

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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# WE GATHER IN GRACE

*A “+” indicates all are invited to stand.*

PRELUDE: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE INSTRUMENTAL

Angrisano &  
Booth

WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN # 402: HOW LOVELY, LORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Giver of blessings, comfort for our fears, source of our joy; we turn our hearts to you and you meet us with grace upon grace.

**All:** **You are our treasure, and in you, our restless hearts find their home. We, your children, worship you.**

+HYMN # 815: GIVE TO THE WINDS THY FEARS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**One:** God of abundance, forgive us when we live out of scarcity.  
God of adventure, forgive us when we live out of fear.  
God of risk, forgive us when we live out of safety.

**All:** **In our life, may we encounter you as a God who invites us into abundance, into adventure and into risk for the sake of the world. In all our holding back, encourage us to venture farther than we imagine with your words “do not be afraid” ringing in our ears, assured that your stride matches ours, every step of the way. Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE: DON'T BE AFRAID

John Bell

**Don't be afraid.**

**My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.**

**Don't be afraid.**

**My love is stronger,  
and I have promised,  
promised to be always near.**

ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Merciful God, in love you sent your Son, in love you give us your Holy Spirit, and it is in and through your love that we know we are forgiven, wholly and always, so it is with confidence and joy that we share the Peace of Jesus.

+SUNG RESPONSE: I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

GTG 623

## WE GROW IN GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING:

Luke 12:32-40

ANTHEM: KEEP YOUR LAMPS!

Arr. Andre Thomas

MESSAGE

*“Positive Ignorance”*

Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING: IMPERMANENT THINGS

Peter Himmelman

+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.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND 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.**

COMMUNION

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: May we see in the bread and wine and sharing, signs that assure us of your presence and of your love in the midst of all the challenges of life. May we never give up hope that your will be done on earth. Amen

## WE GO IN GRACE

+SENDING

+HALLELUJAH

John 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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MUSIC LEADERS: RCLPC BAND & CHOIR

DIRECTED BY: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS

ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL

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## Hymn 402: How Lovely, Lord

How lovely, Lord, how lovely  
is your abiding place;  
my soul is longing, fainting,  
to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter,  
a place to build her nest;  
and so your temple calls us  
within its walls to rest.

In your blest courts to worship,  
O God, a single day  
is better than a thousand  
if I from you should stray.  
I'd rather keep the entrance  
and claim you as my Lord  
than revel in the riches  
the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever  
are you, O Lord Most High;  
you shower us with blessings;  
no good will you deny.  
The saints, your grace receiving,  
from strength to strength shall go,  
and from their life shall rivers  
of blessing overflow.

## Hymn 623: I've Got Peace like a River

I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river;  
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain;  
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean;  
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

*I've got love like an ocean;*  
*I've got love like an ocean;*  
*I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.*

## Hymn 815: Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears;  
hope, and be undismayed.  
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;  
God shall lift up thy head.

2 Through waves and clouds and storms  
God gently clears the way.  
Wait patiently; so shall this night  
soon end in joyous day.

3 Leave to God's sovereign sway  
to choose and to command.  
So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way,  
how wise, how strong God's hand!

4 Let us in life, in death,  
thy steadfast truth declare,  
and publish with our final breath  
thy love and guardian care.