

# Celebration of Worship

September 20, 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: Praise the LORD and pray in his name!

**People: Tell everyone what he has done.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

**Almighty God, you created the heavens and the earth, and humankind in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works, and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Call to Confession

Pastor: Trust the LORD and his mighty power.

**People: Remember his miracles and all his wonders and his fair decisions.**

Pastor: Trusting in God's mercy and love, let us confess our sin together, and then pause for a moment of private confession.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Mighty Father, we give you thanks for the many ways in which you look after our needs from day to day. Nevertheless, we confess that we, like the early Israelites, often complain in the midst of our abundance about what we don't have. Forgive us, we pray, and open our eyes to the greater needs of those around us, that we may grow in gratitude to you and generosity to others. This we ask in the name of our dear Savior Jesus Christ, amen.**

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: When the Lord rescued his chosen people from Egypt,

**People: they celebrated with songs.**

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***

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Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading      Exodus 16:2-15

Special Music      *Katharine Schendel*

Epistle Reading      Philippians 1:20-30

Gospel Reading      Matthew 20:1-16

Message      *Rev. Pat Wadsworth*

Affirmation of Faith (in unison)

**We know that God is in the world—was, and is, and will be. God made it all, and continues to renew, and remake, and resurrect.**

**We know God best in the life of Jesus, who was and is our maker of hope, the one who saves.**

**We know the power and energy of God in the Holy Spirit.**

**We are filled with God's joy, and pledged to discipleship and love.**

**We trust in God. We celebrate God. We work together for justice and peace through God.**

**We are never alone. We are free in the chosen bonds of the ways of Christ.**

**Thanks be to God! 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

*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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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**SESSION MEETING** – will be on **Monday, September 21st at 6pm**. Re-opening for in-person worship and outside groups that use our facility will be discussed at this meeting. Please let Lynne Castle know if you are an Elder and cannot attend this meeting.

**FACEBOOK LIVE WORSHIP** - virtual worship **Sundays on Facebook Live at 10:30am**. Our Facebook page is **gracelafayette**. Make sure to "*like*" our site so that Facebook will notify you before the service starts.

**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](#). 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.

**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](mailto:mdoatgrace@gmail.com). They are open from 9am-2pm on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays.