

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**February 27, 2022 | 9:30**

*Worship Leaders Today*

*Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon*

*Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston and Scott Iddings*

*Adult Choir and Band*

*Technical Director: Steve Connell*

*Liturgist: Sue Neuschel*

## 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: INTERMEZZO IN A MINOR

Brahms

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 27, selected verses*)

One: The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?

**All: Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,  
be gracious to me and answer me!**

**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,  
O God of my salvation!**

**If my father and mother forsake me,  
the LORD will take me up.**

One: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

+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.”**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;**

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**Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.**

**Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.  
Open the eyes of my heart;  
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**Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy,  
I want to see you.**

**+PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**One: God of transfiguration and transformation,  
we worship you this day with songs of praise,  
with words of prayer, with listening ears, and open hearts.**

**All: Lord Jesus, forgive us when we limit ourselves  
to looking for you in elevated places  
when you are, in fact, among us here.  
Forgiven, loved and free, open our eyes anew  
to see you as you continue to walk with us  
on our journey of life and faith.  
Hear us, we pray, in the name of Jesus your son,  
your chosen, to whom we should listen  
and offer praise and glory now and always. Amen.**

+WORDS OF RECONCILIATION AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: May our faith stretch us, calling us from moribund traditions towards the journey into God where we have not yet been and where the society dares us not to go. And in such a place wait, pause, linger, and wonder what is yet to be revealed through the Peace that only Christ can bring. Peace be with you!

+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.  
World without end, without end. Amen.  
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 RESPONSE: THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

**This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine to show God's love.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 9:1-23

MESSAGE

*“An Act of God?”*

Rev. John Dillon

ANTHEM: AMAZING GRACE

arr. Jackson Berkey

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

HYMN: PRAYERS FOR PEACE

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**We pray for peace, O God of love and justice,  
as once again, we face a time of war.  
The meek and humble try — amid the crisis —  
to love and build, to nurture and restore.  
May leaders hear the truth the prophets teach us —  
that gifts of peace are well worth struggling for.**

**We pray for peace, O Christ who calmed the waters —  
who stilled the storm, who stilled disciples’ fear.  
You spoke with love and with amazing power;  
be with us now when trouble is so near.  
May leaders see the miracle you offer —  
that words and deeds can calm the nations here.**

**We pray for peace, O Spirit here among us;  
your love emboldens, judges and restrains.  
Take any hate and acts of impulse from us;  
make leaders wise, amid competing claims.  
May we seek peace, O God of love and justice;  
may love and mercy be our highest aims.**

*Permission is given for free use of this hymn, including in online worship services.*

## +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.**

## +PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO IN GRACE**

## +BE THOU MY VISION

arr. Christopher Norton/  
 Whole World Publishing

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
 Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--  
 Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
 Thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
 Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;  
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
 Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

## +SENDING

*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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