



January 19, 2025 9:30 am

Co-Pastors: Rev. Ross Baker and Rev. Amanda Baker

**Worship Musicians: Cheryl Doty, Abby Worley, Sue Woods
& Pam McGuire**

Ministry of Music:

Acolytes: Kate Thuma & Sadie Chanley

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Gathering

Welcome

Welcome to our KVOE listeners and to those watching online.

My name is **Eileen Holland** 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

Call to Worship

Eileen Holland

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”

The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!

We may come here to get close to Jesus,

And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”

Baptized into the reign of God,

where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people

and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,
But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”

Why are we here?

To drink the cup of fullness of life;

To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;

To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

~ written by the Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, and posted on the United Church of Christ's **Worship Ways** website. <http://www.ucc.org/worship/worship-ways/>

Prayers of the People

[Pastor Ross Baker]

Wind-riding God,
the blue skies, the sunshine,
the cool breezes cradling falling leaves:
all creation reminds us
of the delicate Artist
who has shaped us
and all that is around us.
We lift our songs
of gratitude and awe to you.

Servant-calling Jesus:
you humble our arrogance
with your acts of mercy;
you tip over our pretensions
with your modest nature;
you laugh at our hunger for power
with your words of grace.

Heart-keeping Spirit:
you bear our prayers
to the throne of grace
when they are only whispers
in our souls;
you unfold the road map
to show us the way to the Kingdom;
you transform our stuttering words
into praise and wonder to our God.

God in Community, Holy in One,

be with us in this and every moment,
even as we pray as Jesus teaches us,
Our Father...

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on *Lectionary Liturgies*. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Passing of the Peace

Opening Hymn

"Indescribable" <https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/indescribable-chris-tomlin/>

Proclamation

The Children Show Us the Way

"Jesus Loves Me"

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

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45 NRSVUE

Eileen Holland

35 James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." **36** And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" **37** And they said to him, "Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." **38** But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" **39** They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, **40** but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

41 When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. **42** So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. **43** But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, **44** and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. **45** For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many."

The Word in Music

Sermon

[Rev. Ross Baker]

"Community"

Response

"I Am Yours (The Wesley Covenant)"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OabgkohM3u4>

Pam McGuire will accompany

Offering

God has shown us the meaning of generosity in the beautiful diversity of creation, in the overflowing love of Jesus Christ, and in the never-ending gift of the Holy Spirit. God has blessed us abundantly and called us to be a community that blesses others through the sharing of our love, our talents and our material possessions. Let us rejoice now in what we have been given and in what is ours to give as we receive our morning offering.

[Offertory]

Doxology

[*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 95*](#)

Prayer of Dedication

O God, through the offering of these gifts, we become a more open people—open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heeding your call to charity and enacted love. With thanks for all good gifts, we present a portion of our substance and the whole of ourselves. Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn/Song

[*"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" UMH 581*](#)

Benediction

You have been called to serve the Lord with gladness. Go from this place knowing that God's blessings have been poured on you so that you may be a blessing to others. Be at peace and bring the good news of God's love and peace to all whom you meet. **AMEN.**

Sending Forth Song

[*"Trees of the Field"*](#)

[*TFWS 2279*](#)

Postlude