

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



# Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**2nd Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 19, 2020 | 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

One: Are we looking for paradise here on earth?  
Are we searching for a love that lasts?

**All: We yearn for a glimpse of God.  
We thirst for the fountain of life.  
We hunger for lasting joy.  
Our hearts ache for something more.**

One: Bring all your hopes and longings to this place,  
for God is big enough to hold us all.

**All: God's love embraces us, calms us, strengthens us.  
God's grace surprises us and causes us to sing.**

+HYMN 749: COME! LIVE IN THE LIGHT

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Help us to wait patiently for you, Lord.  
Incline to us and hear our cries.  
Draw up our hope from the desolate pits,  
and cut loose our love from the bogs that mire.  
Set our feet upon your rock, make our footsteps firm.  
Put a new song in our mouths,  
a song of praise to you our God.

**All: Help us not to hide your saving grace away in our hearts, instead, though our lives may be imperfect, indeed, because our lives are imperfect, may many see and know that you are trustworthy, that you are faithful, that you are our joy through our imperfect lives many might yet see and know that you are God. Amen.**

+SUNG RESPONSE: I WAITED ON THE LORD

JL Bell

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS AND PASSING THE PEACE

One: How often do we say, “God forgive me, help me change?”  
In Jesus we hear God’s reply, “Come with me,  
your sins are forgiven. Don’t be afraid, I love you.”  
Let us now share the peace that only Christ can bring!

+WE ARE FORGIVEN, LOVED AND FREE

Paul M Vasile

**We are forgiven, loved and free.  
We’re washed anew and then called to be  
hope for the weary, strength for the weak,  
with a blessing of peace for all,  
with a blessing of peace for all.**

## WE GROW

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

**This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I’m going to let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine to show my love.**

WEE WORSHIP

## THE WORD, SPOKEN AND SUNG

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

JL Bell

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 49:1-7  
John 1:29-34

## THE WORD PROCLAIMED

MESSAGE

*“Behold the Lamb of God”*

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 39: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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: SING, MY SOUL, HIS WONDROUS LOVE

Ned Rorem

+DOXOLOGY:

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**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## **WE GO**

+HYMN 737: LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG

+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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