



Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Empowering People in Christ

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Bedford, Texas

Sunday, August 7, 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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am

August 7, 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

Redeeming One, where we have learned to push our emotions down for our safety or for the comfort of others, create with us safe places for sorrow and anger to land. Where we have learned to stifle our childlike playfulness, create with us welcoming places to dance with delight. For in you, all emotions are safe to feel and safe to express. Amen -Rev. Molly Bolton (she/they)

Prelude

Seek Ye First

Arr. Mark Zeeman

*Call to Worship

Leader: God of Soulful Emotions,

People: Consciousness of the Disenfranchised,

Leader: Strength of the Collective—

People: We cry out to You for liberation!

Leader: The earth suffers under systems that brutalize—

People: We weep for the days we've toiled instead of rested.

Leader: We rage when Beloveds are not treated with tenderness.

People: Meet us in Divine Anger, Dynamic Spirit!

Leader: Meet us with mercy, Living Christ.

*Hymn (GTG) No. 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

We Are Renewed in Grace

Invitation to Confession:

God calls us to walk in faith, but we do not always follow. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, God of the old, old story, we hear of our ancestors and are astounded by their faith. They trusted you, but we waver. They believed your

promise, but we cling to our own ideas. Forgive us and free us from our fear, that we may follow with joy wherever you may lead; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Worshippers are invited to offer silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response (GTG) No. 604

Lamb of God

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Leader: From age to age, from generation to generation, God's mercy never fails.

Hear the good news!

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We Receive God's Word

Children's Gathering

Tonia Thompson

Epistle Reading Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 (pages 617, 618, red Bible)

Psalter Reading Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23 (pages 508, 509, red Bible)

Special Music (*Piano Solo*) Gospel Medley

Arr. Bill Wolaver

Gospel Reading Luke 12:32-40 (page 949, red Bible)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Be Prepared"

Rev. Dr. Kyle M. Walker

We Experience God's Grace

***Affirmation of Faith (PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith)**

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the parentless; plead the case of the bereaved. These ancient words from Isaiah remain a powerful call to action. Let us gather our shared resources this day, that we might take up the cause of one another.

