

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
January 2, 2022 | 9:30

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. Chris Pickett and Rev. Fred Neuschel

Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston and Scott Iddings

Mike Griswold, organist

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Liturgists: Camden and Cassidy Koronkiewicz

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: God of all people, you called many by name,
asking them to follow Jesus and obey.

All: **Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey. Amen.**

+10,000 REASONS

Matt Redman

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before,
O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name**

**The sun comes up,
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before,
O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name**

**You're rich in love,
And you're slow to anger
Your name is great,
And your heart is kind**

**For all your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find
Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name**

**And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul
O my soul
Worship God's Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name**

**Lord, I'll worship your Holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship your Holy name
I'll worship your Holy name
I'll worship your Holy name**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**One: King of Kings we dimly understand your power
and fail to appreciate your love.**

**All: Light of Life, we cannot hide from you.
We, who so carelessly forget your will in our daily lives,
we, whose hearts are so often filled
with the wrong things,
we confess our failures
and throw ourselves on your mercy.**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PEACE

Pastor: God is indeed powerful, loving and merciful.

Rest easy children of God, you are forgiven
and granted the Peace which only Christ can bring.
Share the Peace with all.

**All: Peace to each friend and stranger.
Peace to enemy and friend. Amen.**

+SUNG RESPONSE:

GTG 113

All sing: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

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

Matthew 13:24-30

MESSAGE

“Praying for Wisdom in the New Year”

Fred Neuschel and Chris Pickett reflect on
Richard Rohr's meditation "Praying for Wisdom" (12/28/2021)

+COME AS YOU ARE

David Crowder

**Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin.
Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
So, lay down your burden, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home: you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are.**

**There's hope for the hopeless
and all those who've strayed:
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.**

**So, lay down your burden, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home: you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are. Come are you are.
Fall in his arms. Come as you are.**

**There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.**

**So, lay down your burden, lay down your shame.
All who are broken, lift up your face.
O wanderer, come home: you're not too far.
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,
Come as you are. Come as you are.
Come as you are. Come as you are.**

OFFERING

+DOXOLOGY: VENI EMMANUEL

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Christ, all creatures here below.
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God Triune, whom we adore. Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER 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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION: TAKE MY LIFE

Tomlin

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Around the table that Jesus prepared,
he laid a place for each one of us.

All: Beside those I often meet, near people I have yet to greet, I am within the commonwealth of love. In the breaking of bread and the pouring of wine, Jesus tells us, "This means you are mine and mine you'll always be."

Pastor: Called and blessed, let us be keen to live as God intends.
In the name of the Creator, Christ & Spirit.

All: Amen.

WE GO IN GRACE

+WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME (*verses 1 and 2*) GTG 726

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

**Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

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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