

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**8th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 4, 2019 | 11:00**

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

## WE GATHER

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,

**All: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;

**All: worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.**

One: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

**All: the Lord is enthroned as King forever.**

One: The Lord gives strength to his people;

**All: the Lord blesses his people with peace.**

+HYMN 10: SING GLORY TO THE NAME OF GOD

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy God, we come to you confessing how little we understand you, but sincere in how much we desire to know more.**

**Holy God, your countenance is too bright for us to see. Your deeds of creation are so massive and magnificent that we cannot wrap our minds around them.**

**When we contemplate your holiness we are diminished to the point of near insignificance.**

**We listen and watch for your guidance, but live in fear that what we will receive from you is harsh judgment, unachievable demands and unnerving insistence.**

**Grant us the faith to believe that in our Lord Jesus you have bridged the gap between your holiness and our humanness.**

**Grant us vision to see that in his life Jesus showed us that there is a holiness in the most mundane parts of life.**

**Grant us courage to act as though each encounter we have is a chance to unveil your holiness.**

**Grant us joy in knowing that you use us to carry forward your holy works. Speak to us in ways that we can grasp. Inspire us within so that we might do your will.**

+SUNG RESPONSE: (*sing 3 times*)

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**Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
You alone, O Lord, are holy,  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace,  
Alleluia!**

+ PASSING THE PEACE

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us share the peace with one another.

+REACH OUT YOUR HAND IN PEACE

Lucy Smith

**Reach out your hand in peace.  
Reach out your hand in peace  
In return you'll feel God's love.**

WEE WORSHIP

BLESSING OF STUDENTS RETURNING TO SCHOOL

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-15

MESSAGE

*"What Happened to the Holy?"*

Fred Neuschel

+HYMN 596: YOU ARE HOLY

OFFERING:

+DOXOLOGY

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**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.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING 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.**

### WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*We are celebrating communion by intinction. Everyone is invited to come forward down the center aisle, receive a piece of bread (or ask for gluten-free bread), dip it in the cup, and eat. You may return to your seat down the side aisles. The bread and the cup will be brought to those who cannot or do not wish to come forward. We have an open table. Everyone is welcome.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**All: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

+HYMN 498: LOAVES WERE BROKEN, WORDS WERE SPOKEN

+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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FLOWERS are given by **David and Sherri Dees** in celebration of their 41st anniversary.

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