



March 23, 2025 9:30 am

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

Worship Musicians: Cheryl Doty, Abby Worley & Sue Woods

Ministry of Music: [Sanctuary Choir](#)

Acolytes: Lucy Barrett & Carter LaSota

3rd Sunday of Lent

Gathering

Welcome

Welcome to our KVOE listeners and to those watching online.

My name is **Kevin Kienholz**, and I am your worship reader this morning.

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

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One: Listen, siblings of faith. Today, you will receive the good news of Jesus.

All: The bread of life satisfies our hunger and thirst.

One: Today, God will speak to us, filling our hearts and healing our souls.

All: The bread of life loves us and knows our needs.

One: Today, there will be enough bread for all, enough to mend every broken place.

All: The bread of life has come to sustain us. Believing this promise, let us worship together!

Prayer of Confession

[Rev. Ross Baker]

Often, we overlook the daily provision we've received
and choose instead to focus on things we do not yet have.
Let us confess our sins of ingratitude and greed together.

**God of abundance,
we confess we overlook your daily provision.
We take your gifts for granted,
longing for what we do not have instead of treasuring what we do.**

**Our hearts are often filled with envy,
and our desires pull us away from gratitude.
Forgive us, O God.
Open our eyes to your faithfulness
and teach us to live with contentment and thanksgiving.
We trust that you provide all we truly need.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Siblings in faith, hear this good news:

Our compassionate God is faithful to pardon our sins and will set us on the
paths of gratitude and generosity. Receive forgiveness and be at peace.

Passing of the Peace

One: Beneath the mantle of peace, Jesus, the bread of life, provides a bounty of
fellowship, care, and connection.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Take a moment to greet others with the peace of Christ, which inspires us to care
for the needs of our community.

Opening Hymn

[*"You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" UMH 629 \(vs. 1-2, 4-5\)*](#)

Proclamation

The Children Show Us the Way

"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time- Rev. Ross Baker

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:9-13 NRSVUE

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9 "Pray, then, in this way:
Our Father in Heaven,
may your name be revered as holy.

10 May your kingdom come.
May your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us today our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one.

The Word in Music

"Come Sunday" by Duke Ellington - Sanctuary Choir

Sermon

[Rev. Amanda Baker]

"Bread for Each Day"

Response

Bread of Life by Andrea Hamilton and Amanda Meisenheimer - **LYRICS BELOW**

Prayers of the People

[Rev. Ross Baker]

One: Good and loving God, we praise your name because you are our Creator. You care for the world with compassion and mercy. Like Jesus, we ask that your kin(g)dom come on earth as it is in heaven. May your redeeming work continue in and around us so all creation might be renewed in the light of your loving gaze.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: We lift up those among us and around the world who are suffering from lack. Grant us the courage to be helpful, generous change-makers so everyone may have what they need to live abundantly.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: Like Jesus, we offer forgiveness to those who have wronged us, just as we know you forgive us for our sins.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: Like Jesus, we know you are our hope of salvation from all forms of evil and destruction. You are the deliverer who will see us safely home.

All: Give us this day our daily bread.

One: We pray these things because we trust you are a kind parent. You concern yourself with the needs, wants, dreams, and delights of your children. Yours is the kin(g)dom, the power, and the glory forever.

Through Christ, the bread of life, hear us as we now pray as Christ taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Offering

[Offertory]

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

Holy God, receive these humble gifts
and bless those who give with steady daily provision.

Help us steward these gifts wisely
and multiply our resources to do good work in faith.

Amen.

Announcements

Closing Hymn/Song

[*"10,000 Reasons \(Bless the Lord\)"*](#)

Benediction

Go now into the world brimming with love for God and others.
May you share the bread of life,
offering not only what sustains the body but what nourishes the soul.
Live your lives serving in the way of Jesus,
extending compassion to the weary,
hope to the despairing,
and bread to the hungry.

As you go, may the love of God enfold you,
the peace of Christ guide you,
and the power of the Holy Spirit sustain you,
now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Forth Song

"Trees of the Field"

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Postlude