

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**September 4, 2022 | 10:00 am**

# WE GATHER IN GRACE

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

*Reminders: Our worship service is being livestreamed and is on Zoom.*

PRELUDE: TAKE TO THE WORLD

Aaron Tate

WORDS OF WELCOME

+HYMN # 2: COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: “Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” So, I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

**All: Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? (Jeremiah 18:1-6)**

+HYMN #645: SING PRAISES TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Loving Parent, you know us completely, every fiber of our being is made by you, you even count the hairs on our head.

**All: We are truly in awe of you. God, you have freely given us life, love and a call to love you in return. Forgive us, loving God, for those times when we choose to turn away, for those times when the cost seems too great for us to bear and instead, we choose our own selfish desires over you.**

KYRIE ELEISON

John Bell

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrrie eleison.**

ABSOLUTION AND PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Lord God, you continue to love us and call us to you, allowing us to choose freely to follow or turn away. Remind us that your forgiveness and love for us is eternal and that no matter how often we fail you or turn away, you are always there for us, waiting to welcome us home when we choose to come to you. May the Peace of Christ descend upon each of us. Peace be with you.

+ HYMN #623: I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE A RIVER vv. 1 & 3

## WE GROW IN GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:25-33

GIVE ME JESUS Joel A. Ross

MESSAGE *"No Free Tote Bag Here"* 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: TAKE MY LIFE Chris Tomlin

DOXOLOGY GTG 607

**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 #726: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

*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 & CHOIR  
DIRECTED BY: ANTHONY JAY HOUSTON AND SCOTT IDDINGS  
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TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: STEVE CONNELL



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## **Hymn 2: Come, Thou Almighty King**

Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing;  
help us to praise:  
Father, all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word,  
merciful, mighty Lord,  
our prayer attend.  
Come, and thy people bless,  
and give thy word success;  
Spirit of holiness,  
on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence evermore!  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity  
love and adore.

## Hymn 645: Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.

With healing balm my soul is filled,  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
to God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made  
God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
by morning glow or evening shade  
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.  
Within the kingdom of God's might,  
lo! all is just and all is right:  
to God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,  
but, through all grief distressing,  
an ever-present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing,  
as with a mother's tender hand  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!

Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that all may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart;  
both soul and body, take your part:  
to God all praise and glory!

## **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.

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

## Hymn 726: Will You Come and Follow Me

“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don’t know and never be the  
same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be  
known;  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”

“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the  
same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or  
scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”

“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this  
unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”

“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your  
name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the  
world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you  
in me?”

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my  
name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps  
show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.