

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**17th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 16, 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

*ALMIGHTY GOD*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

MISSION FOCUS: CROP WALK

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Lord we come just as we are, different people,  
different gifts, different lives, different skills.

**All: We come before God, each representing who we are,  
what we have, and where we are--  
unique, loved, valued and cared for by the Almighty.  
May our worship this morning  
be an offering of sincere thanksgiving.**

One: Let us worship God.

+*BLESSED BE YOUR NAME*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Creator God, it seems as though murder and mayhem  
have been part of the human story from the start.

**Men: Jealousy, misunderstandings, violence, rivalries,  
suspicion and mistrust plague humanity.**

*Women:* Alongside all of these there are constant attempts  
to make sense of it and find a better way to live.

**Men: For all our progress in so many ways,  
for all the books that have been written,  
and plans made and prayers prayed,**

**All: we have to confess that we are no further forward  
than people were in ancient times.**

**Still, we long for acceptance; still, we lash out in anger;  
still, we envy others and imagine them to be a threat.  
Still, our better self, that knows we are all responsible  
for one another, does battle with the fearful, primitive  
part that looks out only for ourselves.**

**Forgive us, we pray.**

*~ silence ~*

+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

*SUNG RESPONSE: PSALM 36:1-9 (see insert)*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 4: 1-16 (from *The Message*)

MESSAGE

*"Oh so human"*

Rev. John Dillon

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS: Eileen Van Pelt and Diane Nimocks

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: *COME AS YOU ARE*

+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**

+*YOUR LOVE NEVER FAILS*

+SENDING

*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 **Jan Schwanke** in memory of Beloved Husband, Art.

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