



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 14, 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

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 6

10:00am

June 14, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Psalm 116:1-2*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

"I love the LORD, and I will call on him as long as I live."

Prelude

Moment by Moment

M. Moody/L. Smith

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Whether we stray like sheep or follow faithfully,

God welcomes us here.

Whether we seek healing and wholeness, or stand ready to extend compassion,

God welcomes us here.

Whether exhausted from journeys across rough terrain, or renewed and refreshed,
our souls at peace, we gather to hear the good news:

The kingdom of heaven is at hand!

*Hymn (STF) No. 2031

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

*Opening Prayer

Leah Wyckoff

Gracious God, we place our hope in you and in your saving grace at work in your world.

In these troubled times, we call on your name. Help us with the difficult work you require of us.

You see the injustice on stark display in our communities; give us strength to see as you do and not to avert our eyes. You see communities segregated by race and wealth and struggling with the challenges of racism and pandemic. You see the taking of life and the valuing of property and profit over life. Your prophets tell us over and over that these injustices provoke your righteous indignation.

Liberating God, loose the bonds that keep unjust systems in place. Move us to act for change that overturns unjust systems. Move us out of complacency and give us courage to bear your healing and your hope to the deep wounds of the world.

We hasten to your throne and call upon the name of the Lord. Hear our cry. May our worship this day equip us for the long journey toward your justice and freedom. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Scott and Lisa Keyes

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you send us to proclaim the good news of your kingdom to all who are lost, all who are afflicted, all who are captive, all who have been cast out. But we are content to proclaim the in-breaking of your kingdom within familiar communities where we know others will receive this news with nods of agreement. Push us beyond what is comfortable and safe, and strengthen us for lives of compassionate service, that we might be the laborers you call us to be. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Scott and Lisa Keyes

People of God, hear the good news: Since we are made righteous by faith, and faith alone, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, we know the fullness of God's grace!

Rejoice, and abide in hope,

for in Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God!

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 595

Holy, Holy, Holy

ARGENTINE SANTO

(1st time in English, 2nd time in Spanish)

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

Amazing Grace

AMAZING GRACE

(Ken Richardson and Blaise Ferrandino, Soloists)

Children's Gathering

Jim and Laura Mahon

Psalm Reading

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (Page 553, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7 (pages 13-14, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Family is Born

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith – (*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33*) Kristin Hartwell

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Lord's Prayer

Kristin Hartwell

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

Helen Sink

Offertory

Adore and Be Still

Arr. Lani Smith

*Prayer of Dedication

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. 39

Great is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Assurance

Tom Birchwood

*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

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Liturgists:

Leah Wyckoff

Scott and Lisa Keyes

Kristin Hartwell

Helen Sink

Jim and Laura Mahon

