



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 21, 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

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 7

10:00am

June 21, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Psalms 86:5*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*"For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you."*

Prelude

Make Me a Servant

arr. Laura Berquist

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

To you, O Lord, we lift our souls; to you we offer our lives.

For you are good and forgiving, and abounding in steadfast love.

In heaven, on earth, there is none like you.

Your works are beyond compare.

For you are great; you work wonders. You alone are God.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 293

Loving Spirit

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*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Holy God, we come into your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come with heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise. Salt us with your grace and flavor us with your mercy. Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to go forth in service to the world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

"Do not fear," you tell us.

But we cower before threats to our comfort and security, not trusting your promise to care for us nor boldly stepping forward in faith.

"Take up the cross," you tell us.

But we live as though death still holds dominion, and refuse to take risks for the sake of the gospel; we fail to challenge powers that diminish and principalities that destroy.

Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to live with you and for you. Make us worthy to bear the name of Christ. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

In baptism we have been buried with Christ;
**in baptism we have been raised with Christ
so that we might walk in newness of life.**

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed!

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 469 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying CHILDREN PRAYING

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

The Lord's Prayer
(Anni Wordell, Soloist)

Albert Hay Malotte

Children's Gathering

Helen Richardson and Leah Wyckoff

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 (page 532-533, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading Genesis 16, 17, 21 (Selected) (pages 12-17, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Family Affair

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 683

Lord of All Hopefulness

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith

Keith Royal

(Adapted from the Belhar Confession by Barbara Hedges-Goettl.)

It is through Christ's reconciling work that we are the church, united to God and to other believers.

As the church, we are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world.

We are entrusted with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ.

As the church, we are witnesses by both word and deed.

We proclaim the new heaven and the new earth, in which righteousness

dwells.

As the church, we proclaim that God's life-giving Word and Spirit has conquered sin and death.

God conquers irreconciliation, hatred and bitterness.

As the church, God's life-giving Word and Spirit enable us to live in a new obedience,

God opens new possibilities of life for society and the world.

We declare ourselves ready to venture out on the road of obedience and reconciliation –

servants of the God who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people..

Prayers of the People

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

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

Joyce Morris

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Neal Morris

Generous God, these offerings represent our sincere desire to be faithful, to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with you. Use them, we pray, to make justice, love and mercy evident in your beloved world until Christ comes again, and come again he will. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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*Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Knowing You

arr. Garret Parker

*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:

Keith Royal

Joyce and Neal Morris