

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
23rd Sunday after Pentecost
October 31, 2021 | 9:30

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Ron Fredriksen, Anthony Jay Houston,
Scott Iddings, and Al Popp
Technical Director: Steve Connell
Liturgist: Sue Neuschel

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

+A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD (*verses 1,2, and 4*)

GTG 275

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing,
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he.
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.**

**That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth.
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever.**

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Creator God, all living things come from you,
each human being is made in your image,
and you love all of it. Your majestic presence
is seen in the skies above and the earth below.

**All: Who are we to doubt you,
to question your actions, to define your limits?**

One: And yet you have compassion on our doubts and
invite our questions. You desire to reveal yourself to us
in nature, in people and through your word.

All: Let us worship God, present in all of life

+YOU ARE GOOD

Israel Houghton

Chorus:

**Lord You are good and your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good and your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation**

**We worship you, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship you for who you are.
We worship you, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship you for who you are
You are good.**

**Lord You are Good and your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good and your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation**

**We worship you, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship you for who you are.
We worship you, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We worship you for who you are
For who You are For who You are
For who You are You are good**

+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 AND 3RD GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

CANNOT KEEP YOU

Michael Gungor

**They tried to keep you in a tent.
They could not keep you in a temple,
or any of their idols, to see and understand.**

**We cannot keep you in a church.
We cannot keep you in a Bible,
or it's just another idol, to box you in.**

**They could not keep you in their walls.
We cannot keep you in ours either,
for you are so much greater.**

**Who is like the Lord,
the maker of the heavens?
Who dwells with the poor?
He lifts them from the ashes,
and He seats them among princes.
Who is like the Lord?**

**We've tried to keep you in our tents.
We've tried to keep you in our temples.
We've worshiped all our idols.
We want all that to end.**

**So we will find you in the streets
and we will find you in the prisons
and even in our Bibles and churches.**

**Who is like the Lord,
the maker of the heavens?
Who dwells with the poor?
He lifts them from the ashes,
and He seats them among princes.
Who is like the Lord?**

**We cannot contain, cannot contain
the glory of your name.**

**We cannot contain, cannot contain
the glory of your name.**

**We cannot contain, cannot contain
the glory of your name.**

**Who is like the Lord?
You took me from the ashes
and you healed me from my blindness.
Who is like the Lord?**

SCRIPTURE READING:

1 Kings 5:3-5 & 8:1,6,9-13

MESSAGE

“I Am without limit;
we are limited and limit God.”

Rev John Dillon

**If You don't build it we labor in vain.
Without Your Spirit, we stand with no strength.
I know my life is passing away,
But the works of Your hands are what will remain.**

**Let favor of the Lord rest upon us:
O Lord, establish the work of our hands,
O Lord, establish the work of our hands.**

**Teach us to number the length of our days.
Pour out Your power,
We'll pour out Your praise.
Teach us to run, to finish the race,
For only what's done in love will remain.**

**Let favor of the Lord rest upon us:
O Lord, establish the work of our hands,
O Lord, establish the work of our hands.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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.

THE LORD IS MY SONG

Taize

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.**

**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.**

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.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+BE THOU MY VISION

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**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

+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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