

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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

Worship Leaders Today

Message and Prayers: Rev. John Dillon

Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston and Scott Iddings

Adult Choir

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Liturgist: Fred 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: LOVE IS OF GOD

Austin C. Lovelace

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 104:14-15*)

One: God our Creator causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
and plants for people to use,

**All: Causing the earth to bring forth food,
and wine to gladden the human heart,
oil to make the face shine,
and bread to strengthen us.**

One: Let us praise God who provides all good things.

+LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING (*verses 1 & 2*)

GTG 366

**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.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Holy One, we gather in this sacred place,
whether it be our home or a sanctuary.
We are humbled and amazed as we consider your
creative works in the heavens above and the earth below.
May we always make space to wonder at
the beauty and mystery of it all.

**All: Forgive us, Lord, for the times we have failed to follow
you; we regret that we have let you down and we long
to be reconciled to you, cleansed and renewed,
so that we may walk once more in your way.
Lord, give us courage to respond to your call each day.**

+DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Creator of all nature, you are present
in the air we breathe, the water we drink,
the earth we walk upon, and the fire which heats us.
We long to be aware of you and to know the love and
forgiveness that comes from the Deep Peace which only
Jesus can bring. Let us, here in this space and those who
join us in their homes, share the incredible Peace of Christ
with one another.

+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 love
He came down that we may have love
He came down that we may have love
hallelujah forevermore.**

SCRIPTURE READING:

John 2:1-11

MESSAGE “*Weddings: a Dream or a Nightmare?*” Rev John Dillon

+SING OF GOD MADE MANIFEST (*verses 1, 2, & 3*)

GTG 156

**Sing of God made manifest
in a child robust and blest,
to whose home in Bethlehem
where a star had guided them,
magi came and gifts unbound,
signs mysterious and profound:
myrrh and frankincense and gold
grave and God and king foretold.**

**Sing of God made manifest
when at Jordan John confessed,
“I should be baptized by you,
but your bidding I will do.”
Then from heaven a double sign—
dove-like Spirit, voice divine—
hailed the true Anointed One:
“This is my beloved Son.”**

**Sing of God made manifest
when Christ came as wedding guest
and at Cana gave a sign,
turning water into wine;
further still was love revealed
as he taught, forgave, and healed,
bringing light and life to all
who would listen to God’s call.**

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.

OFFERING

+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

+CHRIST BE BESIDE ME (*verses 1 & 2*)

GTG 702

**Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me, never to part.**

**Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, Light of my life.**

+SENDING

+POSTLUDE

*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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