

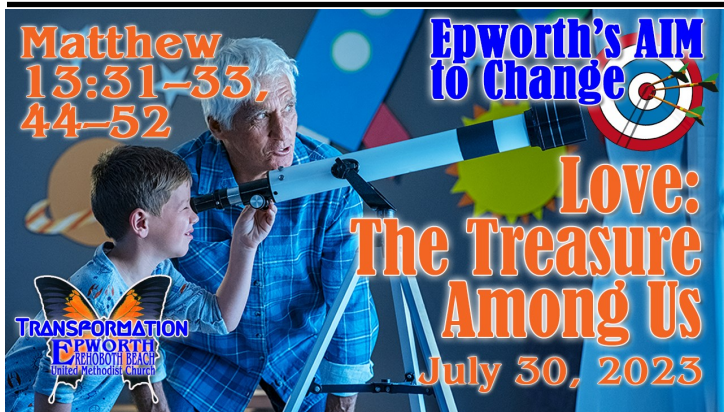


EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, July 30, 2023
9th Sunday after Pentecost



**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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Build Your Kingdom Here

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Rend Collective ©2012 Thank You Songs

**Come set Your rule and reign
in our hearts again.
Increase in us, we pray.
Unveil why we're made.
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls.
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.
We are your church.
We need your pow'r in us.**

**We seek Your kingdom first,
we hunger and we thirst,
refuse to waste our lives,
for You're our joy and prize.
To see the captive hearts released;
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace,
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are your church.**

We pray: revive this earth.

*Build Your kingdom here,
let the darkness fear.*

*Show Your mighty hand,
heal our streets and land.*

*Set Your church on fire,
win this nation back.*

Change the atmosphere,

build Your kingdom here, we pray.

**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are your church.
We are the hope on earth.**

{Repeat Chorus Twice}

Burning In My Soul

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Brett Younker, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, & Daniel Caron

©2013 Worship Together Songs

**There is power, power,
here in this hour, this hour.
We're all together, together,
waiting here as one. {Repeat to top}**

Whoa, hear the sound from heaven.

Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.

Whoa. We're calling for revival.

God, let your fire fall again.

*It's burning in my soul---,
burning in my soul---*

All your sons and your daughters,
dreaming the dreams of their father,
Seeing the signs and the wonders:
the Kingdom of God. Yeah.

{Repeat Chorus}

I cannot contain it, this fire inside.
I cannot contain it, so let it shine.
I cannot contain it, this light of mine.

*It's burning in my soul,
hear the sound from heaven.
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.
Whoa. We're calling for revival.
God, let your fire fall again.
It's burning in my soul---,
burning in my soul---,
it's burning in my soul---,
burning in my soul---*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Goodness of God

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ed Cash,
& Ben Fielding ©2019 Shout Music Publishing

I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never
fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up,
until I lay my head –

oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful.

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able,

oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice.

You have led me through the fire.

And in the darkest nights

You are close like no other.

I've known You as Jehovah,

I've known You as a friend.

And I have lived in the goodness of God.

{Repeat Chorus}

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.

And Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered
now,

I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,

it's a-running after me.
And Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered
now,
I give You everything.
'Cause Your goodness is a-running,
it keeps running after me.
*And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I gonna sing of the goodness of God.
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing!
Oh, yes, 'cause all my life
You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of
God.
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of
God.*

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

Sharing Our Gifts / Announcements

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

J. M. Neale, 1861 / Henry T. Smart, 1867

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call You,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!**

**With Your faithful loving-kindness
hear Your people as they pray,
and Your fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**

**Laud and honor to our Maker,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.**

Prayers

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The Lord's Prayer – Sung Responsively

Lesson: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Cathy Benson, reader

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs

and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this?

They answered, “Yes.”

And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Cathedrals of Praise

Joseph M. Martin, 2006

Rise up, O church of God!

Lift high your call to praise.

Today we celebrate God's love,

our heritage of faith, our heritage of faith!

Let us praise God with glorious music,

let us rejoice this day of days.

We are the church, a great alleluia.

We are God's temple, living cathedrals of praise.

Let us praise God with all of our being.

Let the redeemed of God proclaim.

We are the church, a great alleluia.

We are God's temple, living cathedrals of praise!

Let us rejoice with songs of thanksgiving.

Let us rejoice in the things God has done.

Let us give voice in all of our living,

we are the children of light.

We are the steeples reaching to heaven,

a pillar of strength for the right.

We are the stones in a firm foundation.

We are the walls standing strong.

We are the doors that are always open,

so that the whole world can hear our song.

For the church is more than the brick

and the mortar. Towers will all pass away,

But the church of God will last forever;

Standing on faith, founded on grace,

A living cathedral of praise.

**Let us rejoice with songs of thanksgiving.
Let us rejoice in the things God has done.
Let us give voice in all of our living,
raising our voices as one.**

**Let us praise God with glorious music,
let us rejoice this day of days.**

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Prayer

Cathy Benson

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

We All Are One in Mission

Rusty Edwards, 1989 / Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

**We all are one in mission; we all are one in call.
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single great commission compels us from above
to plan and work together
that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service, to witness in God's name.
Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace,
so every folk and nation
may feel God's warm embrace.**

**Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.
We all are one in mission; we all are one in call,
our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

Celebrating the Retirement of the Mortgage

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Build Your Kingdom Here

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**Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,
reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this;
awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are your church.
We are the hope on earth.
*Build Your kingdom here,
let the darkness fear.
Show Your mighty hand,
heal our streets and land.
Set Your church on fire,
win this nation back.***

*Change the atmosphere,
build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

*Build Your kingdom here,
let the darkness fear.*

*Show Your mighty hand,
heal our streets and land.*

*Set Your church on fire,
win this nation back.*

*Change the atmosphere,
build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 30, 2023

CONCERNS:

To the victims of the weather outbreaks across the US

The People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Beebe Hospital Staff

J I Students

Cody Arbuthnot

Murray Archibald

David Bendekovits

Brad Bingaman

Diaz Bonville

Pam Bookman

Andy Brangenberg

Judy Buchanan

Tim Bush

David Caffier

Sylvie Drew\

Maria Erb

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Tom Groff

Steve Harp

Gene Harris

Carmela Heelan

Barb Henriksen

Ray Hilt

Donna Hitchens

Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Lorraine Hudson

Deb Hunt

Ted Kerwin

Chole Kincaid Kream

Laurie Kubler

Nancy Lathbury

David & Sue Laverty

Lorretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Ryan Martin

Brenda Milbourne

Karen Mitchell

Ann Paulen

Bob Paulen

Ron Paxton

Glenn and Sandy Pierce

John Riley Spillane

Charlie Reynolds

Carl Richards

Betty Robbins

Sandy Roca

Caitlyn Roche

Peter Rupprecht

Sandi Russell

Dorothy & John Sadler

Irene Saffrit

Tom Saffrit @Harbor Health

Ed Scarborough

Dianne Shearon

Susan Shollenberger

Fred and Sharyn Smith

Ray Sonderfan
Rob Socorso
Paul Streit
Cheryl Tarlecky
Mark Thompson
Beth Toney
Renee Toney
Susanne Truitt
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf
Amy Wall
Wanda Walton-Hummel
Gordon Weber
Michael Wills, Sr
Carol Wine
Dan Wine @Polaris, Milford
Charlotte Woods
Claire Worrall
Janet Yabroff
Michelle Yates
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

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

Epworth Ministry Organization



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

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

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Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

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Finance Chair—David Hagelin

Staff-Parish Relations Chair—Sandy Pierce

Board of Trustees Chair—Bunny Maher

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

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith and Bob Joynson

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(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 23, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
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