

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 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.*

*How beautiful you are my love, how very beautiful.*

Song of Songs 4:1a

**WE GATHER**

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE!

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Love is as strong as death,  
many waters cannot quench it,  
floods cannot drown it, no wealth can claim it.

**All: It is a seal on our hearts, it flashes like a fire's flame.  
In such love, fierce for each other:  
Let us gather and offer praise!**

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

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: In humility and faith, and in silence,  
let us confess our sins before God.

~ *silence* ~

One: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: We confess our selfishness and self-centeredness.**

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us.

**All: We confess our lack of true compassion for others.**

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us.

**All: We confess our greed for that  
which brings us pleasure.**

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day, and help us walk your Way;  
and make us righteous; this, O God we pray.

**All: We confess our habit of putting our own needs  
before that of others.**

Cantor: Almighty God, forgive us; Lord Jesus Christ forgive us.

**All: We confess our thoughtlessness  
and misuse of the gifts of the earth.**

Cantor: Holy Spirit, forgive us.

**All: We confess our lack of love in word, deed and action.**

Cantor: Forgive your flock this day; help us walk your Way;  
and make us righteous; this ,O God we pray.

+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.

+GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

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**WE GROW**

WEE WORSHIP

PSALTER PSALM 45:1-2, 6-9

Cantor: All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloe and spices.

**All sing: All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloe and spices.**

All your gar - ments are fra - grant with myrrh, a - loe and spi - ces.

My heart overflows with a beautiful vision,  
saying all my deeds are for sake of the king.  
My tongue is the pen of a rushing scribe.  
You are more lovely than any mortal.  
Compassion is poured over your lips---  
for that reason God will bless you forever.

**All sing: All your garments are fragrant with myrrh,  
(twice) aloe and spices.**

Your throne, established by God, is eternal.  
Your staff is straightforward,  
the staff of your guidance.

You have loved what is right, despised what is wrong.  
For this the Holy One, your God, has anointed you,  
chosen you with oil rejoicing from among all your friends.

Myrrh, aloes, and cassia--your clothing smells of them.  
From ivory palaces, the melody of lutes gives you pleasure.  
The daughters of kings visit you.  
Ravishing queens stand at your right  
clothed in the gold of Ophir.

**All sing: All your garments are fragrant with myrrh,  
(twice) aloes and spices.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs (selected verses)

MESSAGE

“Eros”

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN: THE WEB OF LOVE (*see insert*)  
from Known Unknowns

JL Bell  
TUNE GTG 209

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

OFFERING:

*A Canticle of Love*

Bill Carter

+DOXOLOGY: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 607

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**WE GO**

+HYMN: LOVE IS THE TOUCH (*see insert*) words Alison M. Robertson  
music: JL Bell

+SENDING

+POSTLUDE

*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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NURSERY CARE is provided during all worship services. Infants and pre-kindergarten children are welcomed there by our trained staff.