

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**22nd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 21, 2018 | 9:00**

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

## WE GATHER

*GOD OF WONDERS*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Generous God, you have given us  
so much to be thankful for.

**All: We know the gift of your grace and mercy.  
We have the gift of life and  
the fellowship of family and friends,  
and we are part of a global church community.  
So we joyfully raise our voices in worship.**

+PRAISES (*TAKE MY HANDS*)

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

*~ silence ~*

One: Jesus had neither money nor power.  
He showed us that love and forgiveness can do far more.

**All: Merciful God, when we are dull, and safe, and  
guarded, and withhold from life the full gifted-ness  
that is within us, intervene with your Spirit,  
and challenge us to be more ambitious  
in using the talents you provide to us.**

One: We know you are a God who gives second chances.

**All: Restore us, renew us, re-invigorate us, but first forgive  
us our timidity, our caution, and our fear. 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.)*

+REACH OUT YOUR HAND IN PEACE

Lucy Smith

**Reach out your hand in peace.  
Reach out your hand in peace.  
Reach out your hand in peace.  
In return you'll feel God's love.**

**WE GROW**

WEE WORSHIP

*OVER MY HEAD*

African American spiritual  
arr. JLBell

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:1-2,5-13 (*The Message*)

MESSAGE

*"Yes, but ..."*

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: *ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS*

+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.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO**

+*LIFESONG*

+SENDING

+*WE WALK HIS WAY*

*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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