



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

**Emmanuel Presbyterian Church  
Bedford, Texas  
Sunday, April 26, 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*

*Third Sunday of Easter*

10:00am

April 26, 2020

**We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Acts 2:36*)

Nancy Cable

*"... let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."*

Prelude

Isn't He

arr. Bruce Greer

\*Call to Worship

Nancy Cable

As the sun set over the village of Emmaus,  
Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it,  
and gave it to his friends.

**Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him.**

Today we gather around table, font, and pulpit –  
hoping, trusting to behold the risen Lord.

**May our eyes be open to recognize Jesus in our midst.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 276

Sing A New Song Unto the Lord

SING A NEW SONG

\*Opening Prayer

Anni Wordell

**Living God, we long to walk the roads of our lives with you. Come alongside us this day as we gather for worship. Warm us with your presence, teach us your wisdom, set our hearts burning within us with your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession

Anni Wordell

Prayer of Confession

Anni Wordell

**Living Lord, by the power of your Spirit, you are present among us. Yet, like the first disciples, we fail to see you in our midst. We do not realize you are walking beside us, for we are rushing to meet the demands of hectic schedules and overcrowded lives. We do not notice you in everyday encounters, for we are distracted by daily labors and consumed by our own concerns. We do not recognize you on our streets or at our tables, for our expectations are too limited to imagine all the ways you dwell among us. Open our eyes to perceive you in our midst, so that – seeing you clearly – we might follow you faithfully. Amen.**

*(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Anni Wordell

**In the waters of our baptism, our sins are forgiven; in these waters, the Spirit claims us for good. This promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away – everyone whom the Lord our God calls. Family of God, rejoice! For, in these waters, we are raised to new life! Thanks be to God.**

\*Sung Response (GTG) No. 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

TRENTHAM

**We Receive God's Word**

Special Music

Amazing Grace  
*(Laura Mahon, Soloist)*

AMAZING GRACE

Children's Gathering

Jim and Laura Mahon

First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 (pages 992-993, red Bible)

Tonia Thompson

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:13-35 (page 964, red Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Walking with Jesus

Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 775

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

WALK WITH ME

**We Experience God's Grace**

\*Affirmation of Faith (Brief Statement of Faith)

Mary Ann Reed

**(1) In life and in death we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,  
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**(2) We trust in Jesus Christ,  
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor  
and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed  
and blessing the children,  
healing the sick  
and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,  
Jesus was crucified,**

suffering the depths of human pain  
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,  
vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil,  
and delivering us from death to life eternal.

(5) With believers in every time and place,  
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(6) Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chuck Schneider

The Lord's Prayer

Mary Ann Reed

**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:

Scott Todd

Offertory

Jesus, What a Wonder You Are

arr. Bruce Greer

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Scott Todd

**We give you thanks, O God, for the bounty that you shower upon us. Use these, the offering of our lives and treasures, to feed the hungry, house the homeless, lift up the broken-hearted, and heal the sick – that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.**

**We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 817

We Walk By Faith

DUNLAP'S CREEK

\*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

Oh, How He Loves You and Me

arr. Mark Hayes

\*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:

Nancy Cable

Anni Wordell

Jim and Laura Mahon

Tonia Thompson

Mary Ann Reed

Scott Todd

