



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*E m p o w e r i n g P e o p l e i n C h r i s t*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 28, 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*

10:00am

June 28, 2020

### **We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Centering Words (*Psalms 13:5-6*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

<sup>5</sup> ... *I trust in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.*

<sup>6</sup> *I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

Prelude

We Are An Offering

arr. Mark Hayes

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Come from the fields of your daily labors, return from the journeys that have taken you far from home – come, here is rest and renewal.

**We gather, hearts ready to receive God's life-giving Word.**

Come to this table, where all find welcome, and this font, where grace overflows – come into the presence of the Living Lord.

**We come to praise God – the sender and the sent.**

\* Hymn (GTG) No. 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

AUSTRIAN HYMN

\*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

**Holy God, one in grace, one in glory, one in love – you call us to love and serve you as one people, united in heart, mind, spirit, and strength. Help us to love one another, living in unity and peace, working together in your Spirit for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our reconciler and redeemer.**

*Eunice T. McGarrah, A Study of the Belhar Confession and its Accompanying Letter*

### **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

**God, you send us as prophets to proclaim your coming reign. You send us out as witnesses to embody your justice, kindness, and mercy. Yet we shrink from your call to serve as messengers of your kingdom. We cling to safe surroundings and turn from the demands of discipleship. Forgive us, we pray. Embolden us and send us again as heralds of your good news.**

*(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)*

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

This we know to be true:

**sin has no dominion over us, for in Christ Jesus we have been brought from death to life.**

Therefore, trust in God's faithful love; rejoice in the salvation we have through Christ!

**We will sing to the Lord who has been good to us!**

\*Sung Response (GTG) No. 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

TOPLADY

*(STANZAS 1 AND 2 ONLY)*

## **We Receive God's Word**

Special Music

Here I Am, Lord

Daniel Schutte, S.J

*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Children's Gathering

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Psalm 13 (page 484-485, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading Genesis 22:1-14 (page 17, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Leaning In

Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM

## **We Experience God's Grace**

\*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

It is not true that this world and its inhabitants are doomed to die and be lost;

**This is true: for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him shall not die, but have everlasting life.**

It is not true that we must accept inhumanity and discrimination, hunger and poverty, death and destruction;

**This is true: I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

It is not true that violence and hatred shall have the last word, and that war and destruction have come to stay forever;

**This is true: for to us a child is born, to us a son is given, in whom authority will rest, and whose name will be Prince of Peace.**

It is not true that we are simply victims of the powers of evil that seek to rule the world;

**This is true: To me is given authority in heaven and on earth, and lo, I am with you always, to the end of the world.**

It is not true that we have to wait for those who are specially gifted, who are the prophets of the church, before we can do anything;

**This is true: I will pour out my Spirit on all people, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young people shall see visions, and your old folk dream dreams.**

It is not true that our dreams of liberation of humankind, our dreams of justice, of human dignity, of peace, are not meant for this earth and its history;

**This is true: The hour comes, and it is now, that true worshippers shall worship God in Spirit and in truth.**

*Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2007), p. 20. www.ionabooks.com. Used by permission*

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

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Offertory

No. 1 from Sechs Lieder von Gellert, Op 48

Beethoven

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, No. 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

**Generous God, your love and attentiveness to us astounds us. Fathoming your grace stretches the lengths of our greatest imagination. We rest in the glorious truth that you created us, called us good and love us still. Accept, we pray, a portion of resources you have entrusted to us. Bless and use these gifts to care for your creation and show your children that they are beloved. In Christ's name we pray, amen.**

**We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. No. 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

\*Benediction

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise

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

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

