

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**July 31, 2022 | 10:00 am**  
**Jac Kelewae Guest Preacher**  
**Music Leaders: Adult Choir**  
**Directed By: Anthony Jay Houston and Scott Iddings**  
**Accompanists: Ann Legg and Mike Griswold**  
**Technical Director: Steve Connell**

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

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

*Reminder: our worship service is being livestreamed*

PRELUDE: ALL PEOPLE LIVING ON THE EARTH

John Bell

## +CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Scriptures tell us to love the Lord our God with all our hearts, and with all our souls, and with all our might.

**All: We approach our worship this morning, setting all else aside, focusing our whole beings on what the word of God has to say to us today, and determined to serve God only in our lives.**

One: The Scriptures also tell us to love our neighbors as our own selves.

**All: We present our worship of God as a determination to reach out, care for, and love our neighbors as though they were our very selves.**

One: Come near to us, O Lord, and speak to us.

**All: We come, ready to listen, ready to be filled with the joy and power of the Spirit. Walk with us now, O God, because we really want to be Christians.**

+HYMN # 729: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: O God, you call us to focus on you and serve you only.

**All: We confess that we often get distracted by the events of the world, by paying bills, and getting things done.**

One: When we hear that you, also, want us to love our neighbors as ourselves, we confess that we have a hard enough time loving ourselves, let alone neighbors.

**All: We confess that we fall short of these basic requirements of our faith and need help.**

One: We want to just send money and lament tragedies from afar rather than change our lives and our relationships with our neighbors.

**All: Help us to defend the weak and the fatherless, to uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed, as you have commanded.**

One: Help us to see the weak and the needy in our own lives and to act with compassion and restoration, as you have done with us.

*~let us continue our confession in silence~*

HYMN #698: TAKE, O TAKE ME AS I AM

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

One: Friends, if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything is made new.

**All: In Christ, we become new people, altogether-the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new.**

One: Believe the good news of the gospel.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and restored to a right relationship with God.**

THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another in peace*

+HYMN 466: COME AND FILL OUR HEARTS

## WE GROW IN GRACE

OLD TESTAMENT READING      Leviticus 19:9-10, 13-14, 17-18, 33-34

ANTHEM: HOW CAN WE BE SILENT?      Michael Mahler

NEW TESTAMENT READING      Luke 10:23-37

MESSAGE      “Who is Our Neighbor”      Jac Kelewae

+HYMN # 203: JESU, JESU FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE

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

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

+HYMN #754: HELP US ACCEPT EACH OTHER

**WE GO IN GRACE**

+BENEDICTION

+SUNG RESPONSE: WE GO IN GRACE

Ken Stewart

**We go in grace, in the footsteps of our Lord.  
We go in grace, to be God's hands working in the  
world. We go to spread the ever-widening circle of  
God's grace. We go in grace, God's holy grace.**

*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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## **Hymn 729: Lord, I Want to Be A Christian**

Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian  
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving  
in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy  
in my heart.

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus  
in my heart.*

## **Hymn 698: Take, O Take Me as I Am**

Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

## **Hymn 466: Come and Fill Our Hearts**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!

## **Hymn 203: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love**

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends,  
silently washes their feet,  
Master who acts as a slave to them.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Neighbors are wealthy and poor,  
varied in color and race;  
neighbors are near us and far away.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

These are the ones we should serve;  
these are the ones we should love;  
all these are neighbors to us and you.

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Loving puts us on our knees,  
willing to wash others' feet;  
this is the way we should live like you.  
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love;  
show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

## **Hymn 754: Help Us Accept Each Other**

Help us accept each other  
as Christ accepted us;  
teach us as sister, brother,  
each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us  
and bring us to believe  
we are ourselves accepted,  
and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,  
as in our daily life  
we struggle to be human  
and search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people,  
for all, not just for some,  
to love them as we find them,  
or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us,  
so that we may be moved  
in living situations  
to do the truth in love;  
to practice your acceptance  
until we know by heart  
the table of forgiveness,  
and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters  
with all who are in need,  
who hunger for acceptance,  
for justice and for bread,  
we need new eyes for seeing,  
new hands for holding on:  
renew us with your Spirit;  
Lord, free us; make us one!