



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 2, 2024

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

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

June 2, 2024

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

Listen, who wants life? Who wants good days and nights? Don't let your tongue speak evil, or your lips tell lies. Leave evil and do good! Run after peace! God's eyes watch over the good, and God hears their pleas. God's face turns from the evil, to erase their name from the world. But call out, and God hears. From all trouble, God rescues.

Prelude

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte, arr. by Janet Linker

*Call to Worship

I will bless God all the time,
my mouth full of praise!
I will boast about my God!
The humble rejoice in God's name.
Come, praise the Lord with me!
When we look to God,
our faces shine with light.
When we cry out, God hears us,
and puts our troubles to flight.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 401

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Let go of what is too heavy. Release the old bitterness and the decades-old guilt.
Become a forgiven free person, made whole through God's grace.

Prayer of Confession

We come before you, God, with total honesty. We admit that we have not been your image bearers but rather, reflected anger and fear instead of radical compassion and love. We admit we have not responded to need, placing ourselves in the center of this world rather than serving you in our neighbor.

Forgive us. Renew us to be a new people of courageous action and embodied faith, in your name.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

Assurance of Pardon

There is nothing God would not do for us. There is nowhere God would hide from us. There are no limits to God's mercy for us. **We are forgiven, set free, made whole by the God who names us beloved. Thanks be to God!**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-20 (pages 244-245, red Bible)

Anthem

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Lloyd Larson

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

New Testament Reading

Mark 2:23 – 3:6 (page 912, red Bible)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title

Breaking the Rules

Rev. Julie Adkins

*Hymn (GTG) No. 684

Faith Begins by Letting Go

LUX PRIMA

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith The Nicene Creed, page 34 (GTG)

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

Chosen Tune

Herbert Howells

*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

**Take our lives, O God, as a holy and living sacrifice for the good of all people.
Use all of our gifts, our time, our talents, for the rebuilding of this world into a
place of mercy, justice, and compassion, in your name, amen.**

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Minister continues praying)

Prayer of Thanksgiving 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.

Words of Institution and Breaking of the Bread

***Communion of the People**

(Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your seats using the side aisle. If you are not able to come forward, remain in your seat and you will be served. Gluten free bread and cup are available on the small table in the center aisle.)

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 509

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

HOLY MANNA

*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

Lux Prima

Rex Koury

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – Glory to God Hymnal

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

Liturgy by: Carey Wallace (Psalms of Wonder – Psalm 34), Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Julie Adkins, Guest Preacher

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Kenton Kravig, Pianist

Emmanuel Chancel Choir



Assisting in Today's Service:

Mary Jane Horr, Liturgist

Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering