

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
January 23, 2022 | 9:30

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon

Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston and Scott Iddings

Band

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Liturgist:

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

One: Welcome to this place and space

All: where the Good News is shared.

One: Welcome to this place and space

All: where the Good News is witnessed.

One: Welcome to this place and space

All: where the Good News is enacted.

One: Welcome to this place and space

All: where we come to worship the God of Good News.

+COME THOU FOUNT

David Crowder

**Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.**

**Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!**

**Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.**

**I'm bound for the kingdom,
won't you come with me
I'm bound for the kingdom,
won't you come with me
Hallelujah, we sing!**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God of good news, we praise you.
God of the poor, we praise you.

God of the oppressed and those lacking vision,

**All: forgive us for the times we choose not to see the
possibilities of kingdom living,
and for closing doors, not opening them;
for shutting folk down, not raising them up...
for being more concerned with our own selfish agendas
and kingdoms, and not yours.**

~ silence ~

+WORDS OF RECONCILIATION AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Christ our Lord, may your Spirit of life and liberation,
power and possibility, blow in and through us
that we may proclaim the day of your favor,
and be bearers of your good news for all.

By your promise of forgiveness
and the power of Your Peace, may this be so.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

Share it at home and in the sanctuary with one and all.

In Christ's name Amen.

+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: HE CAME DOWN

GTG 137

**He came down that we may have light
He came down that we may have light
He came down that we may have light
hallelujah forevermore.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 3:1-15 (*The Message*)

MESSAGE

"A Visit to the Therapist"

Rev John Dillon

+HERE I AM, LORD

GTG 69

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?**

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

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

+DOXOLOGY

Crowder

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING?

Chris Tomlin

**There is an endless song, echoes in my soul,
I hear the music ring.
Though the storms may come,
I am holding on to the rock I cling.**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King,
and it makes my heart want to sing.**

**I will lift my eyes in the darkest night,
for I know my Saviour lives.
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through
and sing the songs You give.**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King,
and it makes my heart want to sing.**

**I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord,
when I call You in prayer.**

**I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne.**

**How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.**

+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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