

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**

**October 16, 2022 | 10:00 am**

Music Leaders: Choir

Directed By: Anthony Jay Houston and Scott Iddings

Guest Accompanist: Sandra Doran

Organist: Mike Griswold

Technical Director: Steve Connell

Technical Assistant: Will Emmanuel

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN #39: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Ever-present God, forever seeking and always teaching:

**All: Open our minds to the truth of your care;  
Open our hearts to the gentle caress of your love;  
Open our lips to share stories of faith;  
Open our hands to create beauty, do justice  
and show kindness;  
Open our souls to the breath of your Spirit;  
Open our mouths to sing boldly and  
loudly your praises.**

+HYMN # 451: OPEN MY EYES, SO I MAY SEE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: PSALM 51: 1-5, 10-12

One: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.” Let us continue our confession in song.

HYMN #422: CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Fellow believers, God will Create in each of us a clean heart, and put a new and right spirit within us. Jesus is God's second chance bringing forgiveness and Peace. Share that Peace and assurance with one and all. Peace be with you.

+ SUNG RESPONSE: HYMN 448: PEACE OF GOD BE WITH YOU

**Peace of God be with you.**

**Peace of God be with you.**

**Salaam, salaam.**

**Peace of God be with you.**

## WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

PEACE OF GOD BE WITH YOU REPRISE

Instrumental

SCRIPTURE READING:

Jeremiah 31:27–34

ANTHEM: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Arr. Jack Schrader

MESSAGE

*“Second Chance”*

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.**

SEASON OF GRATITUDE: STEWARDSHIP IS LOVE

OFFERING: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

GTG 634

+DOXOLOGY: HYMN #607

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

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **WE GO IN GRACE**

+HYMN # 169 (vv.1 & 5): DEAR LORD AND FATHER OF MANKIND

+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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*Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom*

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## 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

## Open My Eyes, That I May See 451

1 O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou hast for me.  
 2 O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou send - est clear.  
 3 O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth ev - ery - where.

Place in my hands the won - der - ful key that shall un - clasp and  
 And while the wave notes fall on my ear, ev - ery - thing false will  
 O - pen my heart, and let me pre - pare love with thy chil - dren

set me free. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy  
 thus to share. Si - lent - ly now I wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy

will to see. O - pen my eyes; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my ears; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!  
 will to see. O - pen my heart; il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!

The first woman to publish a collection of her own anthems, this author/composer has created in this hymn a sung prayer for illumination. It not only asks God to help us understand Scripture but also prays for the strength and courage to make God's love known to others.

# 422 Create in Me a Clean Heart

(Psalm 51)

Capo 3: (C) (F) (C) (E7) (Am)  
 Eb Ab Eb G7 Cm

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
 spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your  
 pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me.  
 Re-store to me the joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-  
 hold me with your free Spir-it. Cre-ate in me a clean  
 heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

(D) (Dm) (F) (G) (C)  
 F Fm Ab Bb Eb

(Dm7) (E7) (Am) (D7) (G7) (Gm7)  
 Fm7 G7 Cm F7 Bb7 Bbm7

(C7) (F) (Em7) (Am)  
 Eb7 Ab Gm7 Cm

(F) (Em7) (Am) (Am/F#) (C)  
 Ab Gm7 Cm Cm/A Eb

(A) (F) (C) (Dm) (C)  
 C Ab Eb Fm Eb

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This reflective setting of Psalm 51:10-12 uses the first of those verses as an embracing refrain. Because of its penitential tone, a longer version of this psalm is customarily used on Ash Wednesday. In Christian tradition, it is identified as one of the seven penitential psalms.

# 169 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

1 \*Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for - give our fool - ish  
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard be - side the Syr - ian  
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee, O calm of hills a -  
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings  
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

ways; re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in  
 sea the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let  
 bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the  
 cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and  
 balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
 us, like them, with - out a word rise up and fol - low thee.  
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy peace.  
 through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm!

\*Or "Dear Lord, Creator good and kind"

These stanzas were carved into a hymn from a much longer poem describing a frenzied ritual by an obscure sect in India, but they culminate in a reference to 1 Kings 19:11–12 that celebrates silence (as befits a Quaker poet). This tune was created especially for these words.