

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 5, 2021 | 10:00**

*Worship Leaders Today*  
*Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon*  
*Music Leaders: Scott Iddings and Anthony Jay Houston*  
*Dan Gilman, Al Popp*  
*Technical Director: Steve Connell*  
*Liturgist: Alice Haznedl*

## 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

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalm 125*)

One: Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion,  
which cannot be moved, but abides forever.

As the mountains surround Jerusalem,  
so the Lord surrounds his people,  
from this time on and forevermore.

**All: For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest  
on the land allotted to the righteous,  
so that the righteous might not stretch out  
their hands to do wrong.**

One: Do good, O Lord, to those who are good,  
and to those who are upright in their hearts.

**All: But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways  
the Lord will lead away with evildoers.  
Peace be upon Israel!**

One: Let us worship the Lord, our protector and salvation.

#### +THRIVE

Mark Hall and Matthew West

**Here in this worn and weary land  
where many a dream has died.**

**Like a tree planted by the water,  
we never will run dry.**

**So, living water flowing through,  
God, we thirst for more of You.**

**Fill our hearts, and flood our souls  
with one desire:**

**Just to know You, and to make You known.**

**We lift Your name on high.**

**Shine like the sun;**

**make darkness run and hide.**

**We know we were made for so much more  
than ordinary lives.**

**It's time for us to more than just survive:  
We were made to thrive. Oh.....**

**Into Your Word we're digging deep  
to know our Maker's heart.**

**Into the world, we're reaching out  
to show them who You are.**

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God, we thirst for more of You.**

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**Joy unspeakable, faith unsinkable,  
Love unstoppable, anything is possible.**

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+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Our Brother... our Companion... the Servant King...  
no names or titles can capture it all. You told Moses,  
“Don't worry about my name—I just AM!”  
So perhaps we should simply be quiet for a moment or  
two, and let the crazy, wonderful mystery of your being  
fill and surround us.

*~ silence ~*

One: Lord, You value people for who they are, not how much  
they possess. You notice the invisible ones; you hear the  
silent ones. You see the potential in those who have long  
since written themselves off as worthless.  
You shower compassion on those who have been most  
harshly judged, and you judge the powerful and the  
privileged by how much compassion they show.

**All: Forgive us, gracious God, for our every failure to see,  
or to listen or to care. Flood us with your mercy and  
your grace, and perhaps then we can start becoming  
what you have called us to be: your eyes, your ears,  
your hands, your feet and your heart in this world that  
you made and have never stopped loving.**

+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!**

+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.  
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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

SUNG PRAYER: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART Paul Baloche

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You  
To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing “Holy, holy, holy”  
High and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing “Holy, holy, holy”**

*(sing two times)*  
**Holy, holy, holy**  
**Holy, holy, holy**  
**Holy, holy, holy**  
**I want to see You**

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Proverbs 22:1-2,8-9,22-23 & Mark 7:24-30

MESSAGE                      *“Jesus was Human”*                      Rev. John Dillon

SUNG RESPONSE:

**Holy, holy, holy**  
**Holy, holy, holy**  
**Holy, holy, holy**  
**I want to see You**

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

# WE GO IN GRACE

+GOD OF JUSTICE

**God of justice, Saviour to all,  
came to rescue the weak and the poor;  
chose to serve and not be served.**

**Jesus, You have called us.**

**Freely we've received, now freely we will give.**

**We must go, live to feed the hungry,  
stand beside the broken, we must go.  
Stepping forward, keep us from just singing,  
move us into action, we must go.**

**To act justly every day,  
loving mercy in every way;  
walking humbly before You, God.**

**You have shown us what You require.**

**Freely we've received, now freely we will give.**

**We must go, live to feed the hungry,  
stand beside the broken, we must go.  
Stepping forward, keep us from just singing,  
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**Fill us up and send us out,  
Fill us up and send us out,  
Fill us up and send us out, Lord.**

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+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

*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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