



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, April 27, 2025

10:00am

Welcome to this service of worship. We are glad you are here whether it is in person or online. Children are welcome for all aspects of our worship service and church life. To aid parents and children attending in person, 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.

Mission Statement

L- Loving

I- Inclusive

F- Family of Faith

E- Empowering People in Christ

-seeking justice

-loving kindness

-walking humbly (Micah 6:8)

We are a certified PCUSA Earth Care Congregation:

- Our worship and discipleship will celebrate God's grace and glory in creation.
- Our education will encourage and support each other in keeping and healing creation.
- Our facilities will be managed, maintained, and upgraded to respect and cherish all of creation.
- Our outreach will encourage community involvement and public policy to protect and restore the earth.

Celebration of Worship

The Second Sunday of Easter

10:00am

April 27, 2025

We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

[Please note your nearest exit. Silence your cell phones. Restrooms are available behind the sanctuary in the narthex. Remember to add your prayer requests on the sheets provided for inclusion in the Prayers of the People or online by scanning the QR code here.]



Centering Words

Welcome to this Cantata Sunday! The Emmanuel Chancel Choir invites you on a musical pilgrimage through the events of Lent and this Easter season. Step by step, we follow along the journey of Christ. From the waters of devotion to the calling of the disciples, we join the parade of life marching across the dusty landscape of Galilee. In Jerusalem, we hear "Hosanna!" In Jerusalem, we gather in an upper room. In Jerusalem, we walk the winding path to the garden. With a night of prayer, our journey takes a turn. Walking, falling, stumbling, and bleeding, the path of the Savior leads to forgiveness. From the Way of Sorrows to a borrowed tomb, a light breaks forth and declares "Great Day! Great Day the Lord is Risen! Great Day!" With joy in the morning, we recount the journey of Christ. The journey to resurrection life for us all.

Prelude

We Worship And Adore You

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

God leads us down an Easter road:

A road of new life and plenty.

A road of joy and delight.

Scarcity has no place on this road.

Greed has no place on this road.

This road is paved with abundant life,

for all people.

for all bodies.

We walk this road together,

and Jesus walks with us.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 246

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

We sometimes need to be reminded of how our actions, our words, and our inattention cause harm to others. Yet, this is the day, as on every day, when God calls us by name, filling us with grace, and making us whole. Let us bring all we have done to God, for mercy and hope.

Prayer of Confession

We have not always shown faithfulness on our journey, Patient God. We have not loved you with our whole hearts, and we have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Forgive our wandering ways, our inattention, our distracted disconnect from this journey of hope. Guide us back on the paths of goodness and mercy, the path of Jesus, our Suffering Servant, our Risen Lord.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession) Amen.

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKŌ

O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy; O Lord, have mercy, have mercy on us.

O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy; O Christ, have mercy, have mercy on us.

Assurance of Pardon

Emily Dickinson wrote, "Hope is the thing with feathers, that perches in the soul, and sings the tune without the words, and never stops at all."

Let us sing this new and ancient song of Easter hope:

We are forgiven. We are set free. The new life is for us, and for all, in Jesus' name! Amen.

We Receive God's Word in Story and Song

A Journey to Hope: A Cantata Inspired by Spirituals

Joseph M. Martin

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

We Experience God's Grace

Prayers of the People and the 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

*[Note: if you wish to contribute online, you may do so
at emmanuelpc.org or using the QR code in the bulletin insert.]*

Offertory

Abide with Me

Timothy Matthews

*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Use these gifts, O God, for the building up of all your people, for the renewal of the earth, for the survival of the struggling, and for the joy of common life together, in your name, amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me I'M GONNA LIVE

*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

You are encouraged to remain and enjoy the postlude as a moment of prayer and worship before departing today.

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude Toccata all' Offertorio Domenico Zipoli

All are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with one another over refreshments in the narthex following this service.

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: John O Donohue, Thom Shuman, Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Assisting in Today's Service:

Jude Langsdorf, Liturgist

