



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## **Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

**Bedford, Texas**

**Sunday, May 15, 2022**

**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

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

10:00am

May 15, 2022

## We Gather in Worship

Greeting and Announcements

*[Please note your nearest exit. 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

This week's texts collaborate like movements of a symphony singing the sacred strength of community. This community includes all. The mountains, wind, birds, bugs, every animal that is eaten or not. Humans' highest praise and glory to our Holy Parent is achieved when we release our indoctrinations to worship together in all of our harmonic difference. God of Abundance, witnessing us all in ecstatic praise, cannot help but join us in completing the eternal song that everyone knows because we are all composers.

Prelude                      Glorify Thy Name                      Arr. Mark Hayes and Tak Yan Yeung

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Praise the Lord, all the earth!

**People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights.**

Leader: Praise the name of the Lord, and the Lord's glory shall be praised,

**People: for people near and people far, for people present and people to come, for the young and for those wise with age.**

Leader: Come, let us praise the Lord; come, let us worship God.

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 374

O Holy City, Seen of John

MORNING SONG

## We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession:

Because we are loved, we are called to turn to God in humility. We fall short of who God calls us to be, but we are never forsaken. In faith and with confidence as beloved children, let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you command us to love one another, yet we hold grudges and refuse to work for peace. You command us to care for all of creation, yet we neglect the earth and abuse nature through carelessness. You command us to walk in the ways of Jesus, yet we too often walk our own way. Forgive us, O God. Guide us as we**

**work toward a new heaven here on earth. Lead us to reconciliation and a vision for your beloved community, as we share your love with your people everywhere.**

*(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)*

Sung Response (GTG) No. 695    Change My Heart, O God    CHANGE MY HEART

Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: Believe the good news:

**People: Jesus loves us and forgives us and sets us free. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.**

## **We Receive God's Word**

Children's Gathering

Katie Phillips

Epistle Lesson    Revelation 21:1-6 (page 1132, red Bible)

Anthem

I Believe

Mark Miller

*(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)*

Gospel Reading    John 13:31-35 (page 982, red Bible)

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker

## **We Experience God's Grace**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (by Rev. Roddy Hamilton, New Kilpatrick Parish, Bearsden, Scotland)**

Leader: We believe The Word is not bound by ink and paper but is set free in us to dream new dreams and unfold new adventures. Is this what you believe?

**People: Yes, this is what we believe**

Leader: We believe the life God gives is not celebrated in rules but is celebrated in our diversity. Is this what you believe?

**People: Yes, this is what we believe**

Leader: We believe that as the sun sets in one land it rises in another handing over the prayers of the world from one to another. Is this what you believe?

**People: Yes, this is what we believe**

Leader: We believe the story of faith comes alive in the communities we grow but is hurt by the barriers we build. Is this what you believe?

**People: Yes, this is what we believe**

Leader: We believe transformation is a gift from God which is never complete and longs to be set free in us. Is this what you believe?

**People: Yes, this is what we believe**

Leader: We believe resurrection is heaven's conspiracy to redeem all that is evil and bring to life all that is good. Is this what you believe?

**People: Yes, this is what we believe**

Leader: We believe justice is God's unravelling of all that hurts, oppresses and dulls life in each other. Is this what you believe?

**People: Yes, this is what we believe**

Leader: We believe that a spark lights a flame which kindles an idea that ignites a moment. We all have a spark within us. Is this what you believe?

**People: Yes, this is what we believe**

Prayers of the People ending in the Lord's Prayer  
Offering our Gifts to God

Glory to God Hymnal, page 35

*[Note: An offering plate is available at the back of the sanctuary or you may contribute online at [emmanuelpc.org](http://emmanuelpc.org) or use the QR code in the bulletin insert.]*

Invitation to the Offering

Poet, Adam Zagajewski, writes that we "must praise the mutilated world." Let us bring our offerings to God and each other as an act of praise in this mutilated world. For, even amidst systems of destruction, we are invited to attend to Life.

Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

\*Doxology

Glory to God Hymnal, page 608

**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

**Holy Mystery, we desire to be a people who experience praise and grief as two sides of the coin of Love. Thank you for our teacher, Jesus, who lived deeply in this reality. Thank you for the prophet, Mary Magdalene, who tells us of death and life intertwined. Bless our offerings, that they may support what needs to be grieved and what needs to be grown. Amen.**

**We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SAZBURG

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Sign of Peace

\*Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Allan Mahnke

\*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Sources for this service: Liturgy by PCUSA Office of Theology and Worship. Offering Liturgy from *Enfleshed*, 2022.

**Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker, Transitional Pastor

Susan LaPointe, Director of Music

Tak Yan Yeung, Accompanist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir

Assisting in Today's Service:

Sheryl Taylor

