**Celebration of Worship**

**May 24, 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: Our God, you are the one who rides on the clouds,

**People: and we praise you.**

Pastor: Your name is the Lord,

**People: and we celebrate as we worship you.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O God, your Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples, and sent them into the world to proclaim the coming f your kingdom. By your Holy Spirit, hold the church in unity, and keep it faithful to your Word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be one with Christ in faith and love and service, now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Call to Confession

Pastor: Cast all your anxiety upon God,

**People: because he cares for you.**

Pastor: Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin together, then pause for a moment of private confession.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: When your land was thirsty Lord, you sent showers to refresh it.

**People: Your people settled there, and you were generous to everyone in need.**

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 1:6-14 (CEV)

Special Music *Katharine Schendel*

Epistle Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 (CEV)

Gospel Reading John 17:1-11 (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:**

**HOLY COMMUNION** – **Next Sunday, May 31st**, we plan to celebrate Holy Communion online. Please gather up the supplies (preferably bread and grape juice or wine) you will need this week so you can join us in the sacrament at home.

**SESSION MEETING** - The Session plans to meet on **Tuesday, May 26th** to decide how to go about reopening the church.

**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 viewing on our Facebook page (*gracelafayette)* and on YouTube at “*grace lafayette.”*

**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 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.

If you would like to attend Camp Agape, please let Sarah know in the Church Office so we can get you registered and paid. *"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 are moving to an online format which will take place 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*