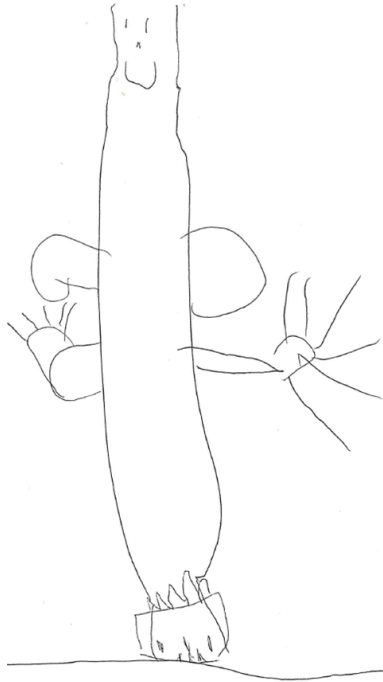


AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**10th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 29, 2018 | 11:00**

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

## WE GATHER

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

One: When we are exhausted, and what we have to carry is more than we can bear, God says:

**All: Come to me and rest.**

One: When we've done all we can, and there's still so much more to do, God says:

**All: Leave the rest to me.**

One: Let us worship the Lord.

### +HYMN 63: THE LORD IS GOD

### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Creator God, source of all that is and was and will be; you are above us and beneath us, all around us and within. You were, before the concept of 'before' had any meaning; you will be, after time has ceased to be.

**All: We confess that we cannot find words to describe you, or images to portray you, or theologies to contain you. We confess that we are fearful, and try to cut you down to manageable, human size.**

One: Give us courage, we pray, to let go of everything that keeps us earthbound and prevents us reaching our full potential as people made in your image.

**All: Help us rid ourselves of every rival god: money, power and fame, and worship You in all your glory and power. Only then, when we allow you to be fully God, will we become fully human, as Jesus was, and as he longs for us to be. Amen.**

~ *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.**

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**WE GROW**

WEE WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC

*One Voice*

The Wailin' Jennys

SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 1:1-7,3:8-12,19-30

MESSAGE

*Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego*

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 684: FAITH BEGINS BY LETTING GO

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*A Living Prayer*

Ron Block

+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 700: I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

+SENDING

**\*\* 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 5-yr old Theodore Pracht.

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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.

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