

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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*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: Come all who are lost

All: and be welcomed.

One: Come all who need a home

All: and find a place to belong.

One: Come all who seek

All: and be found.

One: For there is no place God does not make us welcome;
no place beyond the reach of love;
nowhere God does not go to seek us out and
there make a home in us.

Come and worship

All: the God of every place.

+HYMN 409: GOD IS HERE

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Who are we God, in this vast universe,
that you love us and call us by name?

**All: Life-giving God, we come before you today, humble,
and contrite, offering what little faith we have.
Yet, you promise that even the smallest seed will grow.
Lord, take our seed of faith and increase it.
O Lord, hear us as we cry out to you today
for your patience with us is beyond measure,
your kindness to us is overwhelming,
your forgiveness is unbelievable. 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.)

+SUNG RESPONSE: I'VE GOT PEACE LIKE RIVER

GTG 623

**I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river;
I've got peace like a river, in my soul. *(repeat)***

**I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain;
I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. *(repeat)***

**I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean;
I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. *(repeat)***

WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

GTG 414

**Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God. *(sing three times)***

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-2,31-32,34-35

MESSAGE

"It was like, awesome"

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 292: AS THE WIND SONG

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

KUM BA YAH

arr. Simms

+DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 607

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

+HYMN 771: WHAT IS THE WORLD LIKE

WE GO

+SENDING

*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 **Joyce Rainey** in celebration of Jake's 16th birthday! May the Lord guide you and keep you safe!

NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE! Details of all church events, meetings etc. are available online at www.rclpc.org. Printed copies are available from the ushers.