



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, May 17, 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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

10:00am

May 17, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*John 14:15-17*)

Claire Morris

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth."

Prelude

Shepherd of my Heart

arr. Bill Wolaver

*Call to Worship

Claire Morris

O people, praise our God – the Artist of creation, the Lord of heaven and earth.

We worship our Maker with resounding praise!

In God we live and move and have our being;

it is the Lord who gives us life and breath.

God has kept us among the living and not let our feet slip.

God formed all people to seek the Lord;

indeed, our Creator is never far away.

Bless the Lord, who is faithful to us!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*Opening Prayer

Lauren Durkee

God of all time and space, you called the whole of creation into a relationship of love and generosity at a time before and beyond all knowing. Through your Word you reached into our brokenness and reconciled us with you, with one another, and with the whole of your created order. Your Spirit guides and encourages us with eternal love for all beings. Fill us with a deep and abiding awareness of your presence, your call, and your grace in our lives and in our world that we might be the people you have made us to be. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rick and Karen Thompson

Prayer of Confession

Karen and Rick Thompson

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments," you said. And, in the same breath, you promised an Advocate would come to us. You, Lord, were faithful to your promise. But we – we have broken your law of love. We have hoarded

resources, rather than feeding your sheep. We have stoked competition, rather than kneeling at others' feet. We have kept silent, rather than testifying to our belief. For not showing our love for you by loving one another, forgive us. Help us obey your commandments and keep us ever faithful to your Word by the power of your Spirit, who abides with and among us. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Lisa and Scott Keyes

Children of God,
Christ does not leave us orphaned,
but sends a Companion, the Spirit of Truth,
who helps us, guides us, sustains us, renews us.
Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace!
Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 395

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU

(stanzas 1 and 3 only)

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

Ave Maria

Bach/Gounod

(Tak Yan Yeung, Soloist)

Children's Gathering

Helen and Ken Richardson

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31 (pages 1010-1011, red Bible)

Keith Royal

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21 (page 983, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Air We Breathe

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith – *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.22)* Maureen LeCocq

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Lord's Prayer

Melissa Durkee

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

Denise and Ray Karriker

Offertory

Prelude in F

arr. Todd Kendall

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Denise and Ray Karriker

Great 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. 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Sing Praise to God

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:

Lauren and Melissa Durkee

Helen and Ken Richardson

Denise and Ray Karriker

Lisa and Scott Keyes

Maureen Le Cocq

Claire Morris

Keith Royal

Karen and Rick Thompson

