

April 28, 2024 Worship Guide
Resurrection Story: Confirming the Good News
Co-Pastors: Rev. Ron Harris and Rev. Karla Sheffy
Worship Musicians: Sue Woods, Cheryl Doty & Abby Worley
Ministry of Music: Cheryl Doty/Sue Woods



Gathering Up Music

Welcome - Welcoming - Ed Bashaw

Welcome to our KVOE listeners and to those watching online.

My name is Ed Bashaw and this morning I am your worship reader.

Welcome to Emporia First United Methodist Church. We are all beloved children of God. Together, we are a Christian community committed to accepting, valuing, and loving all. We seek to live, grow, and serve as Jesus taught us: loving one another, transforming lives, and making disciples. Let us now worship.

Prelude and Lighting the Candles - Acolytes: Luke Buchholz

Threshold Moment-Rev. Karla Sheffy

For some the Good News of Resurrection is encountered in one moment in life. For others the Good News of Resurrection has been seemingly always present. The story of Resurrection, the story of our Salvation, is born and grows and blossoms in many different ways for each of us. To each of us the key to that story is our relationship with Jesus Christ. That is the story we are all called to welcome, affirm, and share as we live in faith.

Rise up in us and we will rise
From death into a newfound life:
From bondage freed, from harm released,
From illness healed, as one in peace.
When all is lost our hearts are warmed,
Our hope restored, our lives transformed.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Pastor: I will declare your name to my people;
in the assembly, I will praise you.
You who worship the Lord, praise God!

All you descendants of Jacob, honor the One of Saves!
Give Glory and Honor, all you descendants of Israel!

Reader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
My vows I pay before those who worship the Lord!
The poor will eat and be satisfied;
those who seek the Lord will praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!

Pastor: All the ends of the earth
will remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations
will bow down before the Almighty,
For dominion belongs to the Lord
who rules over the nations.

Reader: All people will serve the Lord;
future generations will be told about God's story.
They will proclaim God's righteousness,
declaring to a people yet unborn
what God has done!

Opening Song

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

The Peace - Rev. Karla Sheffy

You are invited to share the Peace with those around you.

Children's Message – Rev. Karla Sheffy

I invite the children forward as we sing our Easter Season Alleluia

"Halle, Halle" TFWS 2026"

Halle, halle, halle-luya!

Halle, halle, halle-luya!

Halle, halle, halle-luya!

Halle-luya, halle-luya!

Celebration of Confirmation

Macy Chanley, Caroline Curtis, Harry Henrikson, and Rylan Navarro

Musical Offering

"Abide"

Cheryl Doty/Sue Woods

by Aaron Keys & Aaron Williams

A Story of Freedom John 15:1-8

Scripture Reader - Ed Bashaw

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Hymn

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH 451

Sermon

“Connections”

Rev. Ron Harris

Prayers of the People: Rev. Karla Sheffy
Lord’s Prayer

Opportunities to Live Resurrected

Volunteer Giving: Carrie Riggs

Offering – Rev. Karla Sheffy

Doxology

“I Love to Tell the Story”
The Savior of our stories
has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story,
for others need it too.
To ev’ry one who’s hurting
ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen
and grants his peace to all.

UMH 156

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Offertory Prayer: Rev. Karla Sheffy

Closing Hymn

“Go, Make of All Disciples”

UMH 571

Announcements – Rev. Karla Sheffy

Blessing for the Journey – Rev. Ron Harris

And now, may you go into the world,
sharing the Good News of Resurrection
for yourself, for others, for the world.

And may the God who created you to live in harmony with yourself and others,
the Christ who showed you what acceptance and mercy looks like,
and the Spirit who is transforming your life even now,
be with you now and evermore.

Amen.

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Postlude