



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, August 30, 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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

August 30, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Centering Words

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any of you wants to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Prelude

We Worship and Adore You

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Rev. Chuck Schneider

From whirlwind and burning bush, In the still of night and in sheer silence—

God calls the faithful to sacred work.

Beckoning us to turn aside, inviting us to stand on holy ground—

God welcomes the faithful into sacred space.

Come, God is calling.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 69

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

HERE I AM (SCHUTTE)

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Chuck Schneider

In this sanctuary set aside for your worship, we pause to contemplate your greatness, O God. Out of the thick clouds that limit our vision, we hear you whisper our names and call us into community. The mountains and the seas tremble before you; all living things announce your presence. You claim us as your own and equip us to be a holy people. Help us to accept that role without misusing it, that your name may be honored in all we do, and your way be lifted up among all people. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Compassionate God, who hears the cries of the oppressed, you call us to resist evil and hold fast to what is good, to take up the cross and commit our lives to the cause of love. But we are afraid to confront powers that privilege some and diminish others; we do not want to lose the security we enjoy. Forgive us. Open our ears to hear your voice, our eyes to look upon neighbors in need, and our hearts to respond with compassion, that we might follow the way of Christ. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Of what advantage will it be to gain the whole world and forfeit our lives? God has entrusted us with the gift of life and challenged us to spend it as followers of

out to overcome evil with good. Direct our use of the resources you entrust to us that we may not only contribute to the needs of the saints, but also devote our lives to the building of a peaceable worldwide community in which we all are valued. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 727	Will You Let Me Be Your Servant	THE SERVANT SONG
*Benediction		Rev. Chuck Schneider
*Sign of Peace		
*Postlude	Toccata all' Offertorio	Domenico Zipoli

*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

