



November 3, 2024, Worship Guide
Co-Pastors: Rev. Ross Baker and Rev. Amanda Baker
Worship Musicians: Cheryl Doty, Sue Woods, & Abby Worley
Ministry of Music: Sanctuary Choir
Acolytes: Lucy Barrett & Carter LaSota



Pre Worship Video

Welcome

Welcome to our KVOE listeners and to those watching online.

My name is **Robbie Hill** 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 with Acolytes Entering & Lighting the Candles

Acolytes: **Lucy Barrett & Carter LaSota**

Call to Worship

(Robbie Hill)

Worship Reader: In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,

All: "Let there be light!"

Worship Reader: In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,

All: "I am the Light of the world."

Worship Reader: In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

All: The ones in whom God's light shines.

Worship Reader: So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

All: And let us worship God.

Worship Reader: We gather this morning to remember our call:

All: To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

Worship Reader: We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives,

All: Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all.

Worship Reader: We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility.

**All: With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,
let us worship God.**

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**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

"For All the Saints" (vs. 1-2, 4, 6) UMH 711

*Invitation for Kids to Help Collect Food Pantry Items while
Singing "Jesus Loves Me"*

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

Scripture

Worship Reader Robbie Hill

Acts 11:1-18, NRSVUE

11 Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. 2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, 3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" 4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. 6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. 7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' 8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' 9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' 10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. 11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. 12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. 13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; 14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" 18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Musical Offering

"Draw the Circle Wide" Words by Gordon Light & Music by Mark A. Miller - Sanctuary Choir

Directed by Abby Worley

**Sermon: "Exploring Stewardship with the Saints:
Sarah Crosby—The Way of Necessity"**

Rev. Ross Baker

Stewardship Moment: Micah Beatty

Offering Our Gifts - Rev. Ross Baker

Offertory

Doxology

UMH 94

Celebration of the Saints & Holy Communion & The Lord's Prayer

(musical Communion setting, TFWS #2257 a-d)

Announcements- Rev. Amanda Baker

Closing Song

"In Christ Alone" #3105 (lyrics below)

Benediction- Rev. Ross Baker

Going Out Song:

"Trees of the Field" TFWS 2279

In Christ Alone

By Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

W&S #3105

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love,
What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled,
When strivings cease!
My Comforter, my all in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on him was laid.
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am his, and he is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme or plan
Can ever pluck me from his hand.
Til he returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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