

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
April 24, 2022 | 10:00 am
2nd Sunday of Easter

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.*

+PRELUDE: MORNING HAS BROKEN

Chuck Marhonic

WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN 366: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, gather here brothers and sisters in Christ. Come, seek the loving God, revealed by Jesus.

All: We come, to worship the one who died and rose again for you and me. We come, with doubts or faith, we come as we are.

One: You are welcome here. Let us worship together.

+HYMN 264: AT THE NAME OF JESUS

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Living Jesus, you came to your disciples when they needed you, come to us now and reassure us.

All: Help us in our moments of doubt to be able to cry out ‘My Lord and my God’ as Thomas did.

Help us to be honest in our words as we wrestle with our uncertainties, knowing that you love us for them not in spite of them.

Forgive us if we ever let the doubts take over.

Forgive us for harsh words that belie your love.

Forgive us the things left undone.

Assure us of your never-ending love and grace giving us the peace you offer over and over and over again. Amen

+SUNG RESPONSE: HYMN 417 (v.1): LORD JESUS THINK ON ME

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin.
From earth-born passions set me free,
and make me pure within.**

+ABSOLUTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Loving Jesus, we thank you that, with you, questions are allowed; that you do not expect us to understand it all. The mystery of your love is beyond our understanding but not beyond our accepting. Assure us of your never-ending love and grace giving us the peace you offer over and over and over again. Peace be with you!

+SUNG RESPONSE: REACH OUT YOUR HAND IN PEACE Lucy Smith

**Reach out your hand in peace
Reach out your hand in peace.
Reach out your hand in peace.
In return you'll feel God's love.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

*“Thomas: doubter,
martyr, disciple, role-model”*

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 270: O LORD, YOU ARE MY GOD AND KING

PRAYERS 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.

OFFERING: REFLECTIONS

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+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+DOXOLOGY:

GTG 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

We Go in Grace

+BENEDICTION

+HYMN 268: CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

MUSIC LEADERS: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS

ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL



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Hymn 366: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Hymn 264: At the Name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed;

Bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory
o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Hymn 270: O Lord, You are My God and King

O Lord, you are my God and King,
and I will ever bless your name;
I will extol you every day,
and evermore your praise proclaim.
You, Lord, are greatly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond our thought;
all generations shall tell forth
the mighty wonders you have wrought.

How rich in grace are you, O Lord,
full of compassion, merciful,
your anger always slow to rise;
your steadfast love you show to all,
for you are good in all your ways;
your creatures know your constant care.
To all your works your love extends;
all souls your tender mercies share.

Your works will give you thanks, O Lord;
your saints your mighty acts will show,
till all the peoples of the earth
your kingdom, power, glory know.
Eternal is your kingdom, Lord,
forever strong, forever sure;
while generations rise and die,
your high dominion will endure.

Hymn 268: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.