



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, October 11, 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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

October 11, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*Psalms 106:1, 3*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

¹ *Praise the LORD!*

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.*

³ *Happy are those who observe justice,
who do righteousness at all times.*

Prelude

Led by a Star

Garrett Parker

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Come, all who hunger for good news.

We thirst for words of hope and healing.

Come, from rural road and city street.

We gather at the King's invitation.

Come, join the celebration.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 54

Make a Joyful Noise to God!

DIX

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

We come to this holy time, O God, hoping to hear your voice, to catch a glimpse of your presence. Silence us when we allow our voices to drown out yours. Silence us when our words in the sanctuary and our actions outside do not line up. Into that silence, speak again your word of life and your call to live the gospel. Help us to be still and know that you are God. Make space in our hearts and minds to trust your word—and not just our hearts and minds, but also our choices and actions. Tune our voices to sing of your glory, to share your good news. Open our lips and our mouths shall proclaim your praise. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Lord, you see how stubborn we are, how quickly we turn from you toward idols of our own making, how impatient we are when we do not get what we think we deserve. We forget your care for us, the countless ways you provide, your gracious response to our cries for help. We do not think on things like justice and goodness. We are not known for our gentleness. We give in to the loud voices that tell us to tend to our own needs only and neglect the very ones you command us to feed. We cannot justify our behavior, we can only confess it, repent and ask again for your mercy. Forgive us, Lord, so that we can bear witness to your character of loving kindness. In Christ's name we pray, amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Rejoice in the Lord!

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good!

Again, I say rejoice! For the Lord draws near to us to shower us with grace and fill us with peace that surpasses all understanding.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 782

Hear My Prayer, O God

HYMN CHANT

(STANZAS 1 AND 3 ONLY)

We Receive God's Word

Anthem

Festival Alleluia

Allen Pote

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Old Testament Reading Exodus 32:1-14 (pages 77-78, red Bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14 (page 900, red Bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Making Idols

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 67

My Song Forever Shall Record

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

We Experience God's Grace

Affirmation of Faith - *The Apostles 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

God's love for us never ends. God's mercies are new every morning. When we consider God's goodness and mercy, we are humbled and awed. In gratitude and joy we give to God our morning's offering. Let us worship as we give.

Offertory

Emmaus Sunrise

Eric Lewis

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 606

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Almighty God, you invite us to the banquet, welcome us to your table, send your prophets with your instructions and your Son to save us from our sin. The depth and breadth of your compassion can neither be earned nor repaid, hence we call it grace. Accept, we pray, these gifts, given in thanksgiving and in the hope that you will bless and use them to call others to the heavenly banquet. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*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

