

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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September 11, 2022 | 10:00 am

Music Leaders: Band and 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.

PRELUDE: ALL PEOPLE LIVING ON THE EARTH

John Bell

WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN # 366: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Left: Day after day, an abundance of God's love,

Right: Morning by morning, new signs of blessing:

Left: A gentle rain, an awesome sunset,

Right: A friend's embrace, a child's smile,

Left: A new insight, a sense of peace,

Right: A shared meal, a treasured moment.

Left: All around us and deep within us are signs of God's presence.

All: How can we not sing of God's faithfulness?

+HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

Chris Tomlin

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, we are encouraged to know that when we are lost, you are always looking for ways to help us return to the fold and never give up on us.

All: We are humbled by your unconditional love and desire to be in a full relationship with us. You are always willing to forgive and ready to restore us into a right relationship with you. Thank you. May we learn to love as you do and create relationships with others as you do with us.

HYMN #582 GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: Friends, there is nowhere we can go that God cannot find us and nothing we can do that God will not forgive.
Let us find Peace in this promise. Peace be with you.

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 623 (v. 1&2): 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.**

**I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.**

WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

+ RESPONSE: HYMN 623 (v. 3): I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER

**I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:1-10

ANTHEM: THE LOVE OF THE LORD

Douglas E. Wagner

MESSAGE *"Searching, Finding or Rejoicing"* Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING: GOD OF WONDERS

Paul Tate

+DOXOLOGY: PRAISE THE FATHER

Steve Bell

**Praise the Father, praise the Son.
Praise the Spirit Three in One,
Who was and is and is to come.
All praise and honor and glory and power,
Oh praise his name forever.**

+INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND 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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

All: May we be thankful for the water we drink. The air we breathe. This company, these people. This now, this here. May we be thankful how every day is a gift and every breath a prayer. Amen

WE GO IN GRACE

+SENDING

+HYMN # 702: Christ Be Beside Me

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

Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom



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Hymn 366: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion;
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

How Can I Keep From Singing?

Chris Tomlin arrangement

There is an endless song, echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring.
Though the storms may come, I am holding on to the rock I cling.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Saviour lives.
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through
and sing the songs You give.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

I can sing in the troubled times, sing when I win.
I can sing when I lose my step and I fall down again.
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there.
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord, when I call You in prayer.
I can sing with my last breath, sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne.

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough, how amazing is Your love?
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart
I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing.

Hymn 582: Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.

Hymn 702: Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me;
Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me,
King of my heart.
Christ be within me;
Christ be below me;
Christ be above me,
never to part.

Christ on my right hand,
Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me,
shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping,
Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising,
Light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts
thinking about me;
Christ be on all tongues
telling of me.
Christ be the vision
in eyes that see me;
in ears that hear me
Christ ever be.



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Thank you, God for connecting us.

Thank you for neighbors, each with needs and gifts to share, and for our church, the Whole Church, together, and for Jesus Christ, Amen.



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"I was thinking about how participating in Peace & Global Witness is so needed in our world now.



As a pastor and a Christian, what I really appreciate about the Special Offerings that have the national, international and local component is that they really do make it possible for us, as a single congregation, to participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. Then we get the nudge to look at what's going on in our local community and how we can be actively engaged and contributing there.

It's a wonderful balance and a new kind of challenge for us every time."

The Rev. Charlotte Lohrenz
Faith Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana



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is doing, not waiting.
Peace begins with each of us.

Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world — and right here at home.

25%

of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community.

25%

of this Offering goes to our mid council to join with other congregation gifts to support peacemaking work in our region.

50%

of this Offering supports the work for peace and reconciliation being done by Presbyterians across the globe.



Please give what you can.

IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.

Thank you!