



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, July 16, 2023  
7th Sunday after Pentecost

**TRANSFORMED  
PEOPLE  
OF THE  
BIBLE**

**Luke 8:1-2;  
John 19:25;  
20:1-2, 11-18**

**July 9, 2023**

**Mary  
Magdalene**



Welcome to Epworth Worship  
Sunday 10 am  
in-person and online

10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)  
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***VISION: Explore Faith,  
Embrace Community***  
***MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,  
Connecting, Caring***

***All Means All***

As a [Reconciling Ministries Network](#) congregation, we welcome all people, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to share their prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.



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**We Gather in Worship** Doug Yetter, organ

**NEED YOU NOW**

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Christa Wells, Luke Sheets, & Tiffany Arbuckle Lee

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**Well, ev'rybody's got a story to tell,  
and ev'rybody's got a wound to be healed.**

**I want to believe there's beauty here.**

**'Cause oh, I get so tired of holding on.**

**I can't let go, I can't move on.**

**I want to believe there's meaning here.**

*How many times have You heard me cry  
out, "God, please take this?"*

*How many times have You given me  
strength to just keep breathing?*

*Oh, I need You. God, I need You now.*

**Standing on a road I didn't plan,  
wond'ring how I got to where I am,  
I'm trying to hear that still, small voice.  
I'm trying to hear above the noise.**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**Though I walk, though I walk  
through the shadows, and I, I am so afraid.  
Please stay, please stay right beside me  
with ev'ry single step I take.**

**How many times have You heard me cry  
out? How many times have You given me  
strength?**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**TAG: I need You now. Oh, I need You.  
God, I need You now.**

**I need You now. I need You now.**

**CHAIN BREAKER**

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Mia Fieldes, Jonathan Smith, & Zach Williams

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**If you've been walking the same old road  
for miles and miles,**

**If you've been hearing the same old voice  
tell the same old lies,**

**If you're trying to fill the same old holes in-  
side, there's a better life, there's a better life.**

*If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.*

*If you feel lost, He's a way maker.*

*If you need freedom or saving,*

*He's a prison-shaking savior.*

*If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.*

**We've all searched for the light of day  
in the dead of night.**

**We've all found ourselves worn out  
from the same old fight.**

**And we've all run to things  
we know just ain't right.**

And there's a better life, there's a better life.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

If you believe it, if you receive it,  
if you can feel it, somebody testify.

If you believe it, if you receive it,  
if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.

If you believe it, if you receive it,  
if you can feel it, somebody testify.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

TAG: Oh, if you need freedom or saving,  
He's a prison-shaking savior.

If you've got chains, oh, He's a chain  
breaker.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

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**Almighty God, my Redeemer,  
my hiding place, my safe refuge.**

**No other name like Jesus,  
no pow'r can stand against You.**

**My feet are planted on this rock,  
and I will not be shaken.**

**My hope, it comes from You alone,  
my Lord and my salvation.**

*Your praise is always on my lips.*

*Your Word is living in my heart.*

*And I will praise You with a new song,  
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

*You fill my life with greater joy.*

*Yes, I delight myself in You.*

*And I will praise You with a new song,  
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

**My feet are planted on this rock,  
and I will not be shaken.**

**My hope, it comes from You alone,  
my Lord and my salvation.**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**When I am weak You make me strong.**

**When I'm poor I know I'm rich.**

**For in the power of Your name  
all things are possible,**

**All things are possible, all things are possi-  
ble,**

**all things are possible!**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**When I am weak You make me strong.**

**When I'm poor I know I'm rich.**

**For in the power of Your name**

**all things are possible, all things are possi-  
ble,**

all things are possible, all things are possible!

**Kid's Time**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Gather Us In

Marty Haugen, 1997

Here in this place a new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dream-  
ings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.

*Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*

We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,  
we are the old who yearn for Your face,  
We have been sung throughout all of  
hist'ry,  
called to be light to the whole human race.

*Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;  
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.*

Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light-years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shin-  
ing,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.

*Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us Your own;  
Gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.*

**Prayers of Response** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### The Lord's Prayer – *Sung Responsively*

**Lesson**

*Acts 9:1-20, 26-28*

RuthAnn Barnes, reader

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 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. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

He asked, "Who are you, Lord?"

The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias."

He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul.

At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

So Ananias went and entered the house.

He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

## **WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME**

*Chancel Choir*

Reuben Morgan; arranged by Lloyd Larson ©1998

Let the weak say, "I am strong."

Let the poor say, "I am rich."

Let the blind say, "I can see."

It's what the Lord has done in me."

*{Repeat to top}*

*Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.  
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.*

Into the river I will wade.  
There my sins are washed away,  
From the heaven's mercy stream  
of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep  
into the saving arms of God.  
I will sing salvation songs:  
Jesus Christ has set me free! *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

Let the weak say, "I am strong."  
Let the poor say, "I am rich."  
Let the blind say, "I can see."  
It's what the Lord has done in me."

Prayer RuthAnn Barnes

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Sharing Our Gifts Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## GO OUT AND TELL

Chancel Choir

Words by Herb Frombach; Music by David Lantz III ©2004

Hear the good news. I am the key.  
The deaf will hear, and the blind will see.  
Jesus said, "Come and follow me."  
The deaf do hear, and the blind do see.  
Hear the good news. I am the key.  
The lame will walk, and the demons flee.  
Jesus said, "Come and walk with me."  
The lame do walk and the demons flee.  
*Go out and tell what you see and hear.  
When you believe, you need not fear.  
Go out and tell what you see and hear.  
When you believe, you need not fear, hal-  
lelujah! Go out and tell, you need not fear.  
Hallelujah! Go and tell the world!*

Hear the good news. I am the key.  
The dead will rise, and the sick be free.  
Jesus said, "Come and be with me."  
The dead are raised, and the sick are free.  
*{Repeat Chorus}*

Benediction Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

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When I am weak You make me strong.  
When I'm poor I know I'm rich.  
For in the power of Your name  
all things are possible,  
All things are possible,

all things are possible,  
all things are possible!

*Your praise is always on my lips.*

*Your Word is living in my heart.*

*And I will praise You with a new song,  
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

*You fill my life with greater joy.*

*Yes, I delight myself in You.*

*And I will praise You with a new song,  
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

When I am weak You make me strong.

When I'm poor I know I'm rich.

For in the power of Your name

all things are possible,

all things are possible,

all things are possible, all things are possible!

# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 19, 2023

## SYMPATHY:

To Ed Scarborough, family and friends, death of Ed's sister, Brenda Whealton last week.

## CONCERNS:

To the victims of the weather outbreaks across the US

The People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Beebe Hospital Staff

Cody Arbuthnot

David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Brad Bingaman

Diaz Bonville

Pam Bookman

Andy Brangenberg

Rev. Dr. Bill Brown & Family

David Caffier

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Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Tom Groff

Steve Harp

Gene Harris

Carmela Heelan

**Susan Helmstadter**

Barb Henriksen

Ray Hilt

Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Deb Hunt

Ted Kerwin

Chole Kincaid Kream

Nancy Lathbury

Carolyn Laurenzo

David & Sue Laverty

Lorretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Ryan Martin

Brenda Milbourne

Steve O'Donnell

Ann Paulen

Bob Paulen

Ron Paxton

John Riley Spillane

**Jaiden Redick and family**

Charlie Reynolds

Carl Richards

Betty Robbins



Sandy Roca  
Caitlyn Roche  
Peter Rupprecht  
Sandi Russell  
Dorothy & John Sadler  
Irene and Tom Saffrit  
Ed Scarborough  
Dianne Shearon  
Susan Shollenberger  
Fred and Sharyn Smith  
Ray Sonderfan  
Mark Stanzillis  
Paul Streit  
Cheryl Tarlecky  
Mark Thompson  
Renee Toney  
Susanne Truitt  
Wanda Walton-Hummel  
Michael Wills, Sr  
Carol Wine  
Dan Wine  
Charlotte Woods  
Claire Worrall  
Janet Yabroff  
Susan Yates  
Jean Young

Continued Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Home-  
bound, Hospice or in Long Term Care

Donna Blomquist, The Moorings  
Ann Chambers, The Moorings  
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health  
Carolyn Robinson-Brandywine  
Linda Rooney  
Barb Rowe, Renaissance  
Quinn Smith  
Elaine Trexler

Servicemen/Women:

Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska  
Hailye Wilson, USCG Key West  
Luke Wilson, USCG Key West  
Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB  
Jacob Hudson, Quantico  
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

Students away from home

Autumn Reynolds-Cedar Crest College  
Kristina Alexander, UD  
Cole Thomas Juliano,  
Wade Stout-  
Alex Tamburello, Delaware College of Art and Design  
Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech

# Epworth Ministry Organization



## Staff & Leadership

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Pastor of Community & Communication:

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) (x103)

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Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

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Special Projects: [Debbie Hunt](#) (x101)

Administrative Assistant: [Barbara Kurtz](#) (x100)

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

ASL Interpreter: [Sandy Roca](#)

Preschool Director: [Betsy Plowman](#) (x107)

Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

Governing Board Chair—Linda Kauffman

Lay Leader—Todd Popham

Finance Chair—David Hagelin

Staff-Parish Relations Chair—Sandy Pierce

Board of Trustees Chair—Bunny Maher

### Inviting Leadership Team

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

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith and Bob Joynson

### Belonging Leadership Team

(Small Groups, New Members/Belongings, Sunday School, Youth & Adult Groups)

Gwen Osborne, Linda BenderHilt, Loretta Mahan, Cathie Lewis and Teri Moore

### Connecting Leadership Team

(Worship, Music, Arts)

Doug Yetter and Murray Archibald

### Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

Mickie McManamon, Dee Speck and Holly Reynolds

## Attendance last weekend, July 9, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
250	283	16	10	559