



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
Bedford, Texas
Sunday, September 13, 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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

September 13, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

²¹ Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

Prelude

Open Our Eyes

arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Our God is majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor,
and worthy of our highest praise.

Who is like the Lord?

Our God blew back the waters, prepared a path through the sea,
and appeared as a pillar of fire to light the pilgrim way.

Who is like the Lord?

The Lord is our strength and our salvation.

Let us sing to the Lord who triumphs gloriously!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 15

All Creatures of our God and King

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*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

God, in love you made us and by love you have redeemed us. Make your love for us bear fruit in our forgiveness of others, that in this life we may know your all-embracing compassion, and in the world to come receive the everlasting joy of fellowship you share with your Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Merciful God, we are quick to ask for grace when we have fallen short, for patience when we have stubbornly turned away from you. Why are we slow to show the same mercy to others? We keep track of wrongs and cling to old hurts, rather than offering the forgiveness that could free others and ourselves. We strive to be more faithful, Lord; we want to be more loving. So, we kneel before

you once again to ask for patience and grace. Transform us, we pray. Pour out your mercy upon us, until it flows forth from us through acts of love. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Siblings in Christ, even as we confess our shortcomings, we have confidence. For we stand before the God to whom we belong, in life and in death, and whose mercy knows no limits. Praise to the Lord who forgives us!

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 444 Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

DETROIT

We Receive God's Word

Special Music Sleepers Wake from Cantata BWV 140 ARR. HUGH S. LIVINGSTON, JR.

(Tak Yan Yeung, Soloist)

Children's Gathering

Ken Richardson

Old Testament Reading Exodus 14:19–31(page 60, red Bible) Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21–35 (page 896, red Bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

How Often?

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 738

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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

Knowing You

arr. Garrett Parker

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, Page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

**Generous God, we bring you these gifts with gratitude that we have such gifts to
share. May all that we share be used for your glory, and for the work of justice
and peace, compassion and joy, in this community and in your world. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 670

From the Rising of the Sun

RISING SUN

*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Glorify Thy Name

arr. Bruce Greer

*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

