

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**November 4, 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

INTROIT: WE GATHER IN GRACE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord, our God, is a great God.

**All: Let us praise God's name forever.**

One: Majestic, unchanging—our strength and our song.

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One: Boundless in grace—our carer and comfort.

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+HYMN 475: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us make our own silent confession before the Lord.

~ *silence* ~

One: Holy one, how marvelously patient you are!

How wonderfully understanding you are!

**All: Lord, forgive us, for those times**

**we miss the simple beauty before our eyes.**

**Forgive us, for ignoring the people you speak through,**

**the saints and prophets down many centuries,**

**and the ones who continue to speak your word today.**

One: Renew us and restore us, give us patience

and resilience to see things through.

**All: Help us to be grateful for all we have,**

**and not dwell on what we don't have. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: By the word of Jesus, we are forgiven.

**All: Forgiven through the ups and downs of our lives,**

**on the mountaintop, in the depths, day by day.**

**Forgiven and made new, affirming goodness is stronger**

**than evil, life stronger than death.**

+PASSING THE PEACE

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.  
Let us love one another, for love is from God.

**All: Jesus promised it and I believe Him,  
so I strive to love, and I share Christ's peace with all.**  
*(You are invited to greet one another in peace.)*

+GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME GTG 582

**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

WE GROW IN GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-30

MESSAGE

*"Grace –  
God's unfailing commitment to love."*

Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING:

*Amazing Grace*

arr Jackson Berkey

+DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## 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.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor:

Having received the sacrament, let us together affirm our faith.

**All:**

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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

+SENDING

+WE GO IN GRACE

*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.

FLOWERS are given by **Lou Rabe** in celebration of Kathy's birthday.

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