



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, September 6, 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*

*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

10:00am

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## **We Gather in Worship**

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Centering Words

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

Prelude

Lamb of God

arr. M. Hayes/T. Paris

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Christ is here.**

Calling us to the water, beckoning us to the feast,

**Christ is here.**

Speaking to our souls, listening to our prayers,

**Christ is here.**

Binding us as one body, sending us out in service,

**Christ is here.**

Jesus says, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

**Christ is here. Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 693

The Gift of Love

GIFT OF LOVE

\*Opening Prayer

Rev. Chuck Schneider

**Your trumpets summon us, O God, to this time of remembering and renewal. We have sensed your presence through the fire and storm, when we have felt threatened and afraid. We have known you in and through other people. Now, in these moments, we seek to bring the wholeness of our being into deep relationship with you. Touch our spirits, fill us with your love, equip us for our life in the world. Amen.**

## **We Are Renewed in Grace**

Invitation to Confession

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Chuck Schneider

**Forgiving God, You teach us to seek reconciliation with those who have wronged us; for, above all else, we are to love one another. But we let resentment smolder**

**until anger flares, destroying any chance of peace. We blame others and refuse to repent. Grant us grace, we pray. Make space in our wounded hearts for the possibility of forgiveness, and teach us to turn toward others in love as you have turned toward us. Amen.**

*(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)*

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Chuck Schneider

\*Sung Response (GTG) No. 518 Lamb of God LAMB OF GOD

### **We Receive God's Word**

Special Music Even Here Mark Miller  
*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Children's Gathering Jim and Laura Mahon

Old Testament Reading Exodus 12:1-14 (page 57, red Bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20 (pages 895-896, red Bible)  
Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

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

Sermon Gathered in My Name Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 316 Where Charity and Love Prevail TWENTY-FOURTH

### **We Experience God's Grace**

\*Affirmation of Faith Rev. Chuck Schneider

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, or things to come, nor powers nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

Abide with Me

Timothy Matthews

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 606

\*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Chuck Schneider

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 306

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

DENNIS

\*Benediction

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

How Can I Keep From Singing

R. Lowry/L. 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

