

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021 | 9:30

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon

*Music Leaders: Ron Fredriksen, Scott Iddings,
Anthony Jay Houston, Dan Gilman, Al Popp, 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: What are we looking for? Who are we looking for?
Is it God?

**All: With longing we have looked in the east and the west,
both north and south. Where shall we find God?**

One: Do not fear for God is here!
Always, God is here and there,
God is all around, never far away.
Come, let us worship our ever-present God.

+OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Paul Baloche

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You**

**To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing “Holy, holy, holy”**

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+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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 abused them for our own selfish selves. 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.

+SUNG RESPONSE: COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

GTG 466

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

Alleluia!

WE GROW IN GRACE

**Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways.
As we learn from one another,
learn to love each other,
teach us Your ways.**

**Teach us to give, teach us to give,
give ourselves for one another,
learn to help each other,
teach us to give.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

PEOPLE OF GOD

Michael Gungor

**We could have tongues of angels.
We could move mountains with our faith.
We could give everything away,
but if we don't have love,
we're left with nothing.**

**We could see blind eyes opened,
know all the mysteries of our faith.
We could sing all the highest praise,
but if we don't have love,
we're left with nothing.**

**People of God rise up.
Rise up and shine God's love.
We are the light of the world,
of the world, oh,
we are the light of the world,
of the world, oh.**

**Love is what holds it all together.
Love never fails, it never dies.
There is no deeper truth.
We know God is love, our God is love.**

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MESSAGE **"I Am close by; *we are* hiding."** Rev John Dillon

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: 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

+GOD THE SPIRIT, GUIDE AND GUARDIAN TUNE: GTG 366; GTG 303

**God the Spirit, guide and guardian,
wind-spiced flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets,
sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people
fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles
to your church in every place.**

**Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd,
Word made flesh, Love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering servant,
friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all *pastors
learn and live a shepherd's care;
grant them courage and compassion
shown through word and deed and prayer.**

**Great Creator, life-bestower,
truth beyond all thought's recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy,
giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness,
so may those the church exalts
oversee its life steadfastly,
yet not overlook its faults.**

**Triune God, mysterious being,
undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom,
greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings
your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting
may give glory to your name.**

+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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