



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, April 5, 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

Palm Sunday

10:00am

April 5, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Matthew 21:9*)

Keith Royal

"Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Prelude

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

The Le Cocq Family

Look! Your king is coming—humble and riding on a donkey.

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Lay your cloaks before him; spread palms to honor him.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!

Raise your voices. Lift your hearts. Rejoice—our Savior comes!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lynn Valdez

God Among Us, we come to worship and adore you, not as a mindless crowd following a fad, but as devoted disciples ready to sit at your feet and listen to your voice. We come united in our love for you, in our love for your people, and in our love for your world. We come not just to listen, but to follow where you lead and to go where you send us. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

The Ferrandino Family

Today Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king.

But soon shouts of "Hosanna!" will turn to cries of "Crucify!"

Like the crowds of long ago, we are fickle followers.

But God is faithful.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

The Ferrandino Family

Suffering God, the way of the cross is a hard road.

It is draining.

It is demanding.

It is fraught with danger.

You ask us to stay by your side as you walk toward Calvary. But weariness and fear overtake us. Like the first disciples, we are quick

to betray you,

to deny you,

to abandon you.

Forgive us, God, and strengthen us for the journey ahead. Give us courage to face the pain and suffering of this world and to respond with compassion. As the darkness gathers,

renew our faith,

fill us with hope,

and startle us with your grace.

Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Ferrandino Family

The One we greet with shouts of “Hosanna,” does, indeed, come to save us from sin and death – not with military might, but with the power of love.

O give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

God’s steadfast love endures forever!

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 579

Kyrie Elieson

KYRIE ELIESON

(in Greek)

Anni Wordell, Soloist

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

We Receive God’s Word

Anthem

Ride On King Jesus

arr. Joseph Martin

Chancel Choir

Children’s Gathering

Kristin Hartwell

Old Testament Reading	Psalm 118:1–2, 19-29	Helen Richardson
Gospel Reading	Matthew 21:1–11	Rev. Chuck Schneider
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.		People: Thanks be to God.
Sermon	Who is this?	Rev. Chuck Schneider
*Hymn (GTG) No. 110	Love Has Come	BRING A TORCH

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed Rick Thompson

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. Chuck Schneider

Lord's Prayer The Durkee Family

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

Offertory Interlude Mark Hayes

Invitation to the Offering The Taylor Family

*Doxology Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication The Taylor Family

God of grace, you give us life in Christ. Today we bring the gifts of our work and

the gifts of our hearts. May all that we bring and all that we are become gifts of hope and nurture and love. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 198 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! ST. DROSTANE

*Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude Give Thanks 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:

Keith Royal

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

The Ferrandino Family

The LeCocq Family

Kristin Hartwell

Helen Richardson

The Durkee Family

Rick Thompson

Sheryl and James Taylor

