



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, July 26, 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

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

July 26, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*1 Corinthians 13:4-7*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Prelude

As the Deer

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. 319

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

SMITH

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Holy God, you call us to find your kingdom already hidden in our world – in tiny, transforming possibilities; in beauty that calls us to surrender all; in complicated choices that call for wisdom. Reveal yourself here in this moment and heighten our senses that we may find you and join you in building a kingdom of love, and hope, and peace. In the name of the One who calls us to seek, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

God, your kingdom confounds us. You challenge our assumptions about right living and stretch our understanding of what holds worth. You reverse our expectations and reorder our priorities until they reflect your vision of well-being for all. Your

kingdom surprises us with grace upon grace. But we cling to the values of this world, which privilege products over people, success over service, and competition for resources over the common good. Open us to new ways of living that embody your desire for creation and contribute to a commonwealth marked by justice and joy. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will hardship or distress or peril?

No, in all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Believe the good news: we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 789

Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You Come

SARANAM

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

Use Me, Lord

Don Besig and Nancy Price

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Jim and Laura Mahon

Psalm Reading Psalm 105:1-11, 45b (pages 544-545, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading Gen. 29:15-28 (page 25, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Siblings ...

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERD'S PIPES

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.20)*

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

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

The Sweetest Name of All

Coomes/Zeeman

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, Page 606

*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. 800

Sometimes a Light Surprises

SALLEY GARDENS

*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Fairest Lord Jesus

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

