



Sunday, September 3, 2023  
14th 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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**DEEP (WAY DOWN)**

Traditional Spiritual  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Deep, way down deep,  
way down deep, down in my heart.  
Oh, deep, way down deep,  
way down deep, down in my heart.  
*I've got the love of Jesus.*  
*I've got the love of Jesus,*  
*I've got the love of Jesus,*  
*and it's deep down in my heart.*

Oh, deep, way down deep,  
way down deep, down in my heart.  
Oh, deep, way down deep,  
way down deep, down in my heart.  
*I've got the peace of Jesus.*  
*I've got the peace of Jesus,*  
*I've got the peace of Jesus,*  
*and it's deep down in my heart.*

Oh, deep, way down deep,  
way down deep, down in my heart.  
Oh, deep, way down deep,  
way down deep, down in my heart.  
*I've got the joy of Jesus.*  
*I've got the joy of Jesus,*  
*I've got the joy of Jesus,*  
*and it's deep down in my heart.*

*I've got the love of Jesus.*  
*I've got the peace of Jesus,*  
*I've got the joy of Jesus,*  
*and it's deep down in my heart.*  
*Deep down in my heart.*  
*Deep down in my heart.*

**Let Everything That Has Breath**

Matt Redman ©1999 Kingsway ThankYou Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Praise You in the mornin',  
praise You in the evenin',  
Praise You when I'm young and when I'm old.  
Praise You when I'm laughin',  
praise You when I'm grievin',  
Praise You every season of the soul.

If we could see how much You're worth,  
Your power, Your might, Your endless love,  
Then surely, we would never cease to praise.

Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise You in the heavens, joining with the an-  
gels,  
praising You forever and a day.  
Praise You on the earth now, joining with crea-  
tion,  
calling all the nations to Your praise.

If they could see how much You're worth,  
Your power, Your might, Your endless love,  
Then surely, they would never cease to praise.

Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
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everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
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everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Let everything that, everything that,  
everything that has breath praise the Lord.  
Praise the Lord!

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## **MY LIGHTHOUSE**

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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.

*{Repeat section 3x - Repeat Chorus}*

**Kid's Time**

Pastor Vicki

**- Announcements -**

### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph M. Scriven, 1855 / Charles C. Converse, 1868

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

**Lesson:** *Romans 12:9-21*

Tim Bush, reader

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be arrogant but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with

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all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord.” Instead, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote, 1986  
Chancel Choir

Lord, make an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, grant pardon, Lord.  
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.  
Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.

Where there's despair let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let there be light.  
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

Lord, make an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
For it is in giving that we receive, and it is in pardon-  
ing that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make an instrument of Your peace.  
An instrument of Your peace. Amen.

Prayer

Tim Bush

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### The Servant Song

David Gillard; Arranged by David Schwoebel ©2007  
Based on BEACH SPRING from The Sacred Harp, 1844  
Chancel Choir

If anyone would be first,  
they shall be the last of all,  
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;  
be the servant of all.

We are travelers on a journey,  
fellow pilgrims on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.

If anyone would be first,  
they shall be the last of all,  
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;  
be the servant of all.

I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

If anyone would be first,  
they shall be the last of all,  
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;  
be the servant of all.

## **Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance**

### **\*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 company 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 trespass 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.**

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### WHAT A FRIEND

Matt Maher, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker

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**Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.  
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.  
But we can lay our burdens down,  
lay our burdens down.**

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
east to west my sins are gone.  
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,  
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

**Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.  
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.  
But we can lay our burdens down,  
lay our burdens down.**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**No more betrayal, for He is faithful,  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,  
how He has proven it over and over.**

*{Repeat bridge}*

**Over and over.**

*{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

**TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.**

# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 3, 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, PAM

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



## Concerns Con't

Tyler Lewis  
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, PAM  
Cheryl Tarlecky  
Mark Thompson  
Beth Toney  
Renee Toney  
Susanne Truitt  
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf  
Amy Wall  
Wanda Walton-Hummel  
Gordon Weber  
**Tim Weschler**  
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, AK

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



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[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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### 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
208	255	8	16	487

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