



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, August 20, 2023  
12th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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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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## Holy Water

Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold, Martin Cash, Franni Cash, & Ed Cash

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**God, I'm on my knees again.**

**God, I'm begging "please" again.**

**I need You, oh, I need You.**

**Walking down these desert roads,  
water for my thirsty soul.**

**I need You, oh, I need You.**

*Your forgiveness*

*is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,  
like holy water on my skin.*

**Dead man walking, slave to sin.**

**I want to know about being born again.**

**I need You, oh, God, I need You.**

**So take me to the riverside;  
take me under, baptize.**

**I need You, oh, God, I need You.**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**I don't want to abuse Your grace.**

**God, I need it ev'ry day.**

**It's the only thing**

**that ever really makes me want to change.**

*{Repeat bridge 3x}*

*Your forgiveness*

*is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,  
like holy water.*

*Your forgiveness*

*is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,  
like holy water on my skin.*

*Yeah, it's like holy water on my skin.*

*Oh, it's like holy water.*

## I AM

David Crowder & Ed Cash

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

***There's no space that God's love can't reach.***

***There's no place where we can't find peace.***

***There's no end to amazing grace.***

***Take me in with your arms spread wide.***

***Take me in like an orphaned child.***

***Never let go, never leave my side.***

*I am holding on to you.*

*I am holding on to you.*

*In the middle of the storm,*

*I am holding on, I am.*

***Love like this, oh, my God, to find.***

*I am overwhelmed; what a joy divine.  
Love like this sets our hearts on fire.  
{Repeat Chorus twice}*

*This is my resurrection song.  
This is my "Hallelujah, come!"  
This is why it's to You I run.  
This is my resurrection song.  
This is my "Hallelujah, come!"  
This is why it's to You I run.*

*There's no space that God's love can't reach.  
There's no place where we can't find peace.  
There's no end to amazing grace....*

*I am holding on to you.  
I am holding on to you.  
In the middle of the storm,  
I am holding on,  
I am holding on to you.  
I am holding on to you.  
In the middle of the storm,  
I am holding on,  
I am holding on to you.  
I am holding on to you.  
In the middle of the storm,  
I am holding on, I am. (Oh, oh.)  
I am. (Oh, oh.)  
In the middle of the storm,  
I am holding on, I am.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **I'm So Blessed**

Logan Cain, Matthew West, Taylor Matz, Jonathan Smith,  
& Madison Cain Johnson ©2023 Logan Cain Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**I'm so blessed, (I'm so blessed,  
hallelujah, I'm blessed.  
I'm so blessed, (I'm so blessed,  
hallelujah, I'm blessed.**

**Trouble knocking at my door today,  
I ain't gonna let it in.  
And worry wanna steal my joy away,  
but I ain't gonna let it win.  
'Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God,  
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.  
Oh, every day is a good day,  
and You're the reason why.**

*I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,  
got this heartbeat in my chest.  
No, it doesn't matter about the rest,  
if I got You Lord, I'm so blessed.*

**I'm so blessed, (I'm so blessed,  
hallelujah, I'm blessed.  
I'm so blessed, (I'm so blessed,**

hallelujah, I'm blessed.

And when I count the problems that I see,  
hope look all but gone.

But when I count the ways You're good to  
me,

You got me counting all day long.

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,  
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.

Oh, every day is a good day,  
and You're the reason why.

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,  
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.

Oh, every day is a good day,  
and You're the reason why.

On my best day, I'm a child of God,  
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.

Oh, every day is a good day,  
and You're the reason why.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**Kid's Time**

Mickie McManamon

- Announcements -

### All My Days

You know my words before they're said.

You know my need and I am fed.

You give me life. You know my ways,  
my strength, my path, for all my days,  
My strength, my path, for all my days.

If I should fly beyond the dawn  
the darkness will not overcome.

If I lie down in deepest night,  
still You are there, my Lord, my light,  
Still, You are there, my Lord, my light.

Our every thought, each word we say,  
the whole of time, the present day,  
are held within Your mighty hand,  
too wonderful to comprehend,  
too wonderful to comprehend.

O mend my heart and free my voice.

From sin released; I will rejoice.

O search me, Lord, my spirit cries,  
and let my song of praise arise,  
and let my song of praise arise!

**Prayers of the People**

Mickey Hoffman

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

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**Lesson: Genesis 45:1-15** Mark Horne, reader

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer.

He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So, it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty."

And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

May this scripture inspire us all...

**§ to walk in the way that leads to life.**

**And Jehovah Will Dance**

Mark Hayes  
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Chancel Choir

**And Jehovah will dance over you in joy!  
For Jehovah delights in whom They love.  
Is that a choir I hear praising Jehovah above?  
Jehovah is exulting o'er you in song!  
Jehovah spreads joy over you in song.  
Jehovah spreads joy over you in song. *{Repeat to top}***

**Awake, my soul! Awake, my soul!  
Awake, my soul and sing!  
Let my spirit rejoice! Let my spirit rejoice!  
Let my spirit rejoice in song!  
Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart.**

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Cast away fear for you have been restored.  
Put on the garment of praise, as on a festival day.  
Join with Jehovah in glorious, jubilant song.  
Jehovah spreads joy over you in song.  
Jehovah spreads joy over you in song.

And Jehovah will dance over you in joy!  
For Jehovah delights in whom They love.  
Is that a choir I hear praising Jehovah above?  
Jehovah is exulting o'er you in song!  
Jehovah rejoices over you!  
Jehovah rejoices over you!  
Jehovah rejoices over you in song!

Prayer

Mark Horne

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Rise Up

Kim Williams, 2019 / Traditional English melody

Rise up today and stand as one  
in love and unity.  
Let's recognize each child of God  
created beautifully.  
Engraved upon God's loving hands,  
each one of us by name.  
Completely known and loved by God,  
each beating heart the same.

Reach out to all humanity  
for we define the church.  
May we look inward at the heart  
to see each person's worth.  
Our loving kindness brings great hope  
to those in deep despair.  
We're called to be the light of Christ,  
a beacon ev'rywhere.

Receive God's love that never fails  
for all humanity.  
A love that will not let us go,  
throughout eternity.  
May we rise up, together strong,  
embracing human hearts.  
Proclaiming God's great love for all,  
with freedom to impart.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Look What the Lord Has Done

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Mark David Hanby / Arr. by Bradley Knight

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*Look what the Lord has done.*

*Look what the Lord has done.*

*He healed my body, He touched my  
mind.*

*He saved me just in time!*

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*Oh, I'm gonna praise His name!  
Each day He's just the same.  
Come on and praise Him;  
Look what the Lord has done.*

A lame man was sittin' outside the gate  
making alms to those who entered in.  
Peter and John came upon him,  
the lame man was expecting them.  
Peter said, "Silver and gold I have none,  
but such as I have I give to them.  
That's when the Spirit took the lame man  
and he leaped to his feet,  
crying "Look what He's done for me!"  
*{Repeat Chorus}*

I was bound by the chains of darkness  
and sin,  
I had no hope and no peace of mind.  
My sins were as scarlet;  
He washed them white as snow.  
He opened up my blinded eyes.  
Now my soul does rejoice,  
since I made Him my choice.  
I've got love, peace, everything I need.  
My names been written down  
in the Lamb's book of life.  
Can't you see what He's done for me!

*Look what the Lord has done.  
Look what the Lord has done.  
He healed my body, He touched my  
mind.  
He saved me just in time!  
Oh, I'm gonna praise His name!  
Each day He's just the same.  
Come on and praise Him;  
Look what the Lord –  
Come on and praise Him;  
Look what the Lord –  
Come on and praise Him;  
Look what the Lord has done!  
Look what the Lord has done!*

# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 20, 2023

## CONCERNS:

Teachers as they prepare for school

To the victims of the weather outbreaks

### **Maui Victims**

The People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Beebe Hospital Staff

J1 Students

Cody Arbuthnot

Murray Archibald

David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Jason Bezman

Brad Bingaman

Diaz Bonville

Pam Bookman

Andy Brangenberg

Judy Buchanan

Lou Ann Daniels

Babs Kulbalba

Tim Bush

David Caffier

Sylvie Drew\

Maria Erb

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Michael Frome

Vicki Gordy-Stith

Tom Groff

Steve Harp

Gene Harris

Carmela Heelan

Barb Henriksen

Ray Hilt

Donna Hitchens

Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Lorraine Hudson

Carol Davis Garber

Gail Gingrich

Marcy Goode

Janet Idema

Ted Kerwin

Chole Kincaid Kream

Laurie Kubler

Nancy Lathbury

David & Sue Laverty

Tyler Lewis

Robert Lewis

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, Homebound, 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  
Cole Thomas Juliano,  
Wade Stout-  
Alex Tamburello, Delaware College of Art and Design  
Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech

# Epworth Ministry Organization



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Pastor of Community & Communication:

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

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

Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

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

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(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, August 20, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
210	304	17	17	548

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