



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, August 2, 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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

August 2, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Centering Words

Rev. Chuck Schneider

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

Prelude

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Bradbury/Lau

*Call to Worship

Rev. Chuck Schneider

All who hunger—gather gladly.

We come to feast on the life-giving Word.

Here, love abounds and grace overflows.

Here, blessings multiply as gifts are shared.

Come—let us pour ourselves out in prayer and praise,

and open ourselves to renewal and rest.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 450

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Chuck Schneider

We seek your presence, holy God. How amazing are all the miracles of life that surround us! We praise you. We thank you. We bow in awe before you. In this hour, we pray that our faith may be enlivened, our trust deepened, our commitment expanded to meet the challenges of our times. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Chuck Schneider

God of abundance, in your hands meager offerings become bread to feed a multitude. Your mercy overflows to fill deserted landscapes with hope and grace. In you there is always more than enough. But we see only scarcity: too few resources to share with our neighbors, too little energy to respond to those in need. We turn from those who suffer rather than offering compassion and care. Transform us, we pray. Open our hands to share freely and generously and stretch our hearts to new expressions of love. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Chuck Schneider

God did not spare Jesus from cruelty and death. Yet, in Christ, love triumphs and life for us all was made new and whole. It is God who justifies, who is to condemn? Christ is with us; Christ intercedes for us, in Christ, we are raised from sin to new life.

Rejoice, and give thanks. Amen.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 446 How Blest, Those Whose Transgressions MEIRIONYDD

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

My Heart Ever Faithful, from Cantata BWV 68

J.S. Bach

(Tak Yan Yeung, Soloist)

Children's Gathering

Kristin Hartwell

Psalm Reading

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 (pages 569-570, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Old Testament Reading

Gen. 32:22-32 (pages 32-33, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wrestling with God

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*Hymn (GTG) No. 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God

OLD 124TH

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Chuck Schneider

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning, and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Lord's Prayer

Rev. Chuck Schneider

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. Chuck Schneider

Offertory

“Ombra mai fu”

XERXES

*Doxology

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*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Thank you, God, for all you have given to satisfy our needs. You quench our thirst and alleviate our hungers when we turn to you. You turn scarcity into plenty and give us the opportunity to help others. May our offerings proclaim your goodness and mercy. May they be devoted to extending the beloved community of your people. Keep our words and actions attuned to your will, that we may offer to all what they need from your hand. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 772

Live into Hope

TRURO

*Benediction

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

He Is Exalted

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

