



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, May 10, 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00am

May 10, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*1st Peter 2:5*)

Wanda Asire

⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Prelude

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend!

J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Neal and Joyce Morris

Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled."

We long for abiding peace and friendship that renews our souls.

Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

We seek wisdom that endures and guidance for our journey.

Jesus says, "Where I am, there you may be also."

We come to encounter Christ.

Let us worship our God!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 463

How Firm A Foundation

FOUNDATION

*Opening Prayer

Neal and Joyce Morris

Holy God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ, who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

James Fisk

Prayer of Confession

James Fisk

Holy God, in baptism you claim us as beloved children and set us apart as witnesses to your love. At times we forget we bear the mark of your grace and act as if you have no claim on our lives. You call us to the risky work of justice and peace, but we default to what is comfortable and safe. You call us to ministries of generosity and compassion, but we make little room in our busy lives for gestures of mercy beyond moments of spontaneous kindness. Wash us again with your grace and transform us by your Word, that we might proclaim your good news in word and deed. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jayne Johnson

Once we were not a people,
but now we are God's people;
once we had not received mercy,
but now we have received mercy.

We have been marked as God's own
and welcomed into the family of faith!

People of God, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Sung Response (STF) No. 2244 People Need the Lord PEOPLE NEED THE LORD

We Receive God's Word

Special Music Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

(Beverly, Blaise and Nick Ferrandino - EPC Ensemble)

Children's Gathering Kristin Hartwell

First Reading 1st Peter 2:2-10 (page 1104, red Bible) Dane and Sue Pranke

Gospel Reading John 14:1-14 (pages 982-983, red Bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Living Stones Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 406 We Are Standing on Holy Ground HOLY GROUND

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith – *(Adapted from the Confession of Belhar)* Anni Wordell

We believe that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's life-giving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People Rev. Chuck Schneider

Lord's Prayer John Ferrandino

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

The Ferrandinos

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

The Ferrandinos

Living God, source of all life and hope, all joy and peace, all compassion and justice – transform us by your power to make all things new. May the gifts of our lives be a witness to the new life you offer in Jesus Christ. Use all the gifts we share this day to bring the promise of new life to our neighbors, near and far.

Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 327 From All That Dwells Below the Skies LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Benediction Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down arr. Mark Hayes

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

(STF) - Sing the Faith

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:

Wanda Asire

Neal and Joyce Morris

James Fisk

Jayne Johnson

Kristin Hartwell

Anni Wordel

John Ferrandino

The Ferrandino Family

