



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, August 27, 2023
13th 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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Confidence

Matt Armstrong, Chris Rohman, Dustin Lolli, & Ethan Hulse
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose.
I feel unqualified for what You're callin' me
to.

But Lord, with Your strength, I've got no
excuse,
'cause broken people are exactly who You
use.

*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's
den,*

*give me hope like Moses in the wilder-
ness.*

Give me a heart like David,

Lord, be my defense,

so I can face my giants with confidence.

You took a shepherd boy and made him a
king,
so I'm gonna trust You and give You ev'ry-
thing.

I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me;
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory.

{Refrain}

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the
walls.

Won't stop until I see 'em fall.

Gonna stand up, step out when You call,
Jesus, Jesus.

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the
walls.

Won't stop until I see 'em fall.

Gonna stand up, step out when You call,
Jesus.

{Refrain}

TAG: I'll face my giants with confidence.

Eye of the Storm

Bryan Fowler & Ryan Stevenson ©2015 Stevens Fowler
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

When the solid ground is falling out
from underneath my feet,

Between the black skies and my red eyes,
I can barely see.

And when I'm feeling like I've been let down
by my friends and my family,

I can hear the rain reminding me:

In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.

In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.

You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.

Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.

When my hopes and dreams are far from me
and I'm running out of faith,
I see the future I picture slowly fade away.
And when the tears of pain and heartache
are pouring down my face,
I find my peace in Jesus' name.

{Repeat Chorus -8 bar instrumental-}

When they let me go and I just don't know
how I'm gonna make ends meet,
I did my best; now I'm scared to death
that we might lose ev'rything.
And when a sickness takes my child away
and there's nothing I can do,
My only hope is to trust You. I trust You, Lord.
*In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me...*

*In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ed Cash,
& Ben Fielding ©2019 Shout Music Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

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.

{Repeat Chorus}

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

Pastor Vicki

- Announcements -

☞ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ☞

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Lay Leader: I now present these persons today for reception
into Epworth

New Members:

To the new members

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness

reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

§ **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression

in whatever forms they present themselves?

§

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,

put your whole trust in His grace,

and promise to serve Him as our Lord,

in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races?

§

I do.

According to the grace given to you,

Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church

and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? § **I will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,

reaffirm both your rejection of sin

and your commitment to Christ?

§

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith

and life and include these persons

now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ.

We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness that they may grow in their trust of God and be found faithful in their service to others.

We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
On the third day He rose again; He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

To the new members

Lay Leader

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

§ **I will.**

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully participate
in its ministries by your prayers, your presence,
your witness, your gifts, your service, and your witness?

§ **I will.**

If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2017 / William H. Bradbury,
1861

**If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
and don't live out a life that dares,
and don't take on the ways of death,
our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.**

**If we just dream of what could be
and do not build community,
and do not seek to change our ways,
our dreams of change are false displays.**

**If we just sing of doing good
and don't walk through our neighborhood
to learn its hope, to ease its pain,
our talk of good is simply vain.**

**God may our prayers, and dreams and songs
lead to a faith that takes on wrongs –
that takes on peace and justice, too,
then will our prayers bring joy to You.**

Morning Prayer

Scott Button

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

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Lesson: Romans 12:1-8 Lynne Wilmer, reader

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship.

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Find Us Faithful

Words and Music by Jon Mohr; Choral setting by Jack Schrader ©1987
Chancel Choir

**We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road,
and those who've gone before us line the way;
Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary,
their lives a stirring testament
to God's sustaining grace.**

**Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us run the race not only for the prize;
But as those who've gone before us,
let us leave to those behind us
the heritage of faithfulness
passed on through godly lives.**

**O may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave
lead them to believe,
and the lives we live inspire them to obey;
O may all who come behind us find us faithful.**

**After all our hopes and dreams
have come and gone,
and our children sift thru all we've left behind;
May the clues that they discover
and the mem'ries they uncover
Become the light that leads them
to the road we each must find.**

{Repeat Chorus twice}

Prayer

Lynne Wilmer

That's What Faith Can Do

Scott Davis & Scott Krippayne ©2008 Word Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Everybody falls sometimes.**Gotta find the strength to rise from the ashes,
and make a new beginning.****Anyone can feel the ache.****You think it's more than you can take,
but you're stronger, stronger than you know.****Don't you give up now;
the sun will soon be shining.****You gotta face the clouds to find the silver lin-
ing.***I've seen dreams that move the mountains,
hope that doesn't ever end
even when the sky is falling.**I've seen miracles just happen,
silent prayers get answered,
broken hearts become brand new,
that's what faith can do.***It doesn't matter what you've heard,****"Impossible" is not a word,
it's just a reason for someone not to try.****Ev'rybody's scared to death
when they decide to take that step
out on the water, but it'll be alright.****Life is so much more
than what your eyes are seeing.****You will find your way if you keep believing.***{Repeat Chorus}***Overcome the odds, you don't have a chance.****But when the world says you can't,
it'll tell you that you can.***{Repeat Chorus}***Goodness of God**

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**'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.

{Repeat Chorus}

*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.*

Stephen Ministers, wearing blue name badges,
will be at each service if anyone in our Epworth family
wants to talk about life challenges.

The special Peace Candle on the Altar
shines to remind us of God's desire for peace
throughout
our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 27, 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
Annabelle Boire
Diaz Bonville
Pam Bookman
Andy Brangenberg
Judy Buchanan
Lou Ann Daniels
Jeanne Drake
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

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CONCERNS con't

Robert Lewis
Lorretta Mahan
Jerry Mahon
Ryan Martin
Brenda Milbourne
Laura Miller Family
Karen Mitchell
Ann Paulen
Bob Paulen
Ron Paxton
Glenn and Sandy Pierce
John Riley Spillane
Vernon Redding
Charlie Reynolds
Carl Richards
Beth Rinker
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
Scott Strickler
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
Jack Witmer
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

JOY

Laurie Kubler's family will welcome a new miracle baby

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

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

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

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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, August 20, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
240	392	4	19	655

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