



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Sunday, August 9, 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

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

August 9, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Psalms 85:8*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

⁸Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

Prelude

O, How I Love Jesus

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Children of God, come to the waters.

We gather to be restored and renewed.

Come, with your faith and your doubt.

We respond to the one who claims and calls us.

Come, Christ summons us to draw near.

Let us worship God with joy and thanksgiving!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 41 O Worship the King, all Glorious Above!

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*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

O God of summer and winter, springtime and harvest, your faithfulness is great in every season and your steadfast love is constant through every age. We come in these late summer days seeking to hear your word and feel your presence, striving to praise you and glorify your name.

We turn to you in this time of worship and in our very hearts, and ask for your blessing, that your word of comfort might quell our fears and embolden us to follow your will as we come to understand it this day.

Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Lord, we long to draw close to you, but we are afraid. We are afraid to heed your summons for we do not know what awaits us when we step out in faith. We are wary of taking risks for your sake because the forces of chaos seem stronger than

your assurances to us. We worry that we will not have enough faith in you or in the gifts you've given us to do the things you ask. Forgive us Lord, and save us. Reach out your hand, and lift us from our fear that we might follow you faithfully. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Take heart; do not be afraid. For the Son of God saves us from the depths of sin and doubt and calls us to new and abundant life.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 442 Just as I Am, Without One Plea WOODWORTH

We Receive God's Word

Special Music Precious Lord, Take My Hand PRECIOUS LORD
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering Melissa and Lauren Durkee

Psalm Reading

Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (pages 544-545, red Bible) Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading

Gen. 37:1-4, 12-28 (pages 33-34, red Bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Brothers ... Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 803 My Shepherd Will Supply My Need RESIGNATION

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.

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

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*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. 169

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

REST

*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

There's Wideness in God's Mercy

Richard Blake

*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

