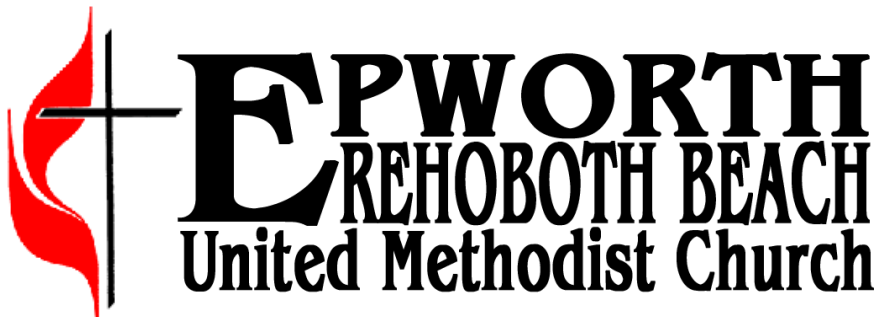




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Sunday, March 21, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Epworth!

Sunday indoor Worship—10 a.m.

Starts today, March 21

(Reservations required and COVID social distancing requirements will be required)

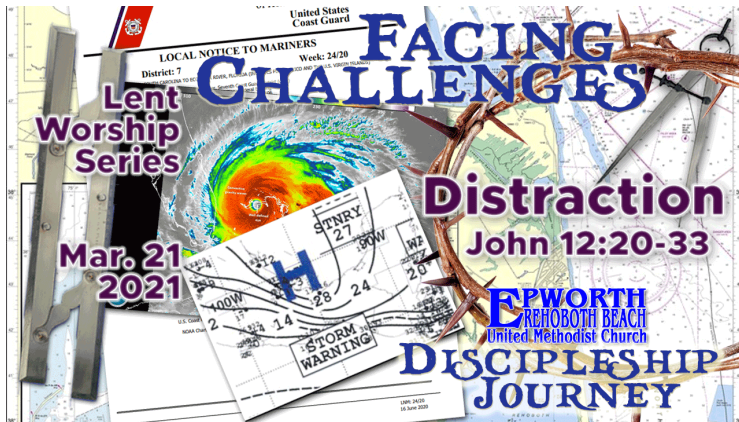
Call the church office at 227-7743 to reserve

Sunday Live stream Worship—10 am

YouTube: Epworth UMC Rehoboth Beach DE

ASL Interpretation on YouTube:

Epworth UMC ASL Rehoboth Beach, DE



THIS SUNDAY

Distraction: We cannot let the good distract us from the best.

Next Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm/Passion Sunday

Worship Series: Facing Challenges

Endurance: Even Jesus could not avoid pain in this life and invites us not to turn away from our own pain or the pain of others

Focal lesson: Mark 11:1-11;15:1-47

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Epworth Staff

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vgordy-stith@eumcrb.org

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Pastor of Community & Communication
bgordy-stith@eumcrb.org

Minister of Music: Doug Yetter

Coordinator of Caring Ministries: Mickie McManamon

Office Manager: Darlene Ford ... Special Projects: Debbie Hunt

Administrative Assistant: Barbara Kurtz

Lead Interpreter: Sandy Davis ... Accompanist: Linda Jo Hess

Sound Tech: Ben Carper ... Video Production ... Thomas Vyas

Preschool Director: Betsy Plowman ... Nursery: Cathy Crawford

Custodian: Wanda Hudson ... Maintenance: Mike Harrigan

Cemetery Superintendent: Jay Stevenson

VISION: Exploring Faith,
Embracing Community;
MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
Connecting, Caring.

STRUCTURE:

Four Ministry Teams

Inviting Team

Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice

Belonging Team

Small Groups, Belongings, Sunday School, All Age Level Groups

Connecting Team

Worship, Music, Conferences, Retreats

Caring Team

Good Sam, Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries

Affiliating with other United Methodists for greater inclusiveness through the Reconciling Ministries Network

Long-Term Prayer Concerns
are on page 4 during the virus

Attendance last weekend, March 14,-2021

Sunday Live stream	ASL	Total
169	14	183
(as of 3/18)		

Our Spring Newsletter is Out

Read it online (eumcrb.org) or call the church office.

✠ WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY ✠

Prelude		Doug Yetter, organ
Gathering in Praise	<i>King Of Heaven</i>	
Welcome & Sharing the Mission & Ministry of Epworth		Pastor Vicki
Passing the Peace and Preparing the Worship Space		
*Opening Hymn	<i>Would I Have Answered When You Called</i>	
Children's Celebration		Pastor Vicki

✠ WE ENGAGE THE WORD ✠

Sequence Hymn	<i>The Lord of Life, A Vine Is He</i>	
*Gospel Lesson	<i>John 12:20-33</i>	Jayne Tamburello
Anthem	<i>Here In The House Of The Lord</i>	Epworth Select Choir
We Pray for our Pastors		Jayne Tamburello
Sermon	<i>Distraction:</i> We cannot let the good distract us from the best	Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

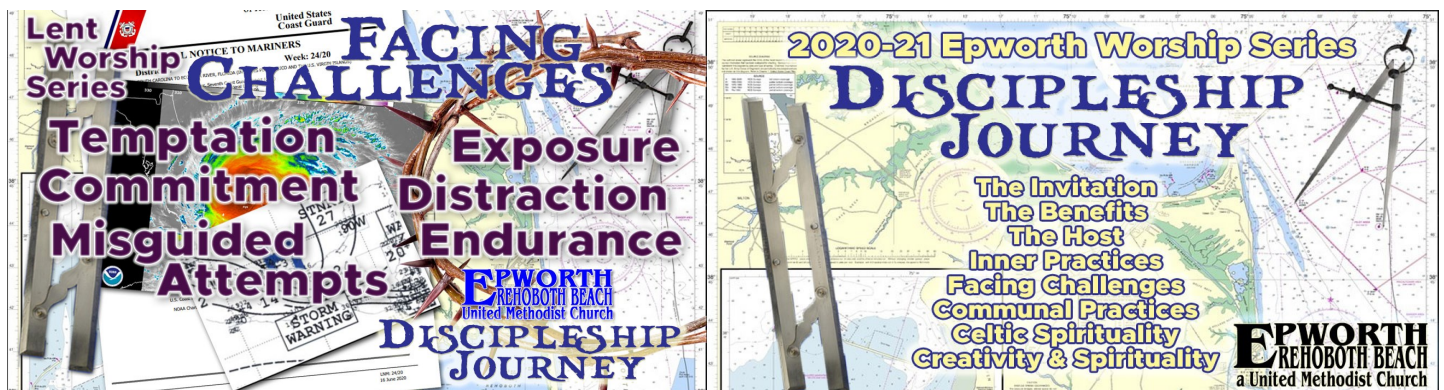
✠ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ✠

Sharing Our Gifts	<i>Offerings are given through check, on-line giving, Texting at 302-488-0038</i> <i>Bless your heart for supporting our ministries!</i>	
Offertory:	<i>The Way (New Horizon)</i>	
Prayers of Response		Pastor Vicki
The Lord's Prayer	<i>(sung responsively)</i>	

✠ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ✠

*Sending Forth	<i>Draw Me Close</i>	
*Benediction & Three-Fold Amen		
Postlude		Doug Yetter, organ

❖ = Please stand as you are able; § = congregational response



This Week at Epworth

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

10:00 a.m. On-line Worship

1:00 p.m. Food & Love To Go

MONDAY, MARCH 22

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. First State Tutoring

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.—Good Sam Food Take-Out

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

1:00 p.m. Choir Practice

4:00 p.m. First State Tutoring

5:30 p.m. Memorial Bells

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

2:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.—Good Sam Food Take-Out

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

CLOSED—Phone calls only 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

CLOSED

9:00 a.m. Belongings Class

Bulletins for the month of March are sponsored by Epworth.

Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God.

Acolyte:

Sound: Ben Carper, Mickie McManamon, Noah Ryan, Tommy Vyas, Alex Tamburello

Church Offerings

During these tough times of COVID, the day-to-day operational expenses of the church are still on-going. If you are not attending our in-house worship services and you don't already give electronically, please remember to mail your offerings to the church at 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE, 19971 or call the church office to find out how you can start giving electronically, 302-227-7743.

Belongings Class

We will be having a Belongings Class for those who want to join Epworth on Saturday, March 27, from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Please call the church office at 302-227-7743 to sign up. You'll get to meet our Pastors.

Free Easter Dinner Kit

Epworth is putting together free Easter Dinner Kits. Call 302-396-7379 to pre-register. The pick-up dates are Sunday, 3/28, from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, 3/30, from 9 a.m. until noon and Thursday, 4/1, from 2-4 p.m.

coronavirus.delaware.gov/testing/

COVID-19 Relaunch Plan Update

- ❖ Live Stream Worship is on Facebook and YouTube at 10:00 a.m. Join us at 10:00 a.m. Sundays! Subscribe and click the Bell.
- ❖ We live stream an ASL-interpreted version of the worship service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube ASL Channel. Be sure to subscribe and click the Bell.
- ❖ Good Sam Food Ministry & Soup Kitchen are OPEN. Food is available to anybody with an emergency need for food—Dive-up/walk-up service at our Oceanside Entrance. Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, Thursdays from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. with a hot meal from the Soup Kitchen. Food and monetary donations to restock our supplies are accepted at the Bayside entrance (drive-up) under the steeple during these hours or electronically on our Giving page, simply designate "Good Sam" on the comment line.
- ❖ Your continued financial support of the ministries of Epworth UMC by donating your time, food for the hungry, and financial support shines a light in the darkness of the COVID-19 crisis. Your may mail your check to the church office, give electronically at www.eumcrb.org/give or by texting GIVE to 302-488-0038 on your SmartPhone.

Sponsors for Bulletins & Newsletters Needed

We are in need of sponsors for the bulletins and newsletters for 2021. Here is what is needed: Bulletins for April, June, August, November & December. Newsletters for June/July/August, September/October/November and December/January/February. Please call the church office at 227-7743 and ask for Debbie.

Coffee or Dessert via Zoom with our Pastors

Meet and greet via Zoom with our Pastors during COVID with a morning coffee or evening dessert meeting. Dates are as follows:

Coffee (10:30-11:30 a.m.)	Dessert (6:30-7:30 p.m.)
3/25, 4/22, 5/6, 5/20	4/1, 4/15, 4/29
6/3, 6/17	5/13, 5/27, 6/24

Call the church office to register—302-227-7743

Sunday School Online!

Please find Sunday School lessons, story sheets, spiritual practice suggestions, and craft sheets online on our website, eumcrb.org, for younger and older elementary children. We give thanks for Connie Holdridge and Linda BenderHilt for making the story recordings.

Epworth's Green Team Selling Tote Bags

Epworth's Green Team is restarting the sale of our reusable Kelly's Tote bags (made from horse feed bags—we also have a few dog, cat and bird food bags). The cost is \$5 each. If you are interested, please contact Lauren Stayton (laurenstayton@gmail.com or 302-593-5552) or Gail Gingrich (gvgingrich@gmail.com or 302-344-3596) for payment and pickup/delivery arrangements.



You can help stop the spread.

Find a testing site near you.

Caring Pathway - Prayer List

**Names printed in Italics indicate additions to our prayer list this week.*

MARCH 21, 2021

CONCERNS

J.B.
Roberta H.
Mary Ann Balcer-Cohen
Beebe Hospital Staff
Melda Bengston
Karen Bengston
Bill Bernhart
Gavin Birl
Andy Brangenberg
Nancy Brooks
Al Brown
Judy Buchanan
Bob Buchmann
Anne Buck
Margaret & Tom Cahall
Rob Cline
Roger Caffier
Ben Catley
Thomas Crawford
Daniel
Max Dick
Juliet Downes
Emmalane Ewing
Fifer Family
Mike Farley
Bob Frame, Sr.
Joe Gentry
Susie Gorecki
Daryl Grimes
Andrea Harmer
Cecilia Hartman
Candice Highfield
Linda Hess & Family
Ray Hilt
Dee Keaney
Barbara Kurtz
Paulette Lewandowski
Lynn
Patrick Mahan
Jerry Mahon
Nora Mastrippolito
Ron Paxton
Peg Peet
Gary Ralph
Bill Robinson
Barb Rowe
Dorothy & John Sadler
Emily Sellers
George Smith
Hank Smith

Sue Spencer
Wave Starnes
Noreen Strohmer
Chris Tyler
Laura Unruh
Doris Wert
Sharon Wert
Gloria Woodson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

50+ years—CONGRATULATIONS!

SYMPATHIES



CONTINUED PRAYERS

HOMEBOUND, HOSPICE OR LONG TERM CARE

Connie Horne, Harbor Health +
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health +
Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Jesse Vyas, home w/ hospice
Lynn Aurand, Hospice

IN HEALTHCARE FACILITIES

BRANDYWINE

Rosemarie VanIngen

MEN & WOMEN OF OUR ARMED FORCES

Kristen Bakkegard, U.S.N.
Bradley Bliton, U.S.A.F.
Chase Collins, U.S.A.
Logan Collins, U.S.A.
Mark Freda, U.S.A.F.
Megan Gravette, U.S.N.A. Plebe
Capt. Michael Holdridge, USMC
Michael Knight, U.S.A.F.
James Lanman, U.S.N.G.
Matthew McMeekin, U.S.N.
Brendan Neagle, U.S.M.C.
Stephen James Norris, U.S.N.
Elena Rooney, U.S.A.
Chadd Shirk, U.S.M.C.
Luke Wilson, U.S.C.G. Cadet

SERVICEMEN/ WOMEN IN HARMS WAY:

Michael Sakurai Will, US Army Ft.
Jackson, stationed in Alaska
Luke Wilson, USCG Mohawk,
Key West
Jeff Teller, Afghanistan US Corps of
Engineers

RED CROSS VOLUNTEERS:

Ed Scarborough

GOOD SAM MOBILE PRAYER LIST:



DEMONSTRATING CARE