



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, August 23, 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

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

August 23, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Matthew 16:15-16*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

¹⁵ *He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"*

¹⁶ *Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."*

Prelude

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

James Mansfield

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

As one body we have many members,
each uniquely gifted for a particular purpose.
We, who are many, are one body in Christ.
Prophets and poets, thinkers and teachers,
artists and advocates, consolers and caregivers.
We, who are many, are one body in Christ.
With thanksgiving we offer our varied gifts
in service to Christ, who makes us one.
Let us glorify the Lord!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Holy God, you call to us, inviting us into this time. You open your arms, inviting us to draw near and to rest in your presence. You open your heart, inviting us to know and experience your love. We hear you calling, and we come. We come joyfully, in hope of a celebration. We come tired and worn, in need of comfort and rest. We come worried and broken, in search of peace and reconciliation. Be with us in this time, O God, as we curl up in the warmth of your embrace, rest in your goodness, and breathe in the peace of your shalom. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Jesus asks, "Who do you say that I am?" We call you the Son of the Living God.

But we do not trust you to be at work in our world here and now. Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” You are the Messiah, who delivers us from death to life. But we doubt your power to transform our lives. Jesus asks, “Who do you say that I am?” We profess you are the Christ, the Lord of our lives. But our attention often wanders and our loyalty is tested. Forgive us. Help us not only to proclaim you, but to follow your way of justice and peace. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ, by the mercies of God, the Spirit transforms and renews our minds, and washes us in grace. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 447

We Are Forgiven

AS-SALAAMU LAKUM

We Receive God’s Word

Special Music

Sing Unto the Lord
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

CHARLES YANNERALLA

Children’s Gathering

The Richardson Family

Old Testament Reading Exodus 1:8-2; 10 (page 48, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

New Testament Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Who do *you* say I am?

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 817

We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight

DUNLAP’S CREEK

We Experience God’s Grace

*Affirmation of Faith –

A Brief Statement of Faith

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

- (1) **In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

- (2) **We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
and delivering us from death to life eternal.

(5) With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(6) Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit. 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

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

Mary Ann Fritz

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

**Merciful and gracious God, you abound in steadfast love and faithfulness. With gratitude, we bring our gifts to you. Bless these gifts and bless our lives that together we may share your mercy and grace for the world you dearly love.
Amen.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Sing Praise to God

Lani Smith

*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

