



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, May 22, 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

6th Sunday of Easter

10:00am

May 22, 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

Oh, God, unravel within us any urge to assert power over another. Awaken us to our connection -- the vulnerability and wonder of being a creature on a planet, in a solar system, in this corner of the cosmos. Enliven within us a curiosity about the ways of gentleness and mutuality. Ancient God of Becoming, guide us towards Connecting Love this day and each day. Amen.

Prelude

Make Me a Servant

Arr. Laura Bergquis

*Call to Worship

Leader: God's goodness is breaking into the world.

People: We do not expect the Spirit's movement.

Leader: God gathers in those we judged to be outsiders.

People: We witness this in-breaking as healing, wholeness, restoration, and peace.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 365

God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice!

MARION

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession:

We are a people living in sin. We are a people in need of God's vision, praying for our eyes to be opened. We are a people in need of God's reversal, praying for our hearts to be softened. We are a people in need of God's reconciliation, praying that our faces might be illumined by God's presence. Let us claim our need of God, confessing our sin together.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we equate our judgment with your judgment, and often consider our ways to be your ways. We define peace as the absence of disruption, holding our comfort as your aim and thinking our preferences reflect your way. Too often we act as if we are your authoritative witnesses, believing our worldview corresponds with your vision, and that our narrative contains your hope for the

*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

**Spirit of Creation, may our gifts of money and wise-action flow unfettered to
where they are needed. May we dance open-heartedly with the ebb and flow of
giving and receiving, for our thriving is intertwined. Amen.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Come, O Almighty King

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 Office of Theology and Worship, PCUSA. Centering words and 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:

John Stocking

