**Celebration of Worship**

**May 17, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

***Unashamed in Jesus’ name we gather, grow, and go.***

***Gather - Assemble in Jesus’ Name***

Prelude *Katharine Schendel*

Silent Meditation

Signing of Friendship Register

Call to Worship

Pastor: All of you people, come praise our God!

**People: Let his praises be heard.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Call to Confession

Pastor: Our God, you tested us,

**People: just as silver is tested.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin together, then pause for a moment of silent confession.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Holy God, we come before you this morning, painfully aware of our weakness. We confess that we often try to “get by” with words and actions that are unworthy of your faithful people. We have failed to listen to the voice our Good Shepherd, and followed our own desires and directions. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us back into your fold, where will enjoy your loving care and protection. We ask these things in the name of him who died for us and rose again from death, Jesus Christ; amen.**

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: He listened when I prayed,

**People: and he is always kind.**

Pastor: Sisters and brothers, in the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri*

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;***

***As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.***

Passing of the Peace

***Grow - Proclaim God’s Word***

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading Acts 17:22-31 (CEV)

Special Music *Katharine Schendel*

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22 (CEV)

Gospel Reading John 14:15-21 (CEV)

Message *Rev. Pat Wadsworth*

Affirmation of Faith (in unison) *The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Give Thanks to God***

Pastoral Prayer

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*“debts and debtors”)*

Offering *(We urge our church family especially to mail in your tithes and offerings!)*

*The Doxology*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise Him all creatures here below.**

**Praise Him above ye heavenly host.**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

***Go - In Jesus’ Name***

Benediction *Rev. Pat Wadsworth*

Postlude *Katharine Schendel*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**GRACE UPDATE**:  The Session met via zoom on Monday, May 11th and will meet again on Tuesday, May 26th.  At the meeting on May 26th, the Session will decide how to go about reopening the church.  We are currently working on a letter to go out to all our members/non-members/regular visitors.  As for now, we will remain with our virtual worship services for at least the next 2 Sundays.

**PLEDGES/DONATIONS** - during the time we are not meeting for worship "*in person*", **we ask that you mail in your pledges to the church**.

**The Church address is *518 Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70503.*** Thank you to everyone that is continuing to support Grace Presbyterian Church during this pandemic.

**DAILY DEVOTIONALS** - Rev. Pat Wadsworth has been posting daily devotionals.  They are available for view on our Facebook Page (*gracelafayette).*

**UNITED CHRISTIAN OUTREACH** - if you have any non-perishable food items or paper products you would like to donate to UCO during the time we are not able to meet for worship, please drop these items off at Grace.  We are currently gathering these items and will deliver them to UCO soon.  Items are needed more now with so many people out of work and children are not in school.  You can either drop these items off at the church or you can contact Sarah or Pat to schedule a drop off time.  Thank you in advance!

**CAMP AGAPE** - **will now be held the weekend of Labor Day. (September 4-7, 2020)**

**\*\*Intro Camp - Middle School** (Completed 1st Grade - Completed 8th Grade).  The cost is $220.00.

**\*\*High School** (Completed 9th Grade - Completed 12th Grade).  The cost is $250.00.

Registration forms will be coming soon!  If you would like to attend Camp Agape, please let Sarah know in the Church Office.

*"A virus will not cancel God's plan for Camp"*

**SYNOD YOUTH WORKSHOP** - **will NOT take place in Tulsa, OK this summer, but instead they will move to an online format which will take place on July 13-18, 2020.** If you would like to attend SYW online, please let Sarah know in the Church Office so we can make sure you are signed up.  Cost is FREE.

*Synod Youth Workshop is for Rising 9th Graders - Graduated Seniors*