



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, July 7, 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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

July 7, 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

The Lord's our light, who rescues us. Who can make us afraid? Who should we fear? One thing we ask the Lord, one thing we seek: to live in God's house all our life and see that the Lord is sweet. God shelters us in God's own tent on days when trouble comes. We hope to see your goodness, Lord, while we live in this world. O our heart, be brave and strong, and hope in the Lord.

Prelude

Bread of Heaven

Marc Jordan

*Call to Worship *adapted from Matthew 11:28-30*

"Come, follow me," Jesus said.

"And you will find rest for your souls."

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

We come, those who carry the weight of worry and despair,

We come, those whose souls know toil and fear, not rest.

We come, because Jesus still calls us to follow him.

We come because he still shows us the way.

Come, let us worship God!

*Hymn (GTG) No. 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Come before the God who knows you better than you know yourself. Come, that in your honesty before God and your neighbor, you might find the path to becoming your truest, kindest self.

Prayer of Confession

God our Creator, Christ our Lord, Spirit our Guide, we confess that we carry so much everywhere we go. Anger, bitterness, pride and ego are our constant companions, coloring our every encounter with negativity. We carry the past, even when that load prevents us from being fully alive in the present. Unburden us, O God, that we might unburden others. Forgive us, O Christ, that we might

**forgive others. Liberate us, O Spirit, that we might free others. Then send us out,
to carry your grace alone into all the world 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

God never leaves us or forsakes us.

With God, there is forgiveness.

With God, there is a second chance.

With God, there is grace abundant for all.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 (page 276, red Bible)

Anthem

Madrigal

Enrique Granados

(Jordan Drake: Soloist)

New Testament Reading

Mark 6:1-13 (page 915, red Bible)

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon Title

The Things We Take with Us

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

*Hymn (GTG) No. 697 (*verses 1-4, 5*)

Take My Life

HENDON

We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

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 *It Is Well with My Soul* Ron Loree

*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

**We hold nothing back from you, O God, but give as freely as you give to us. Let
all that is offered in this place be a blessing for those beyond our doors,
continuing your ministry of healing, hope, and life, 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. 716 *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* BEACH SPRING

*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 *Toccata in E minor* Pachelbel

*please stand, if able

(GTG) – *Glory to God Hymnal*

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

Liturgy by: adapted from Carey Wallace (Psalms of Wonder - Psalm 19), Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Thom Shuman.

Worship Leaders

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

Jordan Drake, Soloist

Assisting in Today's Service:

Mary Jane Horr, Liturgist

Tonia Thompson, Children's Gathering

