



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday May 2, 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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10:00am

May 2, 2021

[Reminder: Please wear face masks at all times in the church building even when vaccinated.]

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

[Note: Remember to add your prayer requests for inclusion in the Prayers of the People at <https://forms.gle/SYTJ4pe93vk16CDx6>]

Centering Words - *(Dr. Cornel West)*

Jayne Johnson

"Justice is what love looks like in public."

Prelude

There's Wideness in God's Mercy

Richard Blake

*Call to Worship

Jayne Johnson

Provocative and surprising is the God of resurrection,

How wonderful are the strange ways of God.

Making holy our sorrow...

God births life from death.

Disavowing power that threatens and destroys,

God is a force of justice, transformative and restoring.

The peculiar practices of God unsettle and confuse.

Whatever shape love will take, it is welcome in this place.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 769

For Everyone Born

FOR EVERYONE BORN

(Stanzas 1, 2 and 3 only. Please remain masked.)

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession (Liturgist)

Jayne Johnson

Prayer of Confession

Jayne Johnson

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears.

Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Declaration of Forgiveness

Jayne Johnson

*Sung Response (GTG) No. 215 What Wondrous Love Is This WONDROUS LOVE
(stanzas 1 and 3 only)

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering Kristin Hartwell
Gospel Reading John 15:1-8 (page 983, red Bible) Jayne Johnson
Anthem Amazing Grace arr. John Coates, Jr.
(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)
Epistle Reading 1 John 4:7-21 (page 1112, red Bible) Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**
Sermon "Love is from Missouri" Rev. Dr. Kyle Walker

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith - (*Nicene Creed*) Jayne Johnson

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering our Gifts to God

[Note: A basket is available in the sanctuary for you to walk to and drop your offering into. You may also contribute online at emmanuelpc.org]

Offertory Interlude Mark Hayes

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

 Invitation to the Lord's Table

 Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

