



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, February 14, 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

Transfiguration of the Lord

10:00am

February 14, 2021

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

Centering Words

Jayne Johnson

"When I dare to be powerful, to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid." - Audre Lorde

Prelude

Christ, Who Art Day and Light

Michael Praetorius

*Call to Worship

Jayne Johnson

There are times when God calls us to come and rest, be at peace.

Wisdom meets us like a friend, settling our anxiety and bringing us comfort.

There are times when God comes to us through chaos and disorder.

Love moves like a mighty wind, troubling all efforts to dominate and control.

God brings stillness.

God stirs up.

God is restful and restorative.

God is wild and disruptive.

Let us welcome God in all Their forms, trusting the Spirit through confusion and clarity.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 409

God is Here!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

(stanzas 1 and 4 only)

*Opening Prayer

Jayne Johnson

Holy Companion, so much violence is born from our need to control. Every day, fear and uncertainty are weaponized through words, policies, and institutions. In a world that idolizes security, teach us to be open to the gifts of letting go. May we not be reckless with vulnerability, but practice patience with discomfort and solidarity through trouble. Amen.

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Jayne Johnson

Prayer of Confession

Jayne Johnson

O Healing One, we cry to you for help. We choose to listen for your voice above all others. Be gracious to us for we have made mistakes. We have made choices that

**have harmed our relationships with your children and your created world.
Hear us, Healing God, as we move next to you in silent prayer. Amen.**

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jayne Johnson

We Receive God's Word

Anthem

Open My Eyes

arr. Karen Thompson

(Emmanuel Handbell Choir)

Children's Gathering

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:2-9 (page 919, red Bible)

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Jesus (Wow)"

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

We Experience God's Grace

***Affirmation of Faith**

Jayne Johnson

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 God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come 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.

Ordination and Installation of Officers *(see additional bulletin)*

Prayers of the People

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

The Lord's Prayer

Jayne Johnson

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

Jayne Johnson

Offertory

Open Our Eyes

arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

Glory to God Hymnal, page 606

Prayer of Dedication

Jayne Johnson

Spirit of Christ, when you reveal yourself to us through brooding darkness, ideas that cloud our understanding, or relationships that upset our notions of normal, may we not move too quickly from those Sacred experiences. Like the disciples on the mountain top, may we trust that even in our spiritual confusion, you are working for good. With thanks for your love that challenges and comforts, we bring our gifts in service to your will. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining SHINE JESUS, SHINE

(All stanzas)

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

*Postlude

Magnificat octavi toni

Johann Speth

*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, Transitional Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Liturgists:

Jayne Johnson



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