

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 28, 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: TAKE O TAKE ME AS I AM

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: From the beginning, the Word of Life was present.

**All: We welcome that eternal Word  
to live and thrive among us today.**

One: In Jesus, the Word of Life, we come to worship God,

**All: that our joy may be complete.**

One: Let us worship the God of light.

+HYMN 314: CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

~ *silence* ~

One: Creator God we are made in your image, and each one of us reveals something of you to the people we meet. Each person we meet also reveals something of you to us.

**All: Lord, there are more souls on the earth than ever before and yet people feel more isolated. Many promote messages of fear, causing a lack of trust, which leads to more isolation and loneliness.**

One: Lord, in your mercy, forgive us when we deepen the darkness rather than spread the light.

**All: May we use the gifts you have given us to enlighten and enable one another. Lord, in your mercy, let us feel your forgiveness and help us to change.**

+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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**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**WE GROW**

WEE WORSHIP

SPECIAL MUSIC      *Keep Your Lamps*      African American spiritual

SCRIPTURE READING      Matthew 5:13-16 (*The Message*)\*

MESSAGE      *"But.... Yes"*      Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 749: COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

WE ARE PRAYING LORD

**We are praying, Lord, we are praying.**  
**We are praying, Lord, we are praying.**  
**We are men, women, we are children, and Lord,  
we are praying.**

**So let the rains go, let the healing river flow.**  
**Let justice roll like waters.**  
**Let the days begin, when new life enters in,  
and let your Kingdom come.**

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: *Servants' Prayer* Libby Larsen

+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

+HYMN 767: TOGETHER WE SERVE

+SENDING

+A CLARE BENEDICTION John Rutter

*Servants' Prayer*

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Eric Milner-White and George Wallace Briggs*

\*In memory of **Eugene H. Peterson** (November 6, 1932 – October 22, 2018), Presbyterian pastor, educator and author of “The Message.”

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...  
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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

FLOWERS are given by **Karen Hutchings** in celebration of my wonderful family.

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