



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, June 26, 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

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

June 26, 2022

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

Creative God, sometimes fear and old habits limit our sense of what's possible. Expand our imagination, that we might live into the abundance you intend for all of us. Guide us towards not a shallow freedom, oh God, but into deep wells of liberation. Amen. - Rev. Molly Bolton

Prelude

As The Deer

Arr. Mark Hayes

*Call to Worship

Leader: Liberating God, you set us free to live a life ripe with the fruits of the Spirit.

People: Not fear, but love, joy, and peace.

Leader: Not exploitation, but patience, kindness, and goodness.

People: Not knee-jerk reactions, but faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Leader: With the Spirit as our guide,

People: we nurture the Ways of Life.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 679

Let the Whole Creation Cry

SALZBURG

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession:

Seeking to follow God, Shepherd of our flock, and knowing how we have strayed, we humbly confess the ways in which we have sinned, that we might find grace.

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, we confess that we too often give in to the yearnings of the flesh. We have impure thoughts. We idolize those who misuse power. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger. We neglect to care for others and gratify our own desires. Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin. Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace. Send your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity, and lead us to be gentle in our care for all of your people.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God
Declaration of Forgiveness

TRENTHAM

Leader: Sisters and brothers, we are all called to freedom. Amidst thunderous storms and rocky waters, God reaches out to us in love. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Ken Richardson

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (pages 328, 329 red Bible)

Psalter Reading Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 (page 526, red Bible)

Anthem

Offertory

by John Ness Beck

(Emmanuel Chancel Choir)

Epistle Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (pages 1062, 1063 red Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Freedom Is Responsibility"

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker

We Experience God's Grace

***Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People ending in the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, page 35

Offering our Gifts to God

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

Invitation to the Offering

Come, we are invited to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. For when we heal our own hearts, the community benefits. And when we love our neighbor, we honor our own interdependence. Let us bring forth our offerings this day in celebration of mysterious and miraculous mutual care.

Offertory

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. 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

**Spirit of Wisdom alive in each of us, we dishonor each other's flesh when we fail
to treat each other with tenderness and consent. But we honor each other's flesh
when we yield to the wisdom alive in each of us. Bless our offerings towards our
flesh, that we may be honored -- in all our diverse expressions -- for the holiness
we bear.**

We Leave to Serve

*Hymn (GTG) No. 319

Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing

SMITH

*Charge and Benediction

*Sign of Peace

*Postlude

Toccata in F

Buxtehude

*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 from Call to Worship (Office of Theology and Worship,
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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:

Anni Wordell