

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**May 15, 2022 | 10:00 am**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

## 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.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN 401: GATHER US IN (vv. 1, 3, 4)

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come and see, Jesus is here. The one who humbled himself before others, the one who chose to serve rather than be served.

Come and see, Jesus is calling you, come and sit at his feet, come and learn more about how to love.

**All: Come and worship the One who is love**

+YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS      Chris McClarney and Anthony Skinner

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: God, forgive us when we have lacked love: for you, for our fellow human beings, for this world that you have created.

**All: Turn our eyes, our hearts, our minds, and souls to you, the source of all love. Give us courage to dare to believe that love is stronger than hate; empathy to walk in another’s shoes; imagination that dares to dream and work towards a better world. We ask, in Jesus’ name: your love made known at our human level.**

WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED AND FREE

Paul M. Vasile

**We are forgiven loved and free.**

**We're washed anew and then called to be hope for the weary, strength for the weak, with a blessing of peace for all, with a blessing of peace for all.**

## ABSOLUTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: Jesus taught us that Love is... not just about me. Love is... more about you. Love is... opening your arms in welcome. Love is... spending time with people. Love is... making relationships. Love is... kneeling down in the dirt to help. Love is... listening. Love is... holding hands. In love you are forgiven. Love is the Peace of Christ  
Peace be with you!

+REACH OUT YOUR HAND 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

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 17:16-31

CANNOT KEEP YOU

Michael Gungor

MESSAGE

*"An Unknown God"*

Rev. John Dillon

WELCOME OF NEW MEMBER: KATE KASCH SCHULSTAD

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: I HAVE LOVED YOU (INSTRUMENTAL)

Michael Joncas

+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**

+SENDING

+GOD'S LOVE IS FOR EVERYBODY

Byran Moyer Suderman

*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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MUSIC LEADERS: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS

ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL



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## Hymn 401: Gather Us In

Here in this place the new light is streaming;  
now is the darkness vanished away;  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in, the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

Here we will take the wine and the water;  
here we will take the bread of new birth.  
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion;  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away:  
here in this place the new light is shining;  
now is the kingdom, and now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever;  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in, all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## **Your Love Never Fails**

words and music by Chris McClarney and Anthony Skinner

Nothing can separate; even if I run away,  
Your love never fails.  
I know I still make mistakes,  
You have new mercies for me ev'ry day;  
'Cause Your love never fails.

Refrain:

You stay the same through the ages;  
Your love never changes.  
There may be pain in the night,  
But joy comes in the morning.

And when the oceans rage,  
I don't have to be afraid  
Because I know that You love me.  
Your love never fails.

The wind is strong, and the water's deep,  
I'm not alone here in these open seas;  
'Cause Your love never fails.

The chasm is far too wide,  
I never thought I'd reach the other side;  
Your love never fails.

Refrain

One:

You make all things work together for good.  
You make all things work together for good.

All:

**You make all things work together for good.  
You make all things work together for good.**

Refrain

# **Cannot Keep You**

by Michael Gungor

They tried to keep you in a tent.  
They could not keep you in a temple,  
or any of their idols, to see and understand.

We cannot keep you in a church.  
We cannot keep you in a Bible,  
or it's just another idol, to box you in.

They could not keep you in their walls.  
We cannot keep you in ours either,  
for you are so much greater.

Refrain:

Who is like the Lord,  
the maker of the heavens?  
Who dwells with the poor?  
He lifts them from the ashes,  
and He seats them among princes.  
Who is like the Lord?

We've tried to keep you in our tents.  
We've tried to keep you in our temples.  
We've worshiped all our idols.  
We want all that to end.

So we will find you in the streets  
and we will find you in the prisons  
and even in our Bibles and churches.

Refrain

We cannot contain, cannot contain the glory of your name. We cannot  
contain, cannot contain the glory of your name. We cannot contain,  
cannot contain the glory of your name.

Who is like the Lord?  
You took me from the ashes  
and you healed me from my blindness.  
Who is like the Lord?

## **God's Love is for Everybody**

Bryan Moyer Suderman

God's love is for everybody,  
everyone around the world;  
you and me and all God's children  
from across the street to around the world,  
across the street to around the world.