

Celebration of Worship

August 23, 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: The LORD made heaven and earth,

People: and he is the one who sends us help.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; 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: All people have disobeyed God,

People: and that's why he treats them as prisoners.

Pastor: Let us approach our heavenly Father in repentance, and confess our sin together, and then pause for a moment of private confession.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Creator God, we give you thanks for the world that you have made and that you alone sustain to this day! We confess that we sometimes forget that you are on our side, amid all of the challenges we face from day to day. In these most unusual times, we ask both your forgiveness for our failures and your help in overcoming life's toughest obstacles; in the name of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: God doesn't take back the gifts he has given

People: or forget about the people he has chosen.

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

Old Testament Reading Exodus 1:8-2:10

Special Music *Katharine Schendel*

Epistle Reading Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Message *Rev. Pat Wadsworth*

Affirmation of Faith (in unison) *The Nicene Creed*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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*

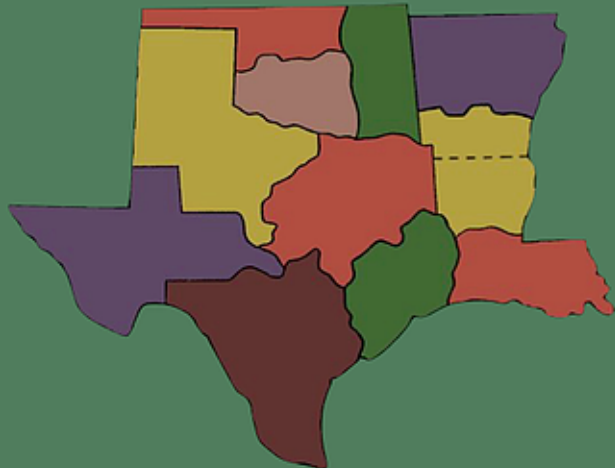
Postlude *Katharine Schendel*

Synod Sunday

August 23, 2020 - Celebrated Everywhere

Hope Through Connections, Unhindered By Walls

1 Thessalonians 1:3



Join more than 750 congregations in 11 Presbyteries to celebrate the mission and ministry happening throughout the Synod of the Sun.



The Synod of the Sun is collecting Good News Stories about congregations and individuals who are reflecting Hope Through Connections, Unhindered By Walls. Do you know of a Good News Story? Send your story ideas to thomas.riggs@synodsun.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CAMP AGAPE - **HAS BEEN CANCELED!!** Camp Agape was originally scheduled for June 2020, rescheduled for Labor Day Weekend, and has now been canceled completely for this year.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION - If you have anything for the September GraceVine Newsletter, please email Sarah or call the church office by **Wednesday, August 26th**. Thank you in advance!

FOOD DONATIONS - **we are still collecting food donations at Grace Church even during the time we are not meeting for worship.** If you have any non-perishable food items or paper products you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church or call the church office to schedule a drop off time or a pick up time. We are currently donating these items to the **Second Harvest Food Bank in Lafayette**. Normally we donate to United Christian Outreach but they have been closed the past few months. There are a lot of struggling families in Lafayette that need our help. Please consider making a donation!

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY - **Are you interested in doing a short (4 session) Bible Study on Zoom??** We would meet once a week for 4 weeks, at a time/day convenient for most of us. Written materials will be provided, but "bring" your own Bible. Don't know how to use Zoom?? We can help you set up a free, no obligation account on Zoom, and then let you know how to see Zoom on your computer/iPad/Phone. Or you can join on a standard phone (landline or cell) and hear what is going on and talk to the group. **If you are interested, please let Lynne Castle know at lec4242@bellsouth.net or (337)406-0562.**

FACEBOOK LIVE WORSHIP - virtual worship on **Sundays on Facebook Live at 10:30am**. Our Facebook Site is [gracelafayette](http://gracelafayette.com). Make sure to "*like*" our site so that Facebook will notify you before the service starts. We will not resume in-person worship until Louisiana enters into Phase 3.

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 to work our sound system.** **We are still in need of someone to offer to help learn the sound system to be able to help from time to time. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer. Bob Hess and Terry Wolford would be able to train you to work the sound system!**

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!