



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, August 16, 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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

August 16, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Psalms 42 and 43*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*^{42:1} As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.*

*² My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.*

*^{43:5} Hope in God;
for I shall again praise him,
my help and my God.*

Prelude

We Have Come Into His House

arr. Bill Wolaver

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

A family formed by faith, we gather to worship the Living Lord.

Lifelong followers seeking sustenance, new disciples searching for grace—
a family fashioned by faith, we gather to kneel before the Giver of Mercy.

Children of God, come!

The Lord gathers us in and calls us his own.

Let us praise God!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

We come to this time hurting, we come celebrating, we come numbed by life, we come filled with joy. We come hoping to meet you, O God, thirsting for the warmth of your touch, in need of your healing, your hope, your forgiveness, your mercy. Draw near to us, however we have come. Let us rest in your goodness and grace as we raise our voices in worship and praise! Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Holy One, there is much we must confess: When we discount another's pain or overlook neighbors in distress, forgive us. When we choose callous words over compassionate impulses, forgive us. When we think others are less deserving of grace and ration kindness as if it could be exhausted, forgive us. Have mercy upon us, Lord, and heal our brokenness so that every word and deed that proceeds from our hearts might glorify you. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Heirs of the covenant, hear the good news:
the God who claims us in the waters of baptism and calls us to new life in Christ does not abandon or reject us, but draws near to us in reconciling love. Indeed, God's mercy never comes to an end!

Praise the Lord!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 626

As the Deer

MARTY NYSTROM

We Receive God's Word

Special Music

What Does the Lord Require of You?

MOON

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Melissa Durkee

Psalm Reading

Psalm 133

(page 563, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Old Testament Reading

Gen. 45:1-15

(page 41, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Forgiveness in the Family

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 753

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

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 church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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

Spirit Song

arr. Mark 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. 767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Seek Ye First

arr. Mark Zeeman

*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

