



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, April 19, 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

Second Sunday of Easter

10:00am

April 19, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*John 20:21*)

Ray and Denise Karriker

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

Prelude

Like a Shepherd Lead Us

W. Bradbury/R. Lau

*Call to Worship

Ray and Denise Karriker

With Mary, whose glad tidings signaled hope
and summoned joy, we proclaim:

We have seen the Lord!

With the disciples, whom Jesus greeted with peace
and freed from fear, we declare:

We have seen the Lord!

Behold! The risen Lord is in our midst!

Let us worship God!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 240

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

ALLELUIA NO. 1

*Opening Prayer

Jayne Johnson

Living God, when our Risen Lord appeared to his disciples, he greeted them in peace and breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. Breathe your Spirit upon us as we gather to welcome Christ with glad hearts and joyful voices. Meet us here, we pray; open our ears to hear you speaking and our hearts to respond with joy. Fashion us into an Easter people, and send us out to proclaim what we have seen and heard: Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Linda Villarreal and Linda Greenwell

Prayer of Confession

Linda Villarreal and Linda Greenwell

Risen Lord, you have breathed the Spirit upon us, and sent us forth to testify to what we have heard and seen. Yet we resist this calling, huddling behind locked doors rather than stepping out with confidence. We yearn for more – more proof, more courage, more guidance, more faith – and forget that you have given us all

we need: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from fear and send us forth to proclaim: "We have seen the Lord!" Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Linda Villarreal and Linda Greenwell

Let your hearts be glad and your souls rejoice!

For the One who raised Jesus from the dead

does not abandon us to the grave;

the One who sent Jesus into the world

teaches us the way that leads to life.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 29

O God, You Search Me

O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

Christ is Alive!

(Anni Wordell, Soloist)

(Tak YanYeung, Accompanist)

Children's Gathering

Rev. Chuck Schneider

First Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9 (page 1103, red Bible)

Molly Park

Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31 (page 989, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Reach Out and Touch

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith – Nicene Creed

Carol Sieverling

Let us confess our faith.

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 catholic¹ 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

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Lord's Prayer

Katie Phillips

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:

Ken Richardson and Leah Wyckoff

Offertory

Adore and Be Still

Arr. Lani Smith

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Ken Richardson and Leah Wyckoff

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. 260

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Mary Ann Fritz

*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:

Ray and Denise Karriker

Jayne Johnson

Linda Villarreal and Linda Greenwell

Molly Park

Carol Sieverling

Katie Phillips

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