

Celebration of Worship

September 27, 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 gave his Law to Jacob's descendants, the people of Israel.

People: And he told our ancestors to teach their children, so that each new generation would know his Law and tell it to the next.

Opening Prayer (in unison)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly cares, but to love that which is above, and even now, while we live among transient things, to hold fast to those things that shall endure; 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: Let us trust God

People: and obey his teachings.

Pastor: Not forgetting anything God has done for us, let us confess our sin together, and then pause for a moment of private confession.

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Mighty God, we give you thanks for the many miracles you have done for our ancestors and for us. Nevertheless, we confess that we have been stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful to you. We have broken our agreements with you and turned our backs on your teaching. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us forward, as you led your people through the wilderness, to a new day and renewed lives; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

Silent Prayers of Personal Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Pastor: Then God led his people out of Egypt...

People: He led them safely along, and they were not afraid...

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 17:1-7

Special Music *Katharine Schendel*

Epistle Reading Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Reading Matthew 21:23-32

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

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:

SESSION MEETING – the Grace Session met on Monday, September 21st to discuss resuming worship. **The Session voted to resume in-person worship starting on Sunday, October 4th at 10:30 a.m.** A letter from the Session was sent out on Thursday to the congregation explaining the re-opening news and the procedures that will be followed during our “new normal”.

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. We “plan” to continue Facebook Live on October 4th but virtual worship will depend on if we get a volunteer to help our media guys.

MEDIA HELP NEEDED – we will be resuming in-person worship on Sunday, October 4th 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 – in-person worship will resume on Sunday, October 4th. There will be an offering plate or basket at the entrance to the sanctuary that you may use before or after the services as you enter or leave. If you are not ready to meet for in-person worship yet, you can still mail in your donation to **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.

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.