

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**5th Sunday in Lent**  
**April 7, 2019 | 9:00**

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

*So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.*

1 John 4:16a

## **WE GATHER**

*PSALM 148: PRAISE THE LORD*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

MOMENT FOR MISSION: OGHS – SELF DEVELOPMENT

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here is an invitation:

**All: let us love God as God has loved us.**

One: Here is a call:

**All: to love God as God always loves us.**

One: Here is our worship:

**All: loving God as God unconditionally loves us.**

+*BE NOW MY VISION*

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

~ *silence* ~

One: God, you loved this world so much  
that you sent your own son, Jesus Christ,  
to live and die among us, in order that we might have life.

**All: Forgive us for keeping that abundant life to ourselves,  
for jealously hoarding your generous gifts, for choosing  
self-interest over compassion and justice.**

One: Forgive us for confusing, or losing sight of,  
what the life you offer is like.

**All: Forgive us when we forget that you offer us life  
that is abundant and eternal.**

**Forgive us, merciful God; turn us to the right path, and  
let your love and grace flow over us and the world.**

**We pray in Jesus' name and for his sake. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: Jesus, in the coming weeks as you draw nearer to Jerusalem, may we draw closer to you.

**All: Draw us out of darkness into the light of your mercy and forgiveness, living each day in full trust and obedience, holding each other in love’s warm embrace.**

One: Listen to Jesus’ words, “Do not be afraid, I love you, I give you my peace which no one can take from you.” Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

+UBI CARITAS

Leader: Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

**All: Live in charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.**

Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love.  
U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,

Live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.  
u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.

**WE GROW**

WEE WORSHIP

*ALMIGHTY GOD (remain seated)*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 3:16-17 and 1 John 4:16a-21

MESSAGE

*“Verbs NOT Nouns!  
Doing NOT Defining!”*

Rev. John Dillon

OFFERING: *O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO*

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor:

Having received the sacrament, let us stand and together affirm our faith.

+All:

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+PEOPLE OF GOD

+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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