

# Celebration of Worship

August 16, 2020

10:30 a.m.

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

## ***Gather - Assemble in Jesus' Name***

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Prelude *Katharine Schendel*

Silent Meditation

Signing of Friendship Register

Call to Worship

Pastor: No one can have faith without hearing the message about Christ.

**People: "The message was told everywhere on earth. It was announced all over the world."**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Call to Confession

Pastor: The word of the LORD is like fire,

**People: like a hammer that smashes a stone.**

Pastor: Let us turn to our heavenly Father in awe and reverence, and confess our sin together, and then pause for a moment of private confession.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks that your word is both powerful and everlasting! We confess, however, that we do not always believe your word, or give it the place it deserves in our lives. We sometimes ignore your word, or misuse it for our own purposes. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your word for our times, that it may nourish our lives and the lives of those around us; in Jesus' name, amen**

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: But these are written so that you will put your faith in Jesus as the Messiah and the Son of God,

**People: If you have faith in him, you will have true life.**

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***

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### Prayer for Illumination

First Reading                      Genesis 45:1-15 (CEV)

Special Music        *Katharine Schendel*

Epistle Reading                  Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (CEV)

Gospel Reading                  Matthew 15:1-28 (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***

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### 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***

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Benediction      *Rev. Pat Wadsworth*

Postlude      *Katharine Schendel*

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**SESSION MEETING** – will be on **Monday, August 17th** at **6pm**. Meeting will be in-person & via zoom as we have done the last few meetings. If you cannot attend, please let Lynne Castle know.

**ZOOM BIBLE STUDY** – Who is interested in doing a short (4 session) Bible Study on Zoom? We would meet once a week for 4 weeks (*time and day to be decided later*). Written materials would be provided. You can either join via zoom (we can help you set up a free zoom account) or by phone (landline or cell phone). If you are interested, please contact Lynne Castle at (337) 406-0562 or [Lec4242@bellsouth.net](mailto:Lec4242@bellsouth.net).

**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**. Please let us know if you are willing to learn how to work the sound system to be able to help from time to time.

**PLEDGES/DONATIONS** – please continue to snail mail your donations in during the time we are not meeting in-person for worship. **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! We need you more than ever during this trying time.