



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, October 4, 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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

October 4, 2020

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

Centering Words

Rev. Chuck Schneider

"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, Oh Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

Prelude

Allegro

Johann Christian Kittel

*Call to Worship

Ray and Denise Karriker

Come away to the mountaintop for a while: stand apart from your daily pace to know God.

Life's blessings are more than we can count; the commonwealth of heaven is beyond our imagining.

Sing aloud to God, our strength and defender; shout for joy to the one who listens and hears.

God has given us an example to follow; in Christ, we are enabled to live at our best.

Hear God's word for us and do it, give to God your loyalty and your labor.

We are eager to respond to God's direction; we are ready to sing as God gives us voice.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 388

Come All You People

UYAI MOSE

*Opening Prayer

Ray and Denise Karriker

All powerful God, you have placed us in the vineyard of your world to tend and care for all your creation here. You have called us to be a fruitful people. Send among us the leadership we need to do as you intend. Grant that we may hear your voice and obey your commands. Surely our highest aim and purpose is to live as your people. We praise you for that opportunity. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Rev. Chuck Schneider

Prayer of Confession

Kristin Hartwell

Merciful God, we have forgotten our commission and denied your authority in our lives. You have given us the care of your vineyard, and we have tried to claim

it as our own. You have entrusted us with management responsibilities, yet our destructive ways have produced no fruit. Our strife and rebellion deny the message and mission of Christ. We have rejected the cornerstone of faith. Save us from ourselves. Amen.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness Rev. Chuck Schneider

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 175 Seek Ye First LAFFERTY
(stanzas 1 and 3 only)

We Receive God's Word

Anthem Use Me, Lord Don Besig/Nancy Price
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering TBD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 19 (page 488, red bible) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Gospel Reading Luke 17:5-10 (page 945, red bible) Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

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

Sermon When Will We Welcome Them All Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*Hymn (GTG) No. 315 In the Midst of New Dimensions NEW DIMENSIONS

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith (*The Heidelberg Catechism*) Rev. Chuck Schneider

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

Invitation to the Offering Rev. Chuck Schneider

Offertory Adore and Be Still arr. Lani Smith

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer
Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

*Communion of the People

*Prayer after Communion

Rev. Chuck Schneider

We give you thanks, O God, for this supper shared in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. As we have feasted on the spiritual presence of Christ through the bread and wine, may that same spirit now confirm our faith and strengthen us to be Christ's body in the world. We pray in his holy name. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 340

This Is My Song

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*Benediction

Rev. Robin Lyn Valdez

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Voluntary on "Lobe den Herren"

arr. Hugh S. Livingston

*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:

Ray and Denise Karriker

Kristin Hartwell

