

October 20, 2024, Worship Guide  
Co-Pastors: Rev. Ross Baker and Rev. Amanda Baker  
Worship Musicians: Cheryl Doty, Abby Worley, & Pam McGuire  
Ministry of Music: Kelly & Sam Barrett  
Acolytes: Carter LaSota & Madison Conley



## Pre Worship Video

### Welcome

Welcome to our KVOE listeners and to those watching online.  
My name is **Carrie Riggs** 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 (Pam McGuire) with Acolytes Entering & Lighting the Candles**  
**Acolytes: Carter LaSota & Madison Conley**

### Call to Worship (Carrie Riggs)

*Carrie: We look in the mirror and what do we see?*

**ALL: We see people who try to be faithful, even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

*Carrie: We look in the mirror and what do we see?*

**ALL: We see with hearts which are open to God's love, with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence tells us not to be so foolish.**

*Carrie: We look in the mirror and what do we see?*

**ALL: We see Jesus, the One who struggles with the questions we raise, who models faithfulness for all who would follow.**

**Passing the Peace**  
**(Rev. Amanda Baker)**

*ONE: The peace of the Lord be with you.*

**ALL: And Also with you.**

*ONE: You are invited to stand as you are able to and greet one another with the Peace of Christ.*

**Opening Hymn/Song**  
*"Forever" W&S #3023*

**Children's Time**  
**Rev. Amanda Baker**

**Scripture**

*Worship Reader Carrie Riggs*  
*Job 23:1-9, 16-17 NRSVUE*

23 Then Job answered:

2 "Today also my complaint is bitter;  
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.

3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!

4 I would lay my case before him  
and fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would learn what he would answer me  
and understand what he would say to me.

6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No, but he would give heed to me.

7 There the upright could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

8 "If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;

9 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

16 God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me.

17 If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!

**Musical Offering** *(Kelly & Sam Barrett accompanied by Pam McGuire)*

## **Sermon: “Taking God to Court”**

Rev. Ross Baker

### **Prayer Song**

*It is Well with My Soul UMH 377 vs 1*

### **Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Amanda Baker

*One: In the midst of darkness, you call forth light.  
In the radiance of your light, you invite us to walk into the mystery of your darkness.*

**All: You are our light in this darkness, O God.  
Be our guide, that we may not be afraid to walk where no light shines.**

*One: You fill your creation with hope for peace,  
but you also remind us of nature's destructive power.*

**All: Shelter us in the midst of storms,  
that we may offer shelter to those around us.**

*One: May we show forth the light of your glory  
by offering ourselves in love to all who are hurting,  
and all who are helping those who hurt.*

**All: When all we have is taken away, still you hold us as your very own. Blessed  
are you, Lord God of the universe, so we pray as your son Jesus taught us to:**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*It is Well with My Soul UMH 377 vs 4*

### **Offering Our Gifts - Rev. Ross Baker**

### **Doxology**

*UMH 94*

### **Announcements- Rev. Amanda Baker**

### **Closing Song**

*“We've a Story to Tell to the Nations” UMH 569*

### **Benediction- Rev. Ross Baker**

### **Going Out Song:**

*“Trees of the Field” TFWS 2279*