



# Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

*Empowering People in Christ*

## Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, July 14, 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

15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

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## 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

*Come see what God has done – wonders beyond all mortal power. God turned the sea into dry land, so we could walk through the water. And we rejoice in you, our God, who rules forever. You give our souls life and don't let our foot slip, even though you tested us. You refined us like silver, by water and fire, but through them you brought us into a rich life. All you who stand in awe of God, come hear what God did for me. If I saw wrong and kept it in my heart, the Lord would not listen to me, but when I cried out, my God heard me. We praise you, God, because you didn't turn away our prayer and because you didn't turn away your love and care.*

Prelude

Flow Gently Sweet Afton  
(JuBELLant Handbell Ensemble)

Larry Sue

### \*Call to Worship

We come to this place to hear the old, old story:  
**of the God who worked throughout human history  
and works still.**

We come to reimagine that story:  
**to seek out the forgotten ones, and the judged ones,  
that we might recognize our own face in their faces.**

We come to live that story:  
**in our words, in our music, in our movement,  
and in our worship.**

We come to meet with the One who writes  
and rewrites all our stories with love.

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 12

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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## We Are Renewed in Grace

### Invitation to Confession

We come before God with honesty, expecting grace. We come before one another with truth-telling, expecting healing. We come before the world with humility, expecting a new world to be born in us, even now.

## Prayer of Confession

**Forgive us, God, when we mistake our own egos for worship of you. Forgive us for the women we silence, or judge, or label, as we perpetuate systems of harm and abuse. Forgive us for assuming the most powerful person is always the hero of every story and remind us of your upside-down kingdom of justice and equity. Remake us not in the image of our idols, but in your image of mercy, compassion, and humility. Then use us, fragile and complicated people, to remake this 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

Let the dance of God's mercy dwell within us:

**We are God's children. We are forgiven. We are being made whole, even now.**

Dance with delight in this truth and find your peace. Amen.

## We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering      Katie Phillips

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading      John 4:19-26 (page 969, red Bible)

Anthem      My Shepherd Will Supply My Need      Larry Sue  
*(JuBELLant Handbell Ensemble)*

Old Testament Reading      2 Samuel 6:12-23 (pages 277-278, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title      Michal's Version      Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 627 (*sung three times*) I Love You, Lord      I LOVE YOU, LORD

## We Experience God's Grace

\*Affirmation of Faith *adapted from the Westminster Confession of Faith*

**God has all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of God's self, and is entirely sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which God has made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting God's own glory in, by, unto, and upon those creatures. God alone is the fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom, are all things. God has complete care over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them, whatever God desires. In God's sight all things are open and manifest. God's knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent of the creature; so, nothing to God is uncertain or unknown. God is most holy in all God's guidance, in all God's works, and in all God's commands. To God is due from angels and people, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience God is pleased to ask of them, of us.**

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](http://emmanuelpc.org) or using the QR code in the bulletin insert.]*

Offertory Open Our Eyes Arr. Mark Zeeman

\*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 make our offering to you, God of the Universe, in gratitude, humility and joy. We make this offering, not to make a name for ourselves, but to freely praise your name. Let all that is given in this place be a blessing to you, and to all in need of hope and healing this day. Amen.**

## **We Leave to Serve**

\*Hymn (GTG) No. 749 Come! Live in the Light! WE ARE CALLED

\*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 Postlude on "Hyfrydol" David Lasky

\*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 66), Whitney Wilkinson Arreche.*

### **Worship Leaders**

Rev. Dr. Whitney Wilkinson Arreche, Pastor

Brittney Axton, Director of Music

Dr. Tak Yan Yeung, Organist

JuBELLant Handbell Ensemble



Assisting in Today's Service:

Katie Phillips, Liturgist

Katie Phillips, Children's Gathering