

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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John Dillon, Pastor
August 28, 2022 | 10:00 am

WE GATHER IN GRACE

A “+” indicates all are invited to stand.

Reminders: Our worship service is being live streamed and is on Zoom.

+PRELUDE: HERE I AM, LORD

Craig Courtney

WORDS OF WELCOME

+LORD, WHOSE LOVE THROUGH HUMBLE SERVICE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ “Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it”

**All: Jesus promised “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?”
(Hebrews 13:1,2,5a,6)**

+HYMN # 707: TAKE THOU OUR MINDS, DEAR LORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Awesome and challenging God, hold us close for this moment, so that with your support we might look deep within and let your healing light purify our darkness.

All: Only in your grasp can we face our struggles, our frantic pursuit of busyness; the ease with which we tolerate the troubles and inequities of our divided society; the fear of differences that keeps us from receiving gifts from others; our reluctance to get involved.

HYMN #70: WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU

ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Holy and disturbing God, hold us close and let us experience your transforming love that turns despair into hope. We are forgiven and the Peace of Christ constantly renews our hearts, refashions our lives and revives our spirits. Share the Peace of Christ with stranger and friend. Amen.

+ HYMN 623 vv:1&2: I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

WE GROW IN GRACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Luke 14:1,7-14 & Hebrews 13:2

ANTHEM: HOW GREAT THOU ART Craig Courtney

MESSAGE *"Open to Others, Open to God"* Rev. John Dillon

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: AMAZING GRACE Instrumental

|+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.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO IN GRACE

+BENEDICTION

+SENDING: 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.**

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

MUSIC LEADERS: ADULT CHOIR
DIRECTED BY: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS
ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL



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Hymn 707: Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray;
Give us the mind of Christ each passing day;
Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
Grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee.

Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
Come Thou within our souls and claim Thy throne;
Help us to shed abroad Thy deathless love;
Use us to make the earth like heaven above.

Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
Have in our inmost souls Thy perfect way;
Guard Thou each sacred hour from selfish ease;
Guide Thou our ordered lives as Thou dost please.

Take Thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;
Through our surrendered souls Thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to Thee time, talents, all;
We hear, and henceforth heed, Thy sovereign call.

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

**1 Lord, whose love through humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
ev'ry gift that you impart.**

**2 Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As O Lord, your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
Use the love your Spirit kindles
Still to save and make us whole.**

**3 As we worship, grant us vision,
till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving,
your abundant life to share.**

**4 Called by worship to your service,
forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom
may your mercy know and live.**

Hymn 70: What Does the Lord Require of You

What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,
walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness
and walk humbly with your God.

Hymn 623: I've Got Peace like a River

I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

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