



**February 16, 2025 9:30 am**

**United Women of Faith Sunday**

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

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

**Ministry of Music: Kennedy Campbell and Abby Worley**

**Acolytes: Kate Thuma & Lucy Barrett**

**6th Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Gathering**

**Welcome**

Welcome to our KVOE listeners and to those watching online.

My name is **Kathy Herrera** 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**

***Kathy Herrera***

L: Where the Spirit of the Lord is

**P: there is peace;**

L: Where the Spirit of the Lord is

**P: there is love.**

L: There is comfort in life's darkest hour; there is light and life,

**P: there is help and power in the Spirit, in the Spirit of the Lord.**

*~ The Faith We Sing #2119*

## **Passing of the Peace**

### **Opening Hymn**

*[Together We Serve TFWS #2175](#)*

### **Proclamation**

## **The Children Show Us the Way**

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

**Children's Time-** Kelly Barrett

### **Scripture Reading**

Matthew 25:34-40 NRSVUE

*Kathy Herrera*

**34** Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, **35** for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, **36** I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' **37** Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? **38** And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? **39** And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' **40** And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

### **The Word in Music**

*"You'll Never Walk Alone"*

*Kennedy Campbell*

*Accompanied by Abby Worley on Harp*

### **Sermon**

Speaker introduced by Cathryn Harrison

*Teresa Tuchscherer*

*"Telling the Story"*

### **Response**

## **Prayers of the People**

*[Pastor Baker]*

For all the ways in which God blesses our lives, We give thanks and praise, and we offer our lives to you praying as Christ taught us to pray.

**Our Father... (The Lord's Prayer)**

## **Offering**

As we have entered this church with thanksgiving on our hearts, let us remember that we have the opportunity to joyfully share from the bounty which God has provided. In the love and name of Christ, let us receive our morning offering.

*[Offertory]*

## **Doxology**

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

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Good Shepherd, who leads and guides us through all the trials and tribulations of our lives, we bring these gifts to celebrate the ministries of justice and hope in which our church is involved. Be with us and cause us to grow in our faith and our service. AMEN.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/8524/worship-connection-november-26-2023>

## **Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn/Song**

[\*The Summons TFWS 2130\*](#)

## **Benediction**

[https://hymnary.org/text/may\\_the\\_grace\\_of\\_christ\\_our\\_savior\\_newto#authority\\_media\\_flexscores](https://hymnary.org/text/may_the_grace_of_christ_our_savior_newto#authority_media_flexscores)

May the Grace of Christ our Savior,  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor-  
Rest upon us from above.  
Thus may we abide in union,  
With each other and the Lord-  
And possess in sweet Communion,  
Peace, which Earth cannot afford. Amen.

## **Sending Forth Song**

[\*"Trees of the Field"\*](#)  
[\*TFWS 2279\*](#)

## **Postlude**