

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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John Dillon, Pastor

**18th Sunday after Pentecost – Confirmation Sunday
September 26, 2021 | 9:30**

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon

*Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston
Al Popp, Mike Griswold, Jodie LeFevre, and Adult Choir*

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Liturgists: Confirmands

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.

PRELUDE: STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN

from Led Zeppelin

Robert Plant and Jimmy Page

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Who made this beautiful day?

All: We believe God, the Creator, made this day –

One: God made this day so we can rest, and reflect, and enjoy;

**All: God made this day
so we can open our eyes and see beauty,**

One: And see pain, and see opportunity,

All: And see hope.

One: So let us go into this day
with our eyes and hearts wide open,

All: And let us worship God.

JESUS CALLS US HERE TO MEET HIM

JLBell

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The act of confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace.

Confident of God's love for us,
let us offer our prayers, first in silence.

~ silence ~

**All: Lord God of the Universe, we are forgetful people.
We forget that you made this world
and that we are to care for it and protect it.
We forget that you created each of us
with wonderful talents and interests to enjoy
and to use in serving others.**

**We forget the rules you have given us
for good and happy lives.
We forget that we are your people.
People with jobs to do.**

**Sometimes we "forget on purpose."
At other times, we just are so busy
or want something so badly
that we really do forget.
We try to go our own way,
do what we want,
and make our own plans.
Forgive us in Jesus' name. Amen.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: Another thing we forget is that God loves us very much.
God loves us enough
to forgive us again and again and again.
God loves us so much that God lived among us,
died, and rose again in Jesus of Nazareth.
So, whatever you forget,
always remember that God loves you and forgives you.

All: Thanks be to God!

+STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD

Russel K. Carter

**Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: Peace be with all.

One: Let us share the peace of Christ with those around us.

**Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call.
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.**

Refrain:

**Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

THE QUESTIONERS AND GOD:

DRAMATIC READING BASED ON GENESIS 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

WE ARE CLIMBING JACOB'S LADDER

**We are climbing Jacob's ladder.
We are climbing Jacob's ladder.
We are climbing Jacob's ladder.
Soldiers of the cross.**

**Ev'ry round goes higher, higher.
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher.
Ev'ry round goes higher, higher.
Soldiers of the cross.**

**Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus?
Children, do you love my Jesus?
Soldiers of the cross.**

**If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
If you love Him, why not serve Him?
Soldiers of the cross.**

**Rise, shine, give God glory.
Rise, shine, give God glory.
Rise, shine, give God glory.
Soldiers of the cross.**

MESSAGE

“My Faith”

Brynn LeFevre and Brendan Baser

Rev John Dillon

CONFIRMATION

THIS I BELIEVE

Hillsong Worship

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!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME

Daniel Charles Damon

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;

read it written in my people, help them grow.

Pour the water in my name,

speak the word your soul can claim,

offer Jesus' body given long ago.

**I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.**

**I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul,
make my wounded children whole;
go and tell my precious people they are mine.**

WE GO IN GRACE

+BENEDICTION

FLOWER DEDICATION: On this joyous occasion, we lovingly remember those close to our hearts who are no longer with us. Although they cannot be here, we hold them in our hearts and know their loving presence and spirit are with us today and always.

*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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