



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

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Bedford, Texas

Sunday, July 28, 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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00am

July 28, 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

Your love is high as the heavens, Lord! Your faithfulness tall as the sky! Your justice is endless mountains. Your judgment is deep and wide. You rescue both people and beasts. Your kindness is a treasure. In the shadow of your wings, all kinds of people find shelter. They take enough to fill them up at your house, from your good things, and from the stream of delight, you let them drink, because with you is the fountain of life.

Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth Arr. by Jeanne Cotter

*Call to Worship

Come all who are scattered and discarded
Come all who live in hunger and fear
Today we gather together; everyone is invited.
Here in this place, God is with us...do not be afraid!
Let us worship God together.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 401 Here in This Place GATHER US IN

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession

Come, draw near to the God who draws near to us. Come, lay down your heavy burdens and walk in God's grace once more.

Prayer of Confession

Holy Manna, you alone can feed us until we want no more; yet how often we turn to people or activities or substances to satisfy cravings. Bread of heaven, you prepare a meal to welcome people from far and near; yet we decline your invitation, preferring the comfort of familiar tables and food. Bread of life, you give of yourself to nourish all with abundance; yet at times we miss your bounty in our lives and forget how much we can share. Loving God, you promise that all who come to you will never be hungry. Forgive us when we forget. May we taste once again and know that you are good, and that your goodness is for us and for all the world.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 578
Assurance of Pardon

O Lord, Have Mercy

ORÉ PORIAJÚ VEREKÓ

True abundance does not come because of what we do but because of the Who we know. Jesus still feeds hungry strangers – even us – and calls us to share nourishment in all its forms with others.

Thanks be to God. Let us share God's bounty of love and grace.

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Kristin Hartwell

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21 (pages 1065-1066, red Bible)

Anthem

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Arr. Paul Halley

(Soloist: Kenton Kravig)

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21 (pages 971-972, red Bible)

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

Sermon Title

A Miracle of Abundance

Rev. Laura Walters

*Hymn (GTG) No. 767

Together We Serve

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We Experience God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith *United Church of Canada*

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who had come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

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

