happy or sad, confident or scared,
let us come before God,
and hold back no prayer or emotion of our heart.
God, we come before you.**

+RICE OF LIFE

GTG 524

**The rice of life from heaven came
to bring true life from God above.
Receive this gift; God’s mercy claim;
in joy and pain give thanks for love.**

**True rice the hungry world has fed,
the rice required for life below.
Provide this gift; God’s mercy spread;
in weakness God’s compassion show.**

**The rice of God for all is meant;
no one who comes is turned away.
Believe in Christ whom God has sent;
in humble trust God’s will obey.**

**The living rice, for all a sign,
came down eternal life to give.
Abide in Christ, the living vine;
in Christ, with people die and live.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings.
In the knowledge of God's mercy,
we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world.
In the confidence of God's children let us pray
and confess our sins.

~ *silence* ~

One: Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us
a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.

**All: We confess that we have defaced your creation
and poisoned our environment.**

One: In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters
and intended for us to be united.

**All: Yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.**

One: You gave us wisdom and creativity.

**All: We have used those to trick each other
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.**

One: You gave us laws to order our lives.

**All: We have abused them
to take revenge and punish our enemies.
We love war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak
and honor the rich and powerful.**

In all this we have not lived according to your will.

**Forgive us, Lord,
for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize**

that you alone are worthy of praise.

In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: "God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ,"
through whom our sins were forgiven.

May God help us to continue to "preach peace to those
who are near and far." (*Phil. 3:9; Eph. 2:17*)

It is a peace gifted by Jesus, unlike any human peace,
that we share one with another. Peace be with you!

All: Peace to sister and brother near and far.

+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

ANTHEM: HERE I AM Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 16:1-18

MESSAGE “**I Am** providing; *we are* complaining.” Rev John Dillon

YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART (*verse 4*) GTG 523

Refrain:

**You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat;
come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

**The mystery of your presence, Lord,
no mortal tongue can tell:
whom all the world cannot contain
comes in our hearts to dwell.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ARE HUNGRY

Ben Johnston-Krause

**We are hungry, Lord, we are hungry.
We are hungry, Lord, we are hungry.
We are men, women, we are children, and Lord,
we are hungry.**

**So let the rains go, let the healing river flow.
Let justice roll like waters.
Let the days begin, when new life enters in,
and let your Kingdom come.**

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: "Hunger Action" by Mary Finch & Mary Ellen Shine

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

+THE LOVE OF GOD COMES CLOSE

JL Bell and Graham Maule

**The love of God comes close
Where stands an open door
To let the stranger in,
To mingle rich and poor:
The love of God is here to stay,
Embracing all along the way.**

**The peace of God comes close
To those caught in the storm,
Forgoing lives of ease,
To ease the lives forlorn:
The peace of God is here to stay,
Embracing all along the way.**

**The joy of God comes close
Where faith encounters fears,
Where heights and depths of life
Are found through smiles and tears:
The joy of God is here to stay,
Embracing all along the way.**

**The grace of God comes close
To those whose grace is spent,
When hearts are tired or sore
And hope is bruised or bent:
The grace of God is here to stay,
Embracing all along the way.**

+BENEDICTION

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE: FOR YOUR GENEROUS PROVIDING
TUNE: HOLY MANNA (87.87.D); words: Leith Fisher

**For your generous providing
which sustains us all our days,
for your Spirit here residing,
we proclaim our heartfelt praise.
Through the depths of joy and sorrow,
though the road be smooth or rough,
fearless, we can face tomorrow
for your grace will be enough.**

**Hush our world's seductive voices
tempting us to stand alone;
save us from the siren noises
calling us to trust our own.**

**For those snared by earthly treasure,
lured by false security,
Jesus, true and only measure,
spring the trap to set folk free.**

**Round your table, through your giving,
show us how to live and pray
till your kingdom's way of living
is the bread we share each day:
bread for us and for our neighbor,
bread for body, mind, and soul,
bread of heaven and human labor-
broken bread that makes us whole.**

*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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