



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, October 18, 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

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

October 18, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Centering Words (*Matthew 22:21-22*)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

"Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's and to God the things that are God's. When they heard this: they were amazed. Then they left him and they went away."

Prelude

Open Our Eyes

arr. Mark Zeeman

*Call to Worship

Tak Yan Yeung and Ho Yan Kelsey Kwan

God knows us by name and calls us to follow.

The presence of the Lord is with us as we venture out.

Just as Moses was led by God's goodness, so are we guided.

God's ways are sure and lead the faithful to righteousness.

Together let us seek God's leading in Word and in prayer.

Let us worship God together!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

*Opening Prayer

Sheryl Taylor

Holy God, the mystery of your presence stretches far beyond us, yet we know you draw near to us in Christ, walking beside us, guiding us with wisdom, loving us with boundless grace. Your Spirit encourages us as we follow Christ and gives us the energy and insight we need to serve you. Holy God, we are glad to gather in your presence. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Ken and Helen Richardson, Leah Wyckoff

Prayer of Confession

Ken and Helen Richardson, Leah Wyckoff

Holy God, we are glad to gather in your presence, to be embraced by your mystery and your mercy. For we confess we do need your mercy. We claim to be your people, but we forget to love as you do. We claim to seek your guidance, but we often turn from your ways. We ask for your forgiveness, but we fail to forgive as you forgive. We claim to listen for your Word, but we ignore your wisdom. Forgive us, God of mystery and mercy. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness Ken and Helen Richardson, Leah Wyckoff

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 351 All Who Love and Serve Your City CHARLESTOWN
(stanzas 1 and 3 only)

We Receive God's Word

Special Music Swing Low, Sweet Chariot SWING LOW
(Blaise Ferrandino and Ken Richardson, Soloists)

Children's Gathering Kristin Hartwell

Old Testament Reading Exodus 33:12-23 (page 79, red bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Gospel Reading Matthew 22:15-22 (page 900, red bible) Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

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

Sermon Yes or No Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*Hymn (GTG) No. 438 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me TOPLADY

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *(selected from The Belhar Confession)* Rev. Chuck Schneider

We believe that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to follow him in this; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel. 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

What a Wonder You Are

arr. Bruce Greer

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Chuck Schneider

God of abundance, we bring what we have to share, the fruit of our lives, a portion of your goodness to us. Bless our gifts and our lives, so that generosity and justice will join hands and your goodness will be shared with those in need, in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 343 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

GERMANY

(stanzas 1,2,3,6 only)

*Benediction

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

All Hail the Power

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

Liturgists:

Ken Richardson

Helen Richardson

Leah Wyckoff

Tak Yan Yeung

Ho Yan Kelsey Kwan

