

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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March 10, 2019 | 9:00 and 11:00

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

"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." (John 13:34).

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Love comes first.

**All: Before fame, before wealth, before our names,
before gifts, before worship, before today, before now,
before everything: love comes first.**

One: So let us love one another as God first loved us.
Let us raise our voices in worship.

+HYMN 366: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVE'S EXCELLING

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

~ *silence* ~

One: When our friends let us down and we feel lonely and sad,

All: help us to love one another.

One: When we've done something wrong
and feel guilty and bad,

All: help us to love one another.

One: When we get in a fight and each think that we're right,

All: help us to love one another.

One: When we go in a huff; when enough is not enough,

All: help us to love one another.

One: Lord, we want to, we really do, but it's not easy, so please:

All: help us to love one another. Amen.

+KYRIE ELEISON

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, (*Lord, have mercy.*)

All: Kyrie eleison.

Cantor: Christe eleison, (*Christ, have mercy.*)

All: Christe eleison.

Cantor: Kyrie eleison, (*Lord, have mercy.*)

All: Kyrie eleison.

+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.

+HE CAME DOWN

WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: SPIRIT OPEN MY HEART GTG 692

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving.
Spirit, open my heart.**

SCRIPTURE READING

John 13:31-38 (*The Message*)

MESSAGE

"Love, Love Me Do"
the Theology of Lennon & McCartney

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 727: WILL YOU LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**All Sing: We are praying, Lord, we are praying.
We are praying, Lord, we are praying.
We are men, women, we are children, and Lord,
we are praying.**

**So let the rains go, let the healing river flow.
Let justice roll like waters.
Let the days begin, when new life enters in,
and let your Kingdom come.**

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: I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS CALLING

JL Bell

Response: *(see insert)*

Glory and gratitude and praise now let earth to heaven raise.

Glory and gratitude and praise: these we offer to God.

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO

+HYMN 726: WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME

+SENDING AND RESPONSE: WE WALK HIS WAY

We walk His way.

We walk His way.

We walk His way.

We walk His way.

*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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