



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, March 29, 2020

10:00am

Mission Statement

Courageously proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we:

- worship and glorify God,
- grow in faith as disciples,
- seek justice and mercy,
- and nurture those in need while embracing all humanity.

Welcome to this service of worship. The Emmanuel congregation invites all ages to worship God together. Children's bulletins and activity bags are available from the ushers. A "Fidgety Friends" room is available upstairs behind the sanctuary if children become restless and parents would like a comfortable place to continue to participate in worship.

Celebration of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00am

March 29, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words

Lord, make me like crystal that your light may shine through me.

Prelude

Chorale "Jesu Leiden, Pein und Tod

J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Out of the depths I cry to the Lord: O Lord, hear my voice!

We wait for the Lord; our souls wait, and in God's word we hope.

O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love.

With the Lord there is great power to redeem.

Let us praise and worship God!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 618 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

DEO GRACIAS

*Opening Prayer

O God, light of the hearts that know you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are separated from one another today, knit us together as a community of your love, and grant us your grace and blessing in these troubled times; not only for our sake, but for the sake of your whole hurting world. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

God has sent Christ into the world, not to condemn the world, but so that the world may be saved through him. Trusting in this great gift of mercy, let us together confess our sin. Let us pray.

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who are penitent, according to your

promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Once we were no people,
But now we are God's people.
 Once we had not received mercy,
But now we have received mercy.
 In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen!

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 441 Hear the Good News of Salvation NETTLETON
(verse 2 only)

We Receive God's Word

Special Music Precious Lord, Take my Hand traditional
Blaise Ferrandino and Ken Richardson

Children's Gathering Jim and Laura Mahon

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 37:1-14 (page 791, red Bible)

Gospel Reading John 11:1-45 (pages 978-979, red Bible)

Epistle Reading Romans 8:6-11 (page 1029, red Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Who Redeems Your Life? Rev. Dr. Julie Adkins

*Hymn (GTG) No. 221 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded PASSION CHORALE

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith: Nicene Creed Glory to God Hymnal, pages 34

**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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, page 35

Offering our Gifts to God

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Take our lives and let them be.

Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take our moments and our days.

Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take our silver and our gold

None of it will we withhold.

Take our love, O Lord; we pour.

At Thy feet its treasure store. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 547 Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYD Y NOS

*Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude Your Will, Father B. Kilpatrick/P. Carlson

*please stand, if able
(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.



Worship Leaders
 Reverend Dr. Julie Adkins
 Susan LaPointe, Director of Music
 Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist
 Liturgist, Sheryl Taylor

