



**Order of Worship**  
**Sunday, May 17, 2020      10:00 a.m.**  
**Celebrating our Graduates!**  
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Prelude                      *Reflection* (D. Wagner)                      Gaye Herndon, organ

**Announcements**

A word of thanks for your continued creativity and care in reaching out to one another and staying in touch. I am so grateful for the way that you are being the church for each other. Please let us know of any pastoral care needs so that we may reach out in ways that we are able while we honor social distancing.

Please check out the [Weekly Notes](#) for all announcements for the week.

**Lighting the Candles**

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship** (Freddie Schrader, 2020 Graduate Sail High School)

**God of Hope,**  
**we come into your presence this morning**  
**with confidence that you will meet us here.**  
**Where there is sadness, bring joy;**  
**Where there is tiredness, bring refreshment;**  
**Where there is despair, bring renewed hope.**  
**Let our homes be a sanctuary,**  
**a safe haven for us,**  
**a place for holy words and songs and prayers**  
**as we devote ourselves to you.**

**We pray this in Jesus' name Amen**

Opening Hymn                      *Blessed Assurance* (UMH 369)

Creed                                  Apostles' Creed (UMH 881)

Zadi Almond, 2020 Graduate Lawton Chiles High School

**Prayer/Lord's Prayer**

Children's Chat

Scripture Numbers 13:1-3; 25-33

Margot Almond, 2020 Graduate Lawton Chiles High School

Sermon Rise: The Art of Faithful Resilience

Response *In Christ Alone* arr. C. Kirkland

(Zadi Almond; Margot Almond ; Freddie Schrader; Matthew Swanson)

Closing Hymn *My Hope is Built* (UMH368)

Closing Prayer

**May the love of Jesus Christ bring us wholeness;  
the grace of God the Father grant us peace,  
the breath of the Holy Spirit instill passion and power.  
And may the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
give us strength for this and every day. Amen**

Postlude *Pomp and Circumstance* Gaye Herndon, organ

### **High School**

Margot Almond (Chiles HS)

Zadi Almond (Chiles HS)

Lauren Fleischer (Maclay HS)

Freddie Shafer (SAIL HS)

### **Undergraduate**

Jonathan Batailles (Tallahassee CC)

Kelsie Gingery (Florida State University)

Natyle Gomez (Stetson University)

Jay Helton (Tallahassee CC)

Sarah Helton (Stetson University)

Raymond Pandley II (Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University)

Katie Rasmussen (University of North Florida)

### **Graduate**

Danielle Foster (Florida State University)

Taylor Novak (Florida State University)

Good and loving God-

We thank you for the completion of another academic year for all of our students, and for giving us the opportunity, short though it may have been, to play a part in the lives of our new graduates. We are grateful for your guidance and love as we shared in this important work and we pray that our presence in their lives has been a blessing.

Continue to walk with and guide our graduates as they reach this end, and as they chart new beginnings. May what they have learned allow them to truly be "women and men who live for the sake of others."

Please help them to use all that they have learned to make the world a better place – to serve others in true solidarity and kinship - to seek ways to help the poor, the marginalized, and those who are suffering - and to always seek the greater good.

For those times that they were tired, and discouraged, and wanted to give up – thank you, God, for being their strength.

***TO OUR GRADUATES:***

*may you strive toward excellence in all you do.*

*may your voices rise up to pronounce justice and peace in the world.*

*may you sing of joy, even in the dark and lonely places.*

*may you celebrate all that you have accomplished, and acknowledge your own giftedness, even as you celebrate and lift up those around you.*

***And may you know of the overwhelming blessings of the One who created all things.***