

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
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# WE GATHER IN GRACE

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

## WORDS OF WELCOME

+COME AS YOU ARE

Crowder, Maher and Glover

## +CALL TO WORSHIP

**One:** Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**All:** **God raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. God gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!**

+CANNOT KEEP YOU

Michael Gungor

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All:** **Generous God, faithful Friend, in the depths of our hearts we know that we are linked to you; we know we are most whole when we are centered in your love. Yet with painful awareness, we often feel distant, forever fretting, often doubting your promise of care. We imagine You in heaven and can't see you right beside us. We wall up our compassion and close our eyes to hurt. We end up tense, cautious and defensive. Only Jesus can bridge this gap and bring peace and connection.**

## ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

**Pastor:** God is a generous, faithful friend. While we yearn to relax into God's grace and discover again the joy and power of intimacy with the Almighty-God reaches out in love, washes us tenderly in forgiveness and comes closer than we ever imagined to us through Jesus. We are forgiven and granted eternal Peace. In joy and celebration share the Peace of Christ!

+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.**

## WE GROW IN GRACE

WEE WORSHIP

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE Traditional

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

+HYMN #340 (vv. 1&3): THIS IS MY SONG

MESSAGE *“Bridging the Gap”* 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: THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN EVERY AGE Instrumental

+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

+MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE

Crowder

*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: BAND

DIRECTED BY: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS

ACCOMPANISTS: ANN LEGG AND MIKE GRISWOLD

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL

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## **Come As You Are**

### **David Crowder**

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.  
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

So, lay down your burden, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home: you're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed:  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure.

So, lay down your burden, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home: you're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are.

Come are you are.  
Fall in his arms.  
Come as you are.

There's joy for the morning. O sinner, be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.

So, lay down your burden, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home: you're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart,  
Come as you are. Come as you are.  
Come as you are. Come as you are.

## **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.

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.

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 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?

## **Hymn 340: This is My Song**

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
So hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:  
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

## **Make a Joyful Noise/I Will Not Be Silent**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord  
all the earth Make a joyful noise to the Lord  
all the earth

The flowers of the field  
Are crying to be heard  
The trees of the forest are singing  
And all of the mountains  
With one voice  
Are joining the chorus of this world

Make a joyful noise to the Lord  
all the earth Make a joyful noise to the Lord  
all the earth

The flowers of the field  
Are crying to be heard  
The trees of the forest are singing  
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With one voice  
Are joining the chorus of this world

And I will not be silent  
And I will not be quiet any more  
And I will not be silent  
And I will not be quiet any more

Running through the forest  
Dive into the lake  
Bare feet on beaches white  
Standing in the canyon  
Painted hills around  
And the wind against my skin

Every ocean, every sea  
Every river, every stream  
Every mountain, every tree  
Every blade of grass will sing . . .

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth



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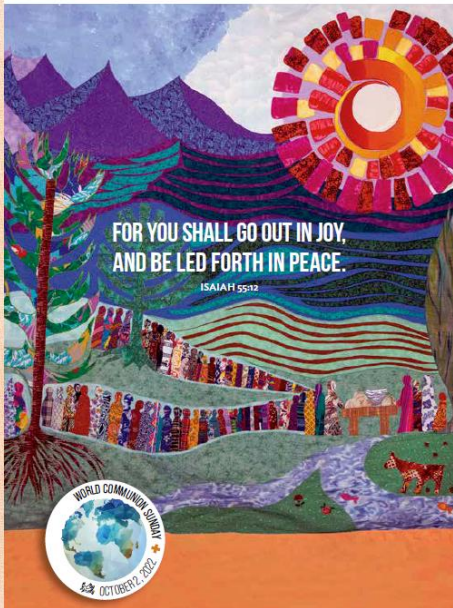
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to connect with others in building a world  
where all can find compassion,  
peace and justice.  
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