

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**19th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**September 30, 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

*PSALM 117\* (see insert)*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, let us make bricks!

**All: Let us make more than bricks,  
let us create a strong and firm foundation.**

One: Come, let us build!

**All: Let us build a community wide and far reaching.**

One: Come, let us worship!

**All: Let us worship our God with all peoples, all across our  
great earth. Together we sing God's praise.**

+*BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Lord, you are the God who does not mind if our prayers lack eloquence and are not filled by beautiful language. You are the God, who listens not to words but to the sentiment of our hearts, the longing in our soul, the honesty of our emotions.

**All: We are not clones: we are uniquely created and then  
planted into creation in a time and place and culture of  
your choosing.**

One: We both honor and fear our diversity. We celebrate our independence and recognize our need of community.

**All: Forgive us when we become confused and hinder the  
opportunities of others, who have the right to speak  
with their own voices and language.**

One: We should not seek to make people into images of our own selves, for all people are created in God's image.

**All: Let us instead be comfortable with the variety in  
humanity, and be committed to securing the rights and  
freedoms of all, to live fully and freely. Amen.**

*~ 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.)*

+GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

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**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

*ALMIGHTY GOD*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 10:1,5b,18b,11:1-9

MESSAGE     *"Scattered: a Curse and a Promise"*     Rev. John Dillon

+*BE THOU MY VISION*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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: *CANNOT KEEP YOU*

+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**

+*GOD OF JUSTICE*

+SENDING

+SUNG RESPONSE: *SIYAHAMBA (see insert)*

*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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