

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



## Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian Church

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**John Dillon, Pastor**  
**Epiphany**  
**January 5, 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: Creator God, into the void you breathed life,  
from darkness and uncertainty the world was born.

**All: We give thanks for Jesus coming into our world,  
a light that shone in the darkness, and continues  
to do so today.**

+HYMN 401: HERE IN THIS PLACE

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

~ *silence* ~

One: As the wise magi sought direction from the star,  
so we seek direction for our light, your son Jesus.

**All: We recognize there have often been times  
when our words and actions have failed us and you,  
when we have been too quick to put down  
rather than build up, and  
when we have criticized rather than supported.  
We seek your forgiveness.**

One: As we seek to bring your words to life through action in  
our world, may we hear your word of love and may your  
light be our guide, illuminating our worship and guiding  
our steps.

**All: So be it. Amen.**

+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.”  
Go now and 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

WEE WORSHIP

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.**

ANTHEM

*True Light*

Keith Hampton

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

MESSAGE

*"Stardust and Son-shine"*

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 827: O MORNING STAR, HOW FAIR AND BRIGHT

OFFERING

*"Out of the East a Star Shone Bright"*  
from *A Day for Dancing*

Lloyd Pfautsch

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.**

## 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

Pastor: Let us affirm our faith.

**All: We believe in God above us,  
maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon,  
of water and earth, of male and female.  
We believe in God beside us,  
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,  
born of a woman, servant of the poor,  
tortured and nailed to a cross.  
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.  
He descended into the earth, to the place of death.  
On the third day he rose from the tomb.  
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,  
and his kingdom shall come on earth.  
We believe in God within us,  
the Holy Spirit life-giving breath of the church,  
empowering healing and forgiveness.  
We believe in God three-in-one source of resurrection,  
life and life eternal. Amen.**

+HYMN 853: WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT 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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