

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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August 26, 2018 | 10:00

*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.
A "+" indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

WE GATHER

WE GATHER IN GRACE (*verse 1*)

We gather in grace, where friends in Christ abide.

We gather in grace, with hearts and arms that are open wide.

We gather in the ever-widening circle of God's grace.

We gather in grace, God's holy grace.

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The world says to us
strive for more, measure your success,
prove your worth by what you have
over and above your neighbor.

**All: But Jesus says to us
live in harmony with each other,
live with justice for all God's creatures,
live lightly and joyously.**

One: This is the way of God.
Let us raise our voices in worship.

+HYMN 401: GATHER US IN

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Jesus said, "You shall know the truth."

**All: The truth is that we are not all good or bad,
but a complex mixture of both,
neither perfect nor irredeemable.
The truth is that we do not have a monopoly on truth,
but tantalizing glimpses of something far beyond us.**

One: The truth is that God's love
does not depend on our goodness or our faith.

**All: God does not love us because we believe;
we start to believe when we experience God's love.
God does not love us because we are good;
we are set free to live well because God loves us.**

One: Show us the truth, O God, and set us free; then remind us,
when we need reminding, that you are the one who
forgives the contrite heart.

~ *silence* ~

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Beloved in the Lord, we are set free of all that harms us.

**All: We affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, and empowered by the Spirit.**

+PASSING THE PEACE

One: Let us celebrate the miracle and wonder of life
and accept the peace which Christ alone can bring.

**All: Lord, lead us from death to life,
from falsehood to truth, from fear to trust,
and let your peace fill our lives and our world.
We accept the gift of peace
and share it with our neighbor.**

(You are invited to greet one another in peace.)

+GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

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**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

WEE WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:14-21

MESSAGE

“Take, Bless, Break, Share”

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 769: FOR EVERYONE BORN

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

CLOSER TO FINE

+DOXOLOGY: WE ARE ONE IN THE SPIRIT (*verse 4*)

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**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN 435: THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

WE GO

+SENDING

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: WE GATHER IN GRACE (*verse 3*)

**We go in grace, in the footsteps of our Lord.
We go in grace, to be God's hands working in the world.
We go to spread the ever-widening circle of God's grace.
We go in grace, God's holy grace.
We gather, we grow, and we go in grace.**

One Worship Service at 10AM on Sunday, September 2nd

* * * Bulletin Cover Art * * *

Our Christian Ed team has invited our children and youth to provide illustrations of "faces of our faith" either in their own life or from our list of scriptural characters. These will be gracing our bulletin covers when possible. The artwork for the bulletin cover this week is provided to us by 7-yr old Anna Griswold.

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*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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NURSERY CARE is provided during all worship services. Infants and pre-kindergarten children are welcomed there by our trained staff.

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE! Details of all church events, meetings etc. are available online at [www.rclpc.org](http://www.rclpc.org). Printed copies are available from the ushers.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD  
(*remain seated*)

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Words and music by Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart,  
Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

Open the eyes of my heart,  
Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You  
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light  
of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing “Holy, holy, holy”

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(*sing twice*)  
Holy, holy, holy  
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I want to see You