



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, July 5, 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 after Pentecost

10:00am

July 5, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Matthew 11:29*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Prelude

Think About His Love

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Come to me, Jesus says. All who are weary,
come to me.

And you, who carry heavy loads,
come to me.

For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Let us draw near to Jesus,
whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light.**

*Hymn (GTG) No. 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

God of the ages, you call the church to keep watch in the world and to discern the signs of the times. Grant us the wisdom which your Spirit bestows, that with courage we may proclaim your prophetic word, and complete the work that you have set before us; through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Merciful God, we fill our lives with comfort and convenience, distractions that consume our energy and time. We chase after wealth and power as if they could satisfy the hunger in our souls. But you beckon us toward new life, a life made rich through Sabbath and service. Free us from the yokes that bind us and draw us near to you, until we learn to walk with Christ. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

God's compassion is over all of creation; God's mercy covers us and gives us new life.

Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 470

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

LONGING

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

Blessed Shall They Be

Natalie Sleeth

(Women of the Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Kristin Hartwell

Psalm Reading

Psalm 45:10-17 (page 506, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 (pages 19-20, red Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

A Match Made in Heaven?

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 177

I Will Come to You

YOU ARE MINE

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith

Nicene Creed

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

Minuet in G

arr. Gerald Peterson

*Doxology

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

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. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Your Will, Father

B. Kilpatrick/Peter Carlson

*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

