

Celebration of Worship

September 13, 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: God brought his people out of Egypt...

People: He made Judah his holy place and ruled over Israel.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Almighty God, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Call to Confession

Pastor: Earth, you will tremble, when the Lord God of Jacob comes near,

People: because he turns solid rock into flowing streams and pools of water.

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

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Lord of all creation, we turn to you again this morning, confessing that we have failed to give you your rightful place in our lives and in our hearts. We are more impressed with what people do and say, that we neglect the words and example of your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and help us from day to day to keep our focus on him, that our hearts and our lives may be right with you. In his name we pray, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Ask the sea why it ran away

People: or ask the Jordan why it flowed upstream.

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 14:19-31

Special Music *Katharine Schendel*

Epistle Reading Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35

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

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:

PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING - Every year the Presbyterian Women receive offerings for the Birthday Offering which pays grants to worthy projects in the United States and abroad. This year their offering was delayed until we returned to worshipping in the church building. Since we have not been able to do that yet, we urge you to contribute by sending a check to the church made out to the Presbyterian Women. **Please send donations by September 15th.** (*This years recipients are listed in the September Newsletter*).

MDO OPENINGS - Grace Mother's Day Out has openings for the current Semester. If you know anyone looking for a daycare, please have them call MDO at 337-993-1231 or email mdoatgrace@gmail.com. They are open from 9am-2pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays.

FACEBOOK LIVE WORSHIP - virtual worship on **Sundays on Facebook Live at 10:30am**. Our Facebook Site is [gracelafayette](https://www.facebook.com/gracelafayette). Make sure to "like" our site so that Facebook will notify you before the service starts. The Session will be meeting soon to discuss resuming in-person worship now that we have entered into Phase 3.

MEDIA HELP NEEDED – we will be resuming in-person worship in the near future and 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.** Please let the office know if you would like to help. Without volunteers, we may not be able to continue virtual worship on Facebook.

PLEDGES/DONATIONS - during the time we are not meeting for worship "*in person*", **we ask that you mail in your pledges to the church.** Our address is **518 Roselawn Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70503**. Thank you to everyone that has continued to support Grace Presbyterian Church during COVID-19.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS - are available for viewing on our Facebook page [gracelafayette](https://www.facebook.com/gracelafayette). Please contact the church office if you have any issue trying to find our Facebook Site.

OUR DAILY BREAD – we still have a few copies of the new edition of Our Daily Bread. Please let the Church Office know if you would like a copy. It is for the months of September, October & November.