



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, August 6, 2023  
10th Sunday after Pentecost

**Inclusive:  
Draw the  
Circle  
Wide**

**Epworth's AIM  
to Change**



**Isaiah 55:1-5**  
**August 6, 2023**



**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*

**My Lighthouse**

Rend Collective ©2013 ThankYou Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled  
sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.  
In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled  
sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse –  
shining in the darkness, I will follow you!  
Oh my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled  
sea.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.  
Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**Come, Now is the Time to Worship**

Brian Doerkson, 2005 / Arr. by Mark Hayes  
Chancel Choir

*Come, now is the time to worship.  
Come, now is the time to give your heart.  
Come, just as you are to worship.  
Come, just as you are before your God.  
Come.*

*{REPEAT CHORUS}*

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are  
God. One day ev'ry knee will bow.  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
who gladly choose You now.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
the King of creation.  
O my soul, praise Him,  
for He is my health and salvation.  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw  
near.  
Praise Him in glad adoration.  
*Come, now is the time to worship.*  
*Come, now is the time to give your heart.*  
*Come, just as you are to worship.*  
*Come, just as you are before your God.*  
*Come, oh, come, oh, come, simply come.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **My Feet Are on the Rock**

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Josh Bronleewe, Abbie Parker, Lindsey Sweat & Matthew

Hein ©2018 All Essential Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can see the clouds roll in,  
I can feel the winds they try to shake me.  
I will not be moved, my feet are on the  
Rock.  
I can feel the waters rise,  
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me.  
Fear won't hold me now,  
my feet are on the Rock.  
*When I feel my hope about to break,*  
*I will cling to Your unchanging grace.*  
*Let the waters come and the earth give way,*  
*I'll be dancing in the rain.*  
*My feet are on the Rock.*

I can see the morning light,  
I can feel the joy on the horizon.  
Here my faith is found. I stand on solid  
ground.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
So stomp your feet and clap your hands,  
our feet are on the Rock. *{Repeat section*  
*2x}*

*When I feel my hope about to break,*  
*I will cling to Your unchanging grace.*  
*Let the waters come and the earth give way,*  
*I'll be dancing in the rain. {Repeat Chorus}*  
**TAG: My feet are on the Rock.**  
*My feet are on the Rock.*  
*My feet are on the Rock.*

Kid's Time

Pastor Vicki

- Announcements -

## **Do Not Turn Away the Children**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2007 / B. F. White, 1844

**“Do not turn away the children.**

**Let them come to me instead,  
for to them belongs the kingdom.**

**Make them welcome!” Christ, You said.**

**As we hear Your words of blessing  
that You spoke when they drew near,  
can we hear Your love addressing  
needs of children we see here?**

**Do not tell the nation’s children,  
“Schools are what we can’t afford!”**

**Give them all good education;  
teach them well, both rich and poor.**

**Do not hurry past the children  
longing for your love this day;  
for to them belongs the kingdom;  
give them time, don’t turn away.**

**Do not miss the faith of children  
who have questions deep inside,  
for to them belongs the kingdom;  
wonder with them, be their guide.**

**Jesus, as we hear Your blessing  
for those ones You welcomed in,  
may our deeds reflect Your caring  
as we welcome them again!**

**Lesson:** *Isaiah 55:1-5*

Bill Martin, reader

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters;  
and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come,  
buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not  
bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight  
yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you  
may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a wit-  
ness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peo-  
p l e s .

Now you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
has glorified you.

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

## **Draw the Circle Wide**

Words by Gordon Light / Music by Mark A. Miller ©2008  
Chancel Choir

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide.**

**No one stands alone, we’ll stand side by side.**

**Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. {Repeat}**

**Draw the circle wide, draw it wider still.**

**Let this be our song: no one stands alone.**

Standing side by side...

Draw the circle, draw the circle wide. *{Repeat}*

In your sadness, and in your grief all the pain,  
it seems there's no relief

We will hold you until the storm subsides,  
draw the circle, draw the circle wide. *{Refrain}*

Prayer

Bill Martin

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### Come to the Table

Ben Glover, Ben McDonald & Dave Frey ©2015 9Tone  
Songs

Praise Team

We all start on the outside, the outside  
looking in. This is where grace begins.

We were hungry, we were thirsty,  
with nothing left to give.

Oh, the shape that we were in.

And just when all hope seemed lost,

Love opened the door for us. He said:

*Come to the table.*

*Come join the sinners*

*who have been redeemed.*

*Take your place beside the Savior.*

*Sit down and be set free.*

*Come to the table.*

Come meet this motley crew of mis-  
fits,

these liars and these thieves;

There's no one unwelcome here.

And that sin and shame

that you brought with you,

you can leave it at the door

and let mercy draw you near.

*So, come to the table.*

*Come join the sinners*

*who have been redeemed.*

*Take your place beside the Savior.*

*Sit down and be set free.*

*Come to the table. Come to the table.*

*Sit down and be set free.*

*Come to the table*

### Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Words of Assurance

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth and all the com-  
pany of heaven  
we praise Your name and join their unending  
hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed are those who come  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's  
offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ, with the Holy  
Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

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

§ **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive  
us our trespasses, as we forgive those who tres-  
pass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us  
from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **Beautiful Terrible Cross**

Todd Smith, Tony Wood, & Chad Cates  
©2007 Curb Congregation Songs  
Praise Team

**There is a beautiful, terrible cross  
where, though You committed no sin,  
Savior, You suffered the most wicked fate  
on the cruelest creation of man.**

**Yet, on that beautiful, terrible cross  
You did what only You could:  
turning that dark inspired evil of hell  
into our soul's greatest good.**

***We see the love that You showed us,  
we see the life that You lost.***

***We bow in wonder and praise You  
for the beautiful, terrible cross.***

There on that beautiful, terrible cross,  
though darkness was strong on that hill,  
You remained sov'reign, Lord,  
still in control  
as Your perfect plan was fulfilled.  
*We see the love that You showed us,  
we see the life that You lost.  
We bow in wonder and praise You  
for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

*Oh, we gained the riches of heaven.  
Jesus, You paid the horrible cost.  
We stand forgiven and praise You  
for the beautiful, terrible cross,  
for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever.  
'Til my raptured soul shall find  
peace beyond the river.  
Beautiful cross, terrible cross.  
Beautiful cross, terrible cross.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### My Feet Are on the Rock

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
So stomp your feet and clap your hands,  
our feet are on the Rock.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
So stomp your feet and clap your hands,  
our feet are on the Rock.  
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.  
All other ground is sinking sand.  
So stomp your feet and clap your hands,  
our feet are on the Rock.  
*When I feel my hope about to break,  
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.  
Let the waters come  
and the earth give way,  
I'll be dancing in the rain.  
When I feel my hope about to break,  
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.  
Let the waters come  
and the earth give way,  
I'll be dancing in the rain.  
My feet are on the Rock.  
My feet are on the Rock.  
My feet are on the Rock.*

# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 6, 2023

## CONCERNS:

To the victims of the weather outbreaks across the US

The People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Beebe Hospital Staff

J1 Students

Cody Arbuthnot

Murray Archibald

David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Brad Bingaman

Diaz Bonville

Pam Bookman

Andy Brangenberg

Judy Buchanan

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David Caffier

Sylvie Drew\

Maria Erb

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Vicki Gordy-Stith

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

**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 Rupperecht

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

# 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](#)

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

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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 30, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
253	327	5	23	608

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