



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, May 24, 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:00am

May 24, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Acts 1:8*)

Nick Ferrandino

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Prelude

How Can I Keep From Singing

R. Lowry/L. Smith

*Call to Worship

Katie Phillips

We have gathered –

new followers and lifelong disciples, the powerful and the powerless, those who have too little and those who have too much.

We have gathered, for we are one in Christ.

We have come –

seekers and skeptics, sinners and saints, the poor in spirit and the rich in faith.

We have come, for we are eager to hear God’s word.

We are here, together.

Let us glorify the one true God.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DENHERREN

*Opening Prayer

Katie Phillips

Redeeming God, you call us to be one with you, as you are one with Christ. As his perfect love casts out our fear, and changes it to love, unite us by your Spirit of peace, that we may be one with you, as you are one with Christ. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

John and Barbara Field

Prayer of Confession

John and Barbara Field

Lord Jesus, you long for us to be one, just as you and the Father are one. But we gravitate toward those who think like us, behave like us, pray like us, because it is easier than looking beyond difference to discover what is good and kind and faithful in those we call the other. Even in our houses of worship, we are slow to reach across the aisle to embrace siblings in faith with whom we hold little in

common. Forgive us, we pray. Wash us in the waters of our baptism, so that, with one mind, we might continue the work you gave us to do.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

John and Barbara Field

Christ claims us;

Christ prays for us,

Christ grants us eternal life.

Rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 452

Open the Eyes of My Heart

OPEN THE EYES

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Traditional

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Rev. Chuck Schneider

First Reading

Acts 1:6–14 (page 991, red Bible)

Scott Todd

Gospel Reading

John 17:1–11 (page 985, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Bearing Witness

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 4

Holy God We Praise Thy Name

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith – Apostle's Creed

John Ferrandino

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

Lord's Prayer

Anni Wordell

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

James and Sheryl Taylor

Offertory

Offertory in G

Edward Broughton

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

James and Sheryl Taylor

Holy God, we give our thanks for the blessings of our lives. From this blessing we bring our gifts to you. Bless both us and multiply our gifts, that each may be a source of healing and hope, of joy and justice in our world. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Lord be Glorified

arr. Laura Bergquist

*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:

Nick Ferrandino

Katie Phillips

Barbara and John Field

Scott Todd

John Ferrandino

Anni Wordell

James and Sheryl Taylor

