



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, July 19, 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

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

July 19, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (Psalm 139:7)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Where can I go from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

Prelude

Holy Ground

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

We have come to worship the living God,
**who knit us together when we were yet unnamed,
and welcomes us with a parent's embrace.**

We have come to worship the almighty God,
**who searches us and knows our hearts,
and still loves us completely.**

We have come to worship the eternal God,
**who seeks us wherever we are
and shepherds us with a guiding hand.**

*Hymn (GTG) No. 317

In Christ There Is No East or West

MCKEE

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

O God of Jacob, you speak in the light of day and in the dark of night when our sleeping is filled with dreams of heaven and earth. May Jacob's vision remind us to be open and watchful, ready to discover your presence in our midst. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we cultivate kindness and our lives bear fruit that blesses the world. You know, too, when our words sow seeds of discord and our actions choke out generosity and grace. When we produce more weed than wheat, forgive us. As we wait with eager longing for your reign to be revealed in our midst, plant within us gifts of love and mercy, so that we might live as children of the kingdom and bear fruit that enriches your harvest. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Where can we go from God's Spirit?

Where can we flee from God's presence?

No matter how far we wander, how wantonly we roam,

the Lord is there to guide us and hold us fast.

Children of God, heirs of salvation –

abide in hope, for there is no distance God will not travel to draw us close.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 402

How Lovely, Lord

MERLE'S TUNE

(Stanza 1 and 2 only)

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Hal Hopson

(Emmanuel Handbell Choir)

Children's Gathering

Helen Richardson & Leah Wyckoff

Psalm Reading Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 (page 566, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading Gen. 28:10-19a (page 24, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Work in Progress

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith - Apostle's Creed

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy

Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the

dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the God the Father

Almighty; from thence he will come again to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church¹; the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen.

¹ *the church universal*

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

Interlude

Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Generous God, we bring you these gifts with gratitude that we have such gifts to share. May all that we share be used for your glory, and for the work of justice and peace, compassion and joy, in this community and in your world. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 49

The God of Abraham Praise

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*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place

arr. Laura Bergquist

*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

