



**July 13, 2025 9:30 am**

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

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

***Musical Offering: Cheryl Doty***

**5th Sunday after Pentecost**

## **Gathering**

### **Welcome**

Welcome to our KVOE listeners and to those watching online.

My name is **Ed Bashaw**, 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**

**Ed Bashaw**

Leader: Great Spirit of God, you have healed our wounds.

**People: You have brought us from paths of hurt and anger.**

Leader: You have blessed our life that we might be a blessing to others.

**People: Let us worship you in great joy.**

Leader: Let us remember the ways you have turned our mourning into dancing.

**People: Let us give thanks to you forever. AMEN.**

## Opening Prayer

God of power and might, let your love shine on us and through us to others. Take the blindness from our eyes and our hearts. Give us the joy of knowing and serving you in all that we say, think, and do. In Jesus' Name, we pray. **Amen.**

## Passing the Peace

### Opening Hymn

[\*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" UMH 384\*](#)

### Proclamation

## The Children Show Us the Way

[\*"Jesus Loves Me"\*](#)

### Children's Time

### Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1-6 NRSVUE

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*9 Meanwhile, Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."*

## The Word in Music

[\*"That's the Love of God" by Greg Nelson & Phill McHugh - Cheryl Doty\*](#)

### Sermon

[\*\[Rev. Ross Baker\]\*](#)

***"U-Turn!"***

### Response

Prayer Song- [\*"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" UMH 349 \(2x\)\*](#)

Pastoral Prayer- [\*Rev. Ross Baker\*](#)

### Lord's Prayer

### Offering

### Doxology

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

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Faithful God, as we move forward in these summer months, help us listen to your call and obey. We thank you for these gifts being offered here today and ask you to bless and unite us in our mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world. **Amen**

## **Announcements**

### **Closing Song**

*[“Amazing Grace \(My Chains Are Gone\)”](https://www.worshiptogether.com/songs/amazing-grace-my-chains-are-gone/)*

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### **Benediction**

Now it is time to get up and go.

**We will leave in order to follow God into the world.**

Now it is time to enter the brokenness all around us.

**We will go to bring the healing and peace of Jesus to all.**

Now it is time to bring words of hope and grace to all.

**The Spirit will give us the words we need in every moment. Amen.**

### ***Sending Forth Song***

*[“Trees of the Field”](#)*

*[TFWS 2279](#)*

### **Postlude - Sue Woods**