



May 11, 2025 9:30 am

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

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

Ministry of Music: Giada Bulinski

Offertory: Don Bailey

Acolytes:

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Welcome

Welcome to our KVOE listeners and to those watching online.

My name is **Lane Hollern**, 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.

Announcements

Prelude

Call to Worship

Lane Hollern

We gather together to worship God,
the Shepherd of our souls.

**The one who has created us,
who sustains us,
who redeems us...**

Who walks beside us in good times and bad,
and who calls us to follow.

**This is our God!
Let's worship Him together!**

<https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/worship-resources-for-may-15-2011.html>

Opening Hymn

"Great Are You Lord"

<https://tabs.ultimate-guitar.com/tab/all-sons-daughters/great-are-you-lord-chords-1401417>

Proclamation

The Children Show Us the Way

"Jesus Loves Me"

Children's Time- Rev. Amanda Baker

**ESU Graduation Recognition & Prayer
Revs. Ross & Amanda Baker & Rev. Kurt Cooper**

Scripture Readings

Psalm 23 & John 10:22-30 NRSVUE

Lane Hollern

1. *The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*
2. *He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;*
3. *he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.*
4. *Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*
5. *You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*
6. *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.*

John 10:22-30

22 At that time the Festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. 24 So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." 25 Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The

works that I do in my Father's name testify to me, 26 but you do not believe because you do not belong to my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, in regard to what he has given me, is greater than all, and no one can snatch them out of the Father's hand. 30 The Father and I are one."

The Word in Music

"Oceans" Giada Bulinski

Sermon

[Rev. Ross Baker]

"Claimed!"

Response

Mother's Day Litany & Pastoral Prayer- Rev. Amanda Baker

Lord's Prayer

Offering

[Offertory Music: Don Bailey]

Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow **UMH #95***

Prayer of Dedication

Gracious and loving God,
all of your works,
all that you have done for us,
testify to your love.
You gave everything
to bring us the promise of eternal life.
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
may all that we do and all that we are
testify to your amazing care and compassion.
In gratitude and love,
we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3752/worship-elements-may-12-2019>

Service of Baptism & Confirmation UMH 33

Ezra Beatty- For Baptism & Confirmation

Reese Myers- For Confirmation

Sarah Beth Pringle- For Confirmation

Giada Bulinski- For Baptism & Confirmation

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Closing Hymn UMH 572

"Pass it On"

Benediction

Go now with your trust in the good shepherd,
and let us love, not just in words,
but in truth and action.

Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.

May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.

And may the Holy Spirit abide in you
....and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

...**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Sending Forth Song

"Trees of the Field"

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Postlude - Sue Woods