



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Sunday, June 7, 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

Trinity Sunday

10:00am

June 7, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (Genesis 1:1-2)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

Prelude

Open Our Eyes, Be Thou My Vision

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Mighty Wind, who danced over the deep and surveyed the shapeless void,
dance over us now and ready us for your creative purpose.
 Divine Word, who commanded unruly chaos and called forth light and life,
call to us now and open us to new expressions of grace.
 Eternal Artist, who formed us in your likeness and claimed us as kin,
Re-form and refine us to be bearers of your blessing.
 Holy Trinity—Creator, Christ, Spirit— who gathered the primeval waters,
gather us in, then send us out, our voices echoing creation’s song:
How majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 613

O Lord, Our Lord

HOW MAJESTIC

*Opening Prayer

Sheryl Taylor

**Lord God Almighty, who gave us life and breath;
 Draw near to those who seek you, in spirit and in truth.
 Set us free from pretense and fear; release us from all that binds us.
 Break our hearts of stone, and remold us that we might be
 vessels of your love to a hurting world.**

**Savior Christ, who came to share our joys and sorrows, stand among us.
 Empower us to join the struggle to overturn the tables of the powerful.
 Give us eyes to see and minister to the needs of others, Lord,
 even as you change our very hearts, making us your disciples.**

**Holy Spirit, envelop us in your nurturing wings;
blow through us like a fresh wind.
Wash over the turmoil and confusion that consumes our world, and
Teach us how to be agents of change that we might live and spread your peace.**

**Be our vision, our wisdom, our high king of heaven.
We make our prayer in the strong name and mystery of
God in three persons, blessed Trinity. Amen.**

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist) Fred and Tonia Thompson

Prayer of Confession Fred and Tonia Thompson

Lord Jesus, you send us to make disciples of all nations, but we focus our energies inward and shy away from sharing the good news in word and deed. You charge us to teach your commandments, but we struggle to obey them and neglect to model them for others. You assure us of your abiding presence, but we doubt this promise and disregard your Spirit, denying the power you give us to do your work. Forgive us, Lord, and renew us to be the church you created us to be. Wash us with your grace and commission us for service in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness Fred and Tonia Thompson

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God.**

*Sung Response (STF) No. 2086 Open Our Eyes OPEN OUR EYES

We Receive God's Word

Special Music Mendelssohn: Songs without Words Op. 19, No. 1

Children's Gathering Melissa Durkee

Gospel Reading Matt. 28:16-20 (page 909, red Bible) Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading Genesis 1:1-2:4a (pages 1-2, red Bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

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

Sermon In the Beginning Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 298 Lord, You Give the great Commission ABBOT'S LEIGH

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith – (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.07*)

Helen Richardson, Abby Durkee, and Lauren Durkee

Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Lord's Prayer

Helen Richardson, Abby Durkee, and Lauren 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

Claire Morris

Offertory

It is Well with My Soul

P. Bliss/R. Loree

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Claire Morris

God of unending gifts, we praise you for your abundant goodness. As you are generous, we want to be generous too. May the gifts we bring extend your generosity into the world, so that all people may be made whole by your goodness and grace. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

Hymn (GTG) No. 295

Go to the World!

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*Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Change My Heart, Oh God

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

Reverend Robin Lyn Valdez, Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Liturgists:

Abby Durkee

Lauren Durkee

Melissa Durkee

Claire Morris

Sheryl Taylor

Helen Richardson

Fred Thompson

Tonia Thompson

