



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, October 25, 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

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

October 25, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Centering Words (*John 14:23*)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Jesus said: Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Prelude

Moderato con moto

Cesar Franck

*Call to Worship

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez, Barb & John Field

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Drawn by love, we come, to offer our whole selves in Christ's service.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

*Opening Prayer

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Good and gracious God, send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez, Barb & John Field

O God, we know this, your Greatest Commandment:

Love the Lord with heart, soul, and mind;

Love your neighbor as yourself.

These words dwell in our hearts and rest on our lips. Yet, we are so slow to act upon them.

When we encounter neighbors in need we are quick to pass judgment,
even though love demands empathy.

We see your children suffering, but are too busy, too weary to respond,
even though love demands compassion.

We see unjust systems that strip others of dignity, but believe we are powerless to effect change,

even though love demands action.

And whenever we do not treat our neighbors as we ourselves would hope to be treated,

we do not love you fully.

Forgive us, Lord.

Transform our hearts, restore our souls, and renew our minds, so that we might be faithful to your commandments. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez, Barb & John Field

Even when we do not love the Lord with our whole being, God loves us completely and redeems us—heart, soul, and mind. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 205

Live in Charity

UBI CARITAS

(1 time in English and 2 times in Latin)

We Receive God's Word

Anthem

"If Not Us, Then Who?"

Sheldon Curry

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Keith Royal

Old Testament Reading

Deut. 34:1-12 (page 191, red bible)

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46 (pages 900-901, red bible)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Outside

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Hymn (GTG) No. 734

Hope of the World

DONNE SECOURS

(stanzas 1,2,4, and 5 only)

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *(Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.32–33)*

Melissa Durkee

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to men and women commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. The church follows this pattern in the form of its life and in the method of its action. To live and serve in these ways is to confess Christ as Lord.

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

Interlude

Mark Hayes

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, Page 606

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 846

Fight the Good Fight

DUKE STREET

*Benediction

Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Song for the Nations

arr. Mark Hayes

*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:

John and Barbara Field

Melissa Durkee

