

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
March 6, 2022 | 10:00 am
1st Sunday in Lent

Worship Leaders Today
Message and Prayers: Pastor John Dillon
Music Leaders: Anthony Jay Houston and Scott Iddings
Technical Director: Steve Connell
Liturgist: Dave Steele

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.*

PRELUDE: GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH

John Bell

WELCOME

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On the first Sunday in Lent, we gather. We come to remember and celebrate the good news of Jesus, who came to reveal God’s love and who invites us to walk in his way.

All: **We come as we are, beloved children, to worship God.
Let us come close to God, as God comes close to us**

+ LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

GTG 166

**Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins
and close by you to stay.**

**As you with Satan did contend
and did the victory win,
O give us strength to persevere,
in you to conquer sin.**

**And through these days of penitence,
and through this Passiontide,
yes, evermore, in life and death,
O Lord, with us abide.**

**Abide with us, till when this life
of suffering shall be past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.**

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist +:

**Before God, with the people of God, we confess to
turning away from God in the ways we wound our
lives, the lives of others and the life of the world**

Pastor +:

**May God forgive you; Christ renew you, and the Spirit
enable you to grow.**

Repeat in reverse.

+KYRIE ELEISON

GTG 557

**Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison. Kyrie Eleison.**

+REACH OUT YOUR HANDS IN PEACE

LUCY SMITH

**Reach out your hand in peace.
Reach out your hand in peace.
Reach out your hand in peace.
In return you'll feel God's love.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

SUNG RESPONSE: SEEK YE FIRST

GTG 175

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and you shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

**You shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that proceeds
from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia!**

**Now the green blade rises
from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth
many days has lain;
love lives again,
that with the dead has been;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him,
love by hatred slain,
thinking that he would
never wake again,
laid in the earth
like grain that sleeps unseen;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.**

**Forth he came at Easter
like the risen grain,
he that for three days
in the grave had lain;
raised from the dead,
my living Lord is seen;
love is come again
like wheat arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
your touch can call us
back to life again;
fields of our hearts
that dead and bare have been:
love is come again
like wheat arising green.**

+OFFERING: WHEN JESUS WEPT

GTG 194

**When Jesus wept, the falling tear
in mercy flowed beyond all bound.
When Jesus groaned, a trembling fear
seized all the guilty world around**

+DOXOLOGY:

GTG 223

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS 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.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

GTG 522

**“I am the bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.”**

Refrain

**“And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”**

**“The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever;
you shall live forever.” (Refrain)**

**“Unless you eat of the flesh
of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.” (Refrain)**

**“I am the resurrection;
I am the life.
If you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live forever.” (Refrain)**

**Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come into the world. (Refrain)**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Lord, what is it that we truly hunger for? Acceptance?
Love? Security? A purpose in living? Hope in the face of
death? What will fill up the emptiness inside?

**All: Lord Jesus, you are the bread of life. Satisfy our
hunger.**

Pastor: And what is it that we thirst for, like parched animals
longing for water? A loving family? A satisfying career?
Religious faith? Or something much less tangible?

**All: Lord Jesus, you offer us the cup of salvation. Quench
our thirst once and for all and give us life in all its
fullness.**

WE GO IN GRACE

+ENTER THE PASSION

Marcia McFee
Chuck Bell

En - ter. ___ En-ter the pas - sion. ___ En-ter the place we be-long,
6 not just look-ing on. For this is our pas - sion. ___ En-ter the pas - sion. ___ 1.
13 2. En-ter the sto - ry... ___ En-ter the pas - sion... ___ *ritenuto* En-ter His pas - sion... ___

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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