

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**21st Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 17, 2021 | 9:30**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Rev. Fred Neuschel*

*Music Leaders: Ron Fredriksen, Scott Iddings,*

*Anthony Jay Houston, Ann Legg, Tim May, and Adult Choir*

*Technical Director: Steve Connell*

*Liturgist: Jac Kelewae*

## 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.*

GATHERING MUSIC: “HERE I AM, LORD”

David Howard Pettit  
Tim May, Trumpet soloist

INTROIT: YOU, LORD, ARE IN THIS PLACE

Text: David Adam  
Music: Keith Duke

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Look up! See the glory of God.

**All: The beauty of his creation spreads from  
horizon to horizon.**

One: Every day gives witness to God’s good works.

**All: We hear God speak with our ears and in our hearts.**

One: Words alone cannot capture God’s message to us.

**All: God’s words are etched into the landscape of our lives.**

One: There is no place on earth that does not tell God’s story.

**All: We need but open the eyes and ears of our hearts.**

+GOD IS CALLING THROUGH THE WHISPER

GTG 410

**God is calling through the whisper  
of the Spirit’s deepest sighs,  
through the thrill of sudden beauties  
that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder;  
hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling—can you hear?  
God is calling—can you hear?**

**God is calling through the voices  
of our neighbors’ urgent prayers,  
through their longing for redemption  
and for rescue from despair.**

**Place of hurt or face of needung;  
strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling—can you hear?  
God is calling—can you hear?**

**God is calling through the music  
of sublime and human arts,  
through the hymns of earth and angels,  
and the carols of our hearts.**

**Lift of joy and gift of singing;  
days and nights our praises bringing:  
God is calling—and we hear!  
God is calling—and we hear!**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, help us to see you in your majesty.

**All: Help us to hear you in your holiness.**

One: You have surrounded us with your presence.

**All: You have filled our world with the sacred.**

One: You have infused our lives with your holy spirit.

**All: Deliver us from the blindness of hopelessness.**

One: Save us from the impotence of despair.

**All: Soothe us in our anxieties about the future.**

One: Inspire us with the grandeur of your creation.

**All: Move us to use the gifts you have given us  
with wisdom and compassion.**

One: Give us peace in the surety of your love for your creation.

**All: Hear now our silent prayers of supplication.**

*[Be quiet. Breathe deeply. Listen to your heart.]*

+COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS WITH YOUR PEACE

GTG 466

**All: Come and fill our hearts with your peace.**

**You, alone, O Lord, are holy. (sing 5 times)**

+WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: God is mighty.

**All: But extends his hand to the frail.**

One: God is righteous.

**All: But gracious and forgiving to those who seek.**

One: God is far beyond our comprehension.

**All: But speaks to us in simple words of love.**

One: Praise God.

**All: Praise our Creator and Comforter.**

+PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with each other.

+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: CALL OF WISDOM

Will Todd

SCRIPTURE READING:

I Samuel 3:1-21

MESSAGE

*"What is Your Calling?"*

Rev Fred Neuschel

+SAMUEL, SAMUEL, I AM CALLING

Daniel Charles Damon

**Samuel, Samuel, I am calling, I am calling you, my son."**

**"Eli, Eli, I am coming, I am coming on the run."**

**"Go lie down, I did not call you.**

**Samuel you must get some sleep.**

**Go lie down until the morning.**

**Pray the Lord your soul to keep."**

**Samuel, Samuel, I am calling, I am calling you, my son.”**

**“Eli, Eli, I am coming, I am coming on the run.”**

**“Go lie down, I did not call you. Samuel I must get some sleep.  
Go lie down, be still, be ready. God will tell you what to do.”**

**Samuel, Samuel, I am calling, I am calling you, my son.”**

**“Eli, once more I am coming, I am coming on the run.”**

**“Samuel, I have seen my visions —  
now the vision comes to you.**

**Go lie down, be still, be ready. God will tell you what to do.”**

**Samuel crept to bed and listened.**

**This time there was no mistake  
for the Lord stood right beside him,  
and the boy was wide awake.**

**“Samuel, Samuel, I am calling, I am calling you, my son.”**

**“Speak Lord, I will love and serve you,  
serve you till my race is run.”**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ARE LISTENING

Ben Johnston-Krause

**We are listening, Lord, we are listening.**

**We are listening, Lord, we are listening.**

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

**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: Stewardship Focus: "Different but the Same"

*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

GTG 607

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## WE GO IN GRACE

+HERE I AM, LORD

GTG 69

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
  
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.  
  
I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

+SENDING

+SENDING MUSIC: "THE REJOICING"

George Frederic Handel  
Tim May, Trumpet soloist

*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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