



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

**Bedford, Texas**

**Sunday, May 3, 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*

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

10:00am

May 3, 2020

### **We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*John 10:3- 4*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*“He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice.”*

Prelude

Led by a Star

Garret Parker

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

The Shepherd calls us by name and leads us to abundant life.

**We hear your voice and hasten to follow.**

The Shepherd prepares a table and lavishly pours out grace.

**We hear your invitation and take our place at the feast.**

The Shepherd gathers us in and welcomes us to the house of the Lord.

**We hear your call and give you praise.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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\*Opening Prayer

Mary Ellen Fruehan

**You are the Good Shepherd; you know your sheep and you call us by name. Your voice calms us and your word guides us. May we not only follow as you lead us, but trust as you send us. Amen.**

### **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession

Scott and Lisa Keyes

Prayer of Confession

Scott and Lisa Keyes

**We have gone astray, O Shepherd. You call us to follow, and we hear your voice. Yet, we choose to heed other voices – voices that promise status and comfort and a carefree life. But such promises are empty, and that life does not satisfy. Call to us again O Shepherd. Summon us onto right paths to pursue justice in your name, to seek after the well-being of all. Lead us to the table you prepare for us – where rivals share both bread and blessings and discover there is enough for all. Amen.**

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

Declaration of Forgiveness

Scott and Lisa Keyes

God leads us beside still waters that restore our souls;  
**God leads us to *living* waters that restore our souls.**  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all our days,  
**and we shall live in the Lord's house forever.**

\*Sung Response (GTG) 834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

## **We Receive God's Word**

Special Music

God of the Sparrow

*(Blaise Ferrandino and Ken Richardson, Soloists)*

Children's Gathering

Helen and Ken Richardson

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47 (page 993, red Bible)

Mary Jane Horr

Gospel Reading

John 10:1-10 (pages 977-978, red Bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Someone to Watch over You

Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 725

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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## **We Experience God's Grace**

\*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed

Mary Jane Horr

**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

Rev. Chuck Schneider

The Lord's Prayer

Caroline Loy

**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:		Jeremy and Courtney Loy
Offertory	Interlude	Mark Hayes
*Doxology		Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606
*Prayer of Dedication		Jeremy and Courtney Loy

**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 the world you so love. Amen.**

## We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 300	They'll Know We Are Christians	THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS
*Benediction		
*Sign of Peace		
*Postlude	My Heart Rejoices	Terry Osman
*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  
 Blaise Ferrandino  
 Ken Richardson  
 Liturgists:  
 Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez  
 Mary Ellen Fruehan  
 Scott and Lisa Keyes  
 Mary Jane Horr  
 Helen and Ken Richardson  
 Caroline Loy  
 Jeremy and Courtney Loy

