

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**World Communion Sunday**  
**October 3, 2021 | 9:30**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon and Rev. Sarah Henken*  
*Music Leaders: Scott Iddings, Anthony Jay Houston, and Jodi Iddings*  
*Technical Director: Steve Connell*  
*Liturgist: Deb Bendis*

# 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: COME ALL YOU PEOPLE

JL Bell

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP (Rev Gloria Ulloa, Presbyterian Church of Colombia)

One: We gather from the west to the east,  
from the south to the north,  
to celebrate the God of peace  
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

**All: This God of peace accompanies us  
in each and every circumstance around us.  
We praise God's name! Amen!**

+A SONG OF PEACE

Finlandia

+INVITATION TO CONFESSION (Shant Agoushian, theology student,  
Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East;  
and Jameel Maher Khadir, theology student,  
Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Holy Land)

+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**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Exodus 3:1-15,4:10-15

MESSAGE

*"God's Name Revealed"*

Rev. Sarah Henken

PC(USA) Peace Initiative Promoter, Colombia

+PSALM 117: ALL YOU PEOPLES, ALL YOU NATIONS      Sons of Korah

**Praise the Lord  
All of you peoples.  
Extol the Lord  
all of you nations.**

**And the love of God is great toward us,  
and His faithfulness endures forever.  
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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!*

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (*verse,6*)

GTG 15

**O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One!**

**Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION: ROOM AT THE TABLE

Carrie Newcomer

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION / BENEDICTION

Pastor: We have broken bread that feeds us,  
and shared the cup of joy,  
symbols of covenant of relationship and well-being  
that Christ offers to all creation.

**All: Each time we share The Lord's Supper  
we remember it is a sign of unity,  
a gift and a calling that we might be one single body,  
bound together in communion by God's love.**

# WE GO IN GRACE

+TAKE TO THE WORLD

Aaron Tate

**Go in peace to love and to serve  
And let your ears ring long with what you have heard  
And may the bread on your tongue leave a trail of crumbs  
To lead the hungry back to the place that you are from**

**And take to the world this love hope and faith  
Take to the world this rare relentless grace  
And like the three in one  
Know you must become what you want to save  
'Cause that's still the way  
He takes to the world**

**Go and go far take light deep in the dark  
Believe what's true use it as all, even you  
And may the bread on your tongue leave a trail of crumbs  
To lead the hungry back to the place that you are from**

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+SENDING

**Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

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**Amen, amen. Amen, amen.**

**Amen, we praise your name, O God!**

**Amen siakudumisa! Amen siakudumisa!**

**Amen, bawo. Amen, bawo. Amen siakudumisa!**

## **Oct 3 - World Communion Sunday**

### **Guest Preacher from Colombia**

The Rev Sarah Henken is no stranger to RCLPC and we are blessed to have her join us for worship direct from Colombia to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Pastor Sarah serves as peace initiative promoter with the Presbyterian Church of Colombia and as the site coordinator for the Young Adult Volunteer program in Colombia. Sarah will also host a Zoom session after worship on Sunday. Please stay online or in the sanctuary to participate.

#### *About Sarah Henken's ministry*

Sarah Henken has served as a mission co-worker since 2010. After six years serving as regional liaison for the Andean countries of South America (Bolivia, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela), in 2017 her ministry shifted to a key focus on peace initiatives with the Presbyterian Church of Colombia (known as the IPC after its Spanish name). Sarah works in collaboration with the peace commission of the IPC as the church strives to help all Colombians build a new future and bring an end to over 50 years of armed conflict. A lifelong peace advocate, Sarah helps develop educational materials and programs for the promotion of peace and reconciliation within churches and communities. She engages in diaconal ministry with groups of campesino farmers displaced by the violence as they seek new land to farm and strive to sustain their families. Sarah also coordinates the Young Adult Volunteers who serve alongside the IPC in a variety of ministries. Her home base is in Barranquilla, on Colombia's Caribbean coast, and she visits churches and communities throughout the country.

*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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