



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

2701 Harwood Road, Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 21, 2026

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 people of all ages, including children, in worship participation, a Liturgical Library is available in the narthex to the right of the sanctuary door with tools for engaging the senses in worship, including drawing and movement tools. 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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

June 21, 2026

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. Add your prayer requests on the sheets in the friendship pad for inclusion in the Prayers of the People by placing them in the offering plate at the back, or online by scanning the QR code here. A note on worship bulletin symbols: *please rise in body or spirit. (GTG) – purple Glory to God Hymnal under the seat in front of you. Words in **bold print** are said in unison by the congregation.*



Centering Words *Hagar in the Wilderness by Tyehimba Jess*

My God is the living God, God of the impertinent exile. An outcast who carved me into an outcast carved by sheer and stony will, to wander the desert in search of deliverance, the way a mother hunts for her wayward child. God of each eye fixed to heaven, God of the fallen water jug, of all the hope a vessel holds before spilling to barren sand. God of flesh hewn from earth and hammered beneath a will; immaculate with the power to bear life from the lifeless like a well in a wasteland. I'm made in the image of a God that knows flight but stays me rock still, to tell a story ancient as slavery, old as the first time hands clasped together for mercy, and parted to find only their own salty blessing of sweat. I have been touched by my God.

Prelude

Praise the Lord

Arr. Bill Wolaver

*Call to Worship *adapted from Psalm 86*

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, we lift up our soul.
**For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.**
Give ear, O LORD, to our prayer;
listen to our cry of supplication.
**In the day of our trouble we call on you,
for you will answer us.**
There is none like you among the gods, O Lord,
nor are there any works like yours.
**For you are great and do wondrous things;
you alone are God.**

*Hymn (GTG) No. 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

God, the Creator of the universe, sees you and cares about what happens to you. With that seeing and care, God is always moving toward justice, liberation, and blessing, even when we cannot comprehend it. This movement is not always a straight line or a swift path. We move toward God's grace together.

Prayer of Confession

We are sorry. Sometimes we do not see others or their needs. Sometimes we cause harm. Sometimes we cause suffering. Sometimes we look harshly upon those who are different from us. Sometimes we are the oppressors. Forgive us, God who sees and hears. Forgive us for not seeing others and their needs, for the harm we cause, for the suffering we impart, for looking harshly upon our siblings, and for afflicting pain. See us, O God, and set us free. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

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

Sung Response (GTG) No. 626

As the Deer

AS THE DEER

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield; to You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

Assurance of Pardon

In Hagar's story, we see ourselves, our world, and the challenges of being different together. We are bidden to ask, "how do we treat those who come from different places, live different lives, have different stories?" **Through all of this, we discover the God who both sees and sets free at the crossroads of history and hope. We are not forgotten; no one is. Thanks be to God!**

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Katie Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 21:8-21 (pages 16-17, red Bible)

Anthem

Hear My Prayer

edited by Rod Walker

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Psalter Reading

Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 (pages 532, 533, red Bible)

The Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Title

The One Who Named God

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 850

In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *Avery Arden*

As one, let us affirm our faith.
We believe in one Triune God, Creator of all things.
In that Beginning shared in Genesis,
She brooded over watery darkness, as in the womb,
and gave birth to Creation in all its remarkable diversity —
including the day and night,
and the various shades of dawn and dusk between;
including the sea and land, *and* the shores at which they meet;
including the plants and all kinds of animals, *and* beyond them
— the mollusks and fungi, and unicellular life...
and, finally, including human beings
with our vast diversity of mind and body
all crafted in the divine image.
We believe in one Triune God, Redeemer of humanity,
who came to Abraham and Sarah, Hagar and Ishmael,
Jacob and Rachel and Joseph; who came to Moses — a stranger in a strange
land, unsure of where he belonged — and liberated the Hebrew people
from their bondage;
and who, in the Person of Jesus Christ,
entered Creation to liberate all peoples from all forms of bondage,
to redeem us even from sin, even from death itself.
We believe in one Triune God, Sustainer of all things,
in whom we live, and move, and have our being
whose Spirit breathes life back into parched lands and withered hearts,
and pulls open every door we would keep shut,
sweeps away every line we draw in the sand.

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 here.]*



Offertory

Interlude

Mark Hayes

*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

God Who Sees, use all we offer this day for the visibility of all of your children, for care of those most on the edge of life, for the stranger, the visitor, the migrant, and the desperate mother. Show us how to name each other with kindness, and reveal your name to us, again, Jesus Christ, God-with-Us, the One Who Sees and Acts. Amen.

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 340

This Is My Song

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*Invitation, Charge and Benediction

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

*Postlude

O Worship the King

Arr. Ethel Tench Rogers

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

Liturgy by: Hagar in the Wilderness by Tyehimba Jess, Rev. Dr. Charlene Rachuy Cox of the Nourishing Vocation Project at St. Olaf College, 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:

Joyce Morris, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering

