



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, April 12, 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

Easter Sunday

10:00am

April 12, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Centering Words (*John 13:15*)

Neal and Joyce Morris

"¹⁵ I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you."

Prelude

All Hail, King Jesus Majesty

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Neal and Joyce Morris

Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.

He is not here. He has been raised!

Alleluia!

Come, with amazement and great joy.

Come, with wonder and praise.

Let us shout the good news!

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 232

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*Opening Prayer

Pat Wiegand

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us – through the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy. By the power of your Holy Spirit, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

The Field Family

Prayer of Confession

The Field Family

Like the women who came to your tomb as the first day of the week was dawning and found the tomb empty, we have such good news to tell. For you, Lord, have cast off your grave clothes and shattered the power of death. But we have heard this news before. How often have we let our "alleluias" fall silent as we passed through the church doors? How often have we returned to daily routines as if Easter changes nothing? How often have our actions belied the power of resurrection to transform our world? Risen Lord, forgive us for our half-hearted witness. Free us from the bindings of fear or indifference, disappointment, or

disenchantment. Fill us with the light of resurrection and send us into the world to proclaim in word and deed that we have seen the Lord! Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Field Family

Hear the good news!

Christ has triumphed over the grave, and denied death its victory.

Alleluia!

Christ has cast aside the shroud of death and loosened the grave clothes that restrain and bind.

Alleluia!

Christ has risen from the dead, and delivered us to new and abundant life.

Alleluia!

This is the Lord's doing;

It is marvelous in our sight!

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 581 Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

We Receive God's Word

Anthem

Great Day! The Lord Is Risen
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

arr. Joseph Martin

Children's Gathering

Ken Richardson
Leah Wyckoff

Old Testament Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Abby Durkee

Gospel Reading

Matthew 28:1-10

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

What has he shown?

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed

Chris and Nancy Cable

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the God the Father Almighty; from thence he will come again to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Lord's Prayer

Helen Sink

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering:

Claire Morris

Offertory

Lord, Be Glorified

arr. Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Claire Morris

Good and gracious God, to you we give our thanks; your steadfast love endures forever. With gratitude we bring our gifts to you. Bless us and our gifts, that our lives and our resources may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 238

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

He Lives! Sound Praises!

Lani Smith

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Worship Leaders

Reverend Chuck Schneider, Temporary Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Liturgists:

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Neal and Joyce Morris

Pat Wiegand

John and Barbara Field

Kristin Hartwell

Ken Richardson

Leah Wyckoff

Abby Durkee

Helen Sink

Claire Morris

Chris and Nancy Cable

