**Celebration of Worship**

**July 12, 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: You have been good to me, Lord,

**People: and I will sing about you.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**O God, light of the minds that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Call to Confession

Pastor: Please listen, Lord, God,

**People: and answer my prayer!**

Pastor: Let us turn to our merciful God and confess our sin together, and then pause for a moment of private confession.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**God of peace, we claim to be a people of peace, but we have difficulty being tolerant of one another. We pray for peace in our world, but we are impatient with members of our own family. Forgive us, we pray, our warring ways, and show us from day to day how we may be true followers of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: I trust your love, Lord,

**People: and I feel like celebrating because you rescued me.**

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, 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 Genesis 25:19-34 (CEV)

Special Music *Katharine Schendel*

Epistle Reading Romans 8:1-11 CEV)

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (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 *(Be prepared to pray for those people and causes dear to you.)*

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*

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT WORSHIP……..**

**The Grace Session met on this past Tuesday to discuss COVID-19 and In-Person Worship.  The Session decided that with cases increasing right now in Lafayette, that we will hold off on starting "in-person" worship until Sunday, August 9th.**Until then, our worship services will continue on Facebook Live at 10:30am. Our site is "**gracelafayette**".  Make sure to "like" our site so that Facebook will notify you when service is starting.

**MEDIA HELP NEEDED** – once we start meeting in person for worship again, we would like to still have Facebook Live available for those that cannot attend on Sunday Mornings.  To be able to do this, **we desperately need 1-2 volunteers to learn the sound system**.  To be able to do “both” in-person & live worship, we will need more help.  Please let us know if you are willing to learn the sound system to be able to help from time to time.

**SYNOD YOUTH WORKSHOP** – **is virtual this year and STARTS NEXT WEEK!  Signed up this year for SYW is *Danny Jones, Dawson Jones & Lana Gaspard*.**  Due to COVID-19, Synod Youth Workshop will be holding their week long youth camp 100% Virtual since they were not able to meet in Tusla, OK this year.  Camp is July 13-17.

**PAPER PRODUCTS & NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS** - One of the most meaningful and memorable parts of Synod Youth Workshop has always been Service Day!  This years service project is to help feed hungry people in your own community.  **If you have any paper products or non-perishable food items you would like to donate to help feed the hungry in Lafayette, please drop them off at Grace Presbyterian Church next week.**  These will be collected and donated by Grace Presbyterian Church (under Danny, Dawson & Lana).  Each youth attending SYW this year will gather items and report how many they donated to their local food pantry.  Thanks in advance!!

**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. We need you more than ever during this time to continue operating during this pandemic!

**OUR DAILY BREAD** – If you would like a copy of Our Daily Bread, please contact Sarah in the Church Office.  You can either stop by to pick up a copy or we can mail you a copy.  They are for the months of June, July & August.