

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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John Dillon, Pastor
17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 19, 2021 | 10:00

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon
Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston
Al Popp, Jodi Iddings, and Adult Choir
Technical Director: Steve Connell
Liturgist: Julia Baser

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

One: Heaven sent—from God, of God!

All that is good, worthy and honorable; all that represents
the character and the goodness of God.

All: **Let it be that our wisdom, our nature,
our words and actions reflect such a heavenly Spirit.
Let this praise God and receive as heaven-sent:
God’s gift to us of time, space, and opportunity.
Let us praise the One who created us.**

+BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

Matt Redman

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship God’s Holy name

Sing like never before,

O my soul

I’ll worship your Holy name

The sun comes up,

It’s a new day dawning

It’s time to sing your song again

Whatever may pass

And whatever lies before me

Let me be singing

When the evening comes

Bless the Lord, O my soul

O my soul

Worship God’s Holy name

**Sing like never before,
O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name**

**You're rich in love,
And you're slow to anger
Your name is great,
And your heart is kind
For all your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name**

**And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name**

**Lord, I'll worship your Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name
I'll worship your Holy name
I'll worship your Holy name**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Friends, we are made in the image of God, but that does not make us God. Though we often prefer to pretend we are perfect when we ignore our sin, we deceive only ourselves and there is no room for God's truth to dwell in us. When we confess our sin, we experience the grace and mercy of God in the here and now. Before God, with the people of God, let us confess to our faults and our failings. Let us pray:

Creator God, with a word you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed the breath of life into us. You call us to live as stewards, reflecting your glorious image into the world.

**All: When we have scorned your gift of creation,
placing ourselves over and above,
rather than within and among, forgive us.
When we have ignored your gift of creativity,
believing it inferior to the gifts of the intellect,
forgive us.
When we have sought you in heaven
and ignored you on earth, forgive us.**

~silence~

One: Gracious God, fill us again with your creative spirit, that your image may shine forth in our lives. We pray in the name of your creating Word made flesh, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: In the beginning, God planted goodness deep within creation—and through the grace of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, we are able to live as the body of Christ, showing that goodness to the world. Friends, live and believe this good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Please share the Peace of Christ with stranger and friend. Peace be with you.

All: And also with you.

**Peace of God be with you.
Peace of God be with you.
Salaam, salaam.
Peace of God be with you.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

ISAAC AND ABRAHAM

Joan Baez

**Hard times, hard times in Canaan Land
Trouble in the mind of a man
A voice came whispering softly to him
Go offer, offer up the lamb.**

**Abraham took his only son
High up on a hill
His test of faith had finally come
As the wind, the wind began to chill.**

**Cold steel, cold steel in the father's hand
Tears falling from the sky
The angels, the angels did not understand
Why the righteous, the righteous boy should die.**

**Then Abraham most mysteriously
Laid down that deadly knife
Said, "My darlin son, I wish I was the one
Who spared, who spared your precious life."**

**Oh Isaac,
The light of all your days
Will shine upon this mountain high
And never, never fade away
And never fade away**

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Genesis 21:1-3 & Genesis 22:1-14

MESSAGE **"I AM** commanding: *we are* to obey" Rev. John Dillon

ALL MY HOPE

Dave Brubek

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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!

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

GTG 65

**Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.**

I am weak, but thou art mighty.

Hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

feed me till I want no more;

feed me till I want no more.

**Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.**

WE GO IN GRACE

+BENEDICTION

+EVERLASTING GOD

Chris Tomlin

**Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.**

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we will wait upon the Lord,
we will wait upon the Lord.**

**Our God, You reign forever.
Our hope, our Strong Deliverer.
You are the everlasting God,
the everlasting God.**

You do not faint, you won't grow weary.

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From everlasting to everlasting,
God, You are everlasting.**

*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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