

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**16th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 12, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston*

*Al Popp, Mike Griswold, Ann Legg, Adult Choir*

*Technical Director: Steve Connell*

*Liturgist: Fred 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.*

COME ALL YOU PEOPLE

JL Bell

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP (*selected verses from Psalm 19*)

One: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;

**All: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the  
heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;**

One: more to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey.

**All: Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.**

+INDESCRIBABLE

Words and Music by Laura Story

**From the highest of heights  
To the depths of the sea  
Creation's revealing Your majesty  
From the colors of Fall  
To the fragrance of Spring  
Ev'ry creature unique  
In the song that it sings  
All exclaiming**

**Indescribable uncontainable  
You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
All powerful untamable  
Awestruck we fall to our knees  
As we humbly proclaim  
You are amazing God**

**Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt  
Where it should go  
Or seen heavenly storehouses  
Laden with snow  
Who imagined the sun  
And gives source to its light  
Yet conceals it to bring us  
The coolness of night  
None can fathom**

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You placed the stars in the sky  
And You know them by name  
You are amazing God  
Incomp'able, unchangeable  
You see the depths of my heart  
and you love me the same  
You are amazing God.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Forgive us, Lord God, for despite the wonderful senses you have given us, we still too often fail to use them and therefore miss so much of what you want to tell us.

**All: Forgive us too when we use words to shame or hurt another, remind us that you love all and desire us to love all too.**

**Help us to be better followers of Jesus and, like him, may our words and actions always be gentle, healing and wise. May we add to building up the body of Christ and his kingdom, here and now.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: God of Life, we lay our lives before you.

**All: I bring my faith and doubts.**

**I bring my joys and sorrows.**

**I bring my hope and despair.**

**I bring the hurts that I carry**

**and the hurts I have caused.**

**Nothing in me is hidden from You, O Lord.**

*~ silence ~*

Pastor: Christ will never cast us aside nor punish us unjustly.

He has promised to always sustain us with the power of the Spirit and to grant unending Peace. Now share the Peace of Christ with stranger and friend.

**All: Peace be with us!**

+SUNG RESPONSE: WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED AND FREE Paul M Vasile

**We are forgiven loved and free.**

**We're washed anew and then called to be  
hope for the weary, strength for the weak,  
with a blessing of peace for all,  
with a blessing of peace for all.**

WEE WORSHIP

COOL OF THE DAY

Jean Ritchie

# WE GROW IN GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 8:27-38

MESSAGE

*“After Three Days Rise Again”*

Rev. John Dillon

## A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: They once dwelled among us, the people of memory.

**All: They knew us, they taught us, they loved us.**

Pastor: They touched our lives time and time again and continue to do so even in their bodily absence.

**All: Through sweet memories,  
laughter and tears we are blessed.**

Pastor: With hearts and hands open we hold on to love,  
ever stronger than death.

**All: We reach back in gratitude  
and savor our time together.**

Pastor: We would not be who we are this day had we not known  
them and loved and been loved.

**All: We remember those who have gone before.  
We honor the circle of life and death and life  
everlasting promised and made sure by the life, death,  
and resurrection of Jesus Christ Our Lord.**

Pastor: We remember:

Gary A Salman

Quentin Blome

Clyde Seager

Don Stange

Ken Miller

Carol Richardson

Pastor: We love them still and know they have heard Christ say  
“Well done good and faithful servant. All your sins are  
forgiven.” Amen.

**All: Gracious God, from whose heart we come,  
and to which we return, we give thanks.**

**Let us be filled with faith and courage as we live each  
day. Amen**

**In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

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*)

**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

## 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: ORDINARY MIRACLE

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION / BENEDICTION

**All: Lord, grant that we use all your gifts graciously and for the blessing of all of creation. May we so share every goodness which you have given us, so that we leave this earth empty-handed, and so able to embrace the fullness of heaven and everlasting life. Amen**

## WE GO IN GRACE

+CREATOR, COMPANION, COMFORTER

Tune: GTG 664

**God of Creation  
Gentle life-giver  
Present at birth, and  
all through our days.  
Author of sunrise  
Song in the night sky  
Here in this place, we  
offer our praise.**

**Jesus, Companion  
teacher and healer  
friend of the grieving,  
suffering, the poor.  
Stand with your people  
whisper among us  
promise of mercy  
goodness for all.**

**Spirit of Comfort  
blow through Creation  
stir up new life, breathe  
peace through our world.  
Healer of hearts, and  
hope for tomorrow  
weave all our sorrows  
into new dawn.**

**Here we give thanks for  
life in its fullness  
blessing received your  
gifts to us all.  
Make us a people  
filled with compassion  
selflessly giving  
serving your world.**

+SENDING

+GOD TO ENFOLD YOU

John L Bell

*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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