



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, January 24, 2021

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

Third Sunday after Epiphany

10:00am

January 24, 2021

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

Centering Words (*Nayyirah Waheed, Salt*)

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

"i don't pay attention to the world ending. it has ended for me many times and began again in the morning."

Prelude

Led by a Star

Garrett Parker

*Call to Worship

Laura Mahon

God is the practice of radical imagination.

She is the freedom to dream of abundance and flourishing.

God is the practice of adaptability and change.

She is the power to break patterns that destroy life and relationships.

God is the practice of justice that transforms.

She is the work that mends, that heals, that builds anew.

We remember and rejoice. This is the God who dwells with us.

Among us and within us, God is here.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

*Opening Prayer

Laura Mahon

Holy Wonder, Crafter of the Universe, wild and free is your Spirit. Come and rouse our longings. Stir our imaginations. Liberate our thinking. Where we have grown more attached to the familiar than to your hopes, help us to release control. May we be willing to take the risks necessary to bring about the world we desire. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Laura Mahon

Prayer of Confession

Laura Mahon

Beloved God, with the eagerness of a child, you wait for our coming, with the urgency of a mother, you long for our return with the anxious heart of a father, your arms ache to hold us. The disappointment, the judgment, the turning away, that's us, not you. Forgive us and heal us of everything in us that recoils from our common humanity. You have given us such worth; help us to take all creation at

your valuation and to know ourselves, and all your children, precious and loved.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Laura Mahon

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ. And Christ is the one born for us, who lived for us, who died for us, who prays for us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Amen.**

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 695

Change My Heart, O God

CHANGE MY HEART

We Receive God's Word

Anthem

Gather Us In

arr. Mark Hayes

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Children's Gathering

Jim and Laura Mahon

Old Testament Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (page 845, red Bible)

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

New Testament Reading 1 Cor. 7:29-31 (page 1042, red Bible)

Laura Mahon

Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20 (page 910, red Bible)

Laura Mahon

Psalm Reading Psalm 62:5-12 (pages 515-516, red Bible)

Laura Mahon

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

*Hymn (GTG) No. 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith - *(Confession of 1967, PCUSA) (inclusive text), 9.44a)* Laura Mahon

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it. Congregations, individuals, or groups of Christians who exclude, dominate, or patronize others, however subtly, resist the Spirit of God and bring contempt on the faith which they profess.

Prayers of the People and

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

Lord's Prayer

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

Laura Mahon

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul

P. Bliss/Ron Loree

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 606

Prayer of Dedication

Laura Mahon

God of Compassion, we bring together our offerings with both sorrow and joy. Even as we hold tight to the hope of what could be, we do not turn from the grief and anger over the struggles of this day. As we dream of futures alive with justice, may we be faithful to the present reality. Faithful with our resources. Faithful to truth. Faithful in love and care for our neighbor. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 275

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

How Excellent Is Thy Name

arr. Bill Wolaver

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.



Worship Leaders

Reverend Dr. Kyle Walker, Interim Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Liturgists:

Laura Mahon

Jim Mahon



Resources consulted for today's worship include Liturgy that Matters and the online resources of "ReWorship".