

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**April 21, 2019 | 8:00**

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

## WE GATHER

### WELCOME

#### +CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The stone is rolled away.

**All: Death is overcome.**

Pastor: The tomb is dark, but empty.

**All: Darkness gives way to light.**

Pastor: The grave cloths are folded.

**All: Where has he gone?**

Pastor: The women were the first to see and tell us,

**All: He is not here.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All: He is risen indeed!**

#### +HYMN 232: JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

#### +EASTER AFFIRMATION

Pastor: Holy One, we gather together in the light of this new day,  
this wonderful day, to remember an empty tomb.

**All: Jesus is risen!**

Pastor: Jesus is not found among the dead.

**All: He is risen! He is here with us! Love has won, forever!**

Pastor: As we gather to hear once more the mystery of Easter,  
we remember that faith does not depend on seeing or  
hearing; faith is trusting and acknowledging presence  
beyond our understanding.

**All: Love wins, always! Thank you, Lord Jesus,  
for demonstrating to us that love is the only way.**

Pastor: We celebrate your resurrection today and acknowledge  
your living presence in our lives.

**All: Love will win, eternally!**

Pastor: With love comes peace and Christ is our peace,  
the indestructible peace we now share with one another.  
*(You are invited to greet one another in peace.)*

# WE GROW

+HYMN 248: CHRIST IS RISEN! SHOUT HOSANNA!

WEE WORSHIP

SUNG RESPONSE: ALLELUIA

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Leader: Alleluia, alleluia!

All: Alleluia, alleluia!

(repeat 3 more times)

Leader All  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Leader All  
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SCRIPTURE

Luke 23:55-56 & 24:1-12

MESSAGE

*Love overcomes all.*

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 250: HYMN OF PROMISE

OFFERING

*Rise Up, My Heart, with Gladness*

J.S. Bach

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## 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.**

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Christ is risen, living among us,  
feeding our bodies and souls forever!

**All: We are always in God's presence.  
Christ is with us this day and for evermore.  
Alleluia!**

## WE GO

+HYMN 245: CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY!

### +SENDING

Pastor: May there be enough alleluias to fill the day  
and then enough left over for all the days to come.

**All: Send us out as your risen people,  
sharing our alleluias with the world,  
bringing new life and new hope.**

+POSTLUDE "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah* G.F. HANDEL

*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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