



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

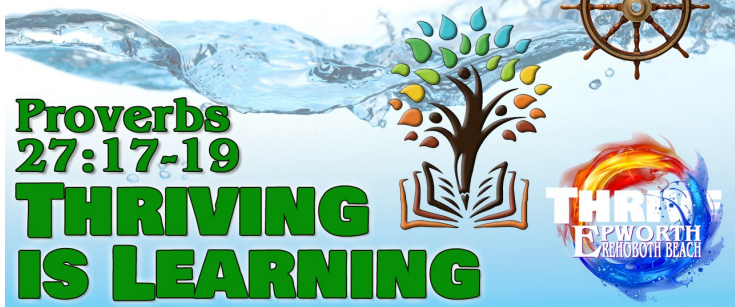
Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 1, 2023

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2023

**LIVING LIFE ON  
PURPOSE**



Proverbs  
27:17-19

**THRIVING  
IS LEARNING**



**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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## **The God Who Stays**

Matthew West, Jonathan Smith, & AJ Prius

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

If I were You,  
I would've given up on me by now.  
I would've labeled me a lost cause,  
'cause I feel just like a lost cause.

If I were You,  
I would've turned around and walked away.  
I would've labeled me beyond repair,  
'cause I feel like I'm beyond repair.  
Oh, but somehow You don't see me like I  
do.

Somehow, You're still here.

*You're the God who stays,*

*You're the God who stays.*

*You're the one who runs in my direction  
when the whole world walks away.*

*You're the God who stands  
with wide open arms,*

*And You tell me nothing I have ever done  
could separate my heart  
from the God who stays.*

I used to hide  
ev'ry time I thought I let You down.  
Always thought I had to earn my way,  
but I'm learning You don't work that way.  
'cause somehow You don't see me like I  
do.

Somehow, You're still here. *{Repeat Cho-  
rus}*

My shame can't separate, my guilt can't  
separate,  
my past can't separate; I'm Yours forever.  
My sin can't separate, my scars can't sepa-  
rate,  
my failures can't separate; I'm Yours forev-  
er.

No enemy can separate,  
no pow'r of hell can take away.  
Your love for me will never change.

I'm Yours forever. 'cause *{Repeat Chorus  
2x}*

## **Yes, He Can**

Madison Johnson, Logan Cain, Taylor Matz & Jeff Par-  
do

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Sometimes I wonder: is He faithful?  
Does He see me in my trouble?  
Does He understand?

Sometimes I question if He's able.  
Can He rescue? Can He save me  
again and again?

But when I look back:

*Did He move ev'ry mountain?*

*Did He part ev'ry sea?*

*Yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

*Oh, did He defeat the darkness?*

*Did He deliver me?*

*Yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

*Oh, yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

'Cause sometimes those voices try to tell me  
I'm forgotten and I've fallen  
too far from His hands.

But I know what kind of God He is,  
and I'm trusting in His promises.

I'm believing and I'm singing: Yes, He can.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

'Cause I've seen too much; now I can't deny  
He's come through ev'ry single time.

From the beginning until the end,

He did, He will, He can. And now, ooh...

*Did He move ev'ry mountain?*

*Did He part ev'ry sea?*

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*Oh, did He defeat the darkness?*

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*Yes, He did, yes, He can.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### God So Loved

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

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Come, all you weary. Come all you thirsty.  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water. Come and thirst no  
more.

Come, all you sinners. Come, find His mer-  
cy.

Come to the table. He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness.

Find what you're looking for.

*For God so loved the world that He gave  
us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

Bring all your failures, bring your addic-  
tions.

Come, lay them down at the foot of the  
cross.

Jesus is waiting there with open arms.  
See His open arms? *{Repeat Chorus}*

The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.  
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God,  
from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him  
for the wonders of His love.  
Praise God, praise God,  
from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him  
for the wonders of His love, His amazing  
love.

*For God so loved the world that He gave  
us*

*His one and only Son to save.*

*For God so loved the world that He gave  
us*

*His one and only Son to save us.*

*Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

*The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.  
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved, God so loved the world.*

Bring all your failures, bring your addic-  
tions.

Come, lay them down at the foot of the  
cross.

Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.

**Kid's Time**

Joy Gordy-Stith

**- Announcements -**

### **God, We Spend a Lifetime Growing**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2015 / *Repository of Sacred Music, 1813*

God, we spend a lifetime growing,  
learning of Your love and care,  
planting seeds You give for sowing,  
working for the fruit they'll bear.  
May we honor faithful servants who,  
with joy, look back and see  
years of growing in Your presence,  
lives of fruitful ministry.

Thank You, Lord, for ones who teach us

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what has brought them to this place!  
May their faith-filled witness reach us;  
may we glimpse in them Your grace.  
Strong in You, their strength uplifts us  
from our birth until life's end;  
Spirit-filled, they give us gifts,  
as prophet, mentor, guide and friend.

Christ our Lord, You walk beside us,  
in the daily work we do;  
years go by and still You guide us  
as we seek to follow You.  
If our sight fails, weak hands tremble,  
minds forget the things we've known,  
Lord, we trust that You'll remember,  
hold us close and guide us home.

**Lesson:** *Proverbs 27:17-19* Joy Gordy-Stith, reader

Iron sharpens iron,  
and one person sharpens the wits of another.  
Anyone who tends a fig tree will eat its fruit,  
and anyone who takes care of a master  
will be honored.  
Just as water reflects the face,  
so one human heart reflects another.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

Shirley Erena Murray / Anna Laura Page ©1992  
Chancel Choir

Come, teach us, Spirit of our God,  
the language of Your way,  
The lessons that we need to live,  
the faith for ev'ry day, the faith for ev'ry day.

Excite our minds to follow You,  
to trace new truths in store,  
New flight paths for our spirit space,  
new marvels to explore, new marvels to explore.

Engage our wits to dance with You,  
to leap from logic's base,  
To capture insight on the wing,  
to sense Your cosmic grace,  
to sense Your cosmic grace.

Inspire our spark to light from You,  
to catch creation's flair,  
New artistry to celebrate,  
new harmonies to dare, new harmonies to dare.

Delight our hearts to worship You,  
to learn compassion's code,  
To live in context of Your love,  
great teacher who is God, great teacher who is God!

Prayer

Joy Gordy-Stith

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**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.**

***- Music During Communion -***  
**God So Loved the World**

John Stainer  
Chancel Choir

**God so loved the world, God so loved the world,  
that He gave His only begotten Son,  
that all who believeth in Him  
should not perish but have everlasting life.**

**For God sent not His Son to condemn.**

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# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 1, 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

J 1 Students

Cody Arbuthnot

Murray Archibald

David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Jason Bezman

Brad Bingaman

Annabelle Boire

Diaz Bonville

Pam Bookman

Andy Brangenberg,

Diane Bruce

Judy Buchanan

Lou Ann Daniels

Jeanne Drake

Jennifer Eden Family

Babs Kulbalba

Tim Bush

David Caffier

Sylvie Drew\

Maria Erb

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Michael Frome

Bonnie Gallagher

Vicki Gordy-Stith

Tom Groff

**Jim Handy**

Steve Harp

Gene Harris

**Joan Heckel**

Carmela Heelan

**Dave Heffley**

**Kathy Hill**

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

Cary Lewis

Tyler Lewis

Robert Lewis

Lorretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Marv Malone  
Ryan Martin  
Steve Meadors  
Brenda Millbourne  
Laura Miller Family  
Joy Mitchell  
Karen Mitchell  
Ann Paulen  
Bob Paulen  
Ron Paxton  
Glenn and Sandy Pierce  
**Bruce Powell**  
Annette Predeaux  
Presley  
Constance Quillen  
Dianne Sheron  
Barbara Simpson  
John Riley Spillane  
Vernon Redding  
Charlie Reynolds  
Carl Richards  
Beth Rinker  
Betty Robbins  
Sandy Roca  
Caitlyn Roche  
**Wilmarie Rodriguez**  
Peter Rupprecht  
Sandi Russell  
Dorothy & John Sadler  
Irene Saffrit  
Tom Saffrit  
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  
Jack Witmer  
**Denise Wolfe**  
Charlotte Woods  
Claire Worrall  
Janet Yabroff  
Michelle Yates  
Susan Yates  
Jean Young  
Yvonne



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

Joys

**New Ministry for Adults with Special Needs began with a Bonfire, Hot Dogs and S'mores on Thursday**

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, Elon

Wade Stout-

Alex Tamburello, Delaware College of Art and Design

Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech

Griffin Barrows, Marist

# Epworth Ministry Organization



## Staff & Leadership

Church Office: 302-227-7743 (plus extension)

Lead Pastor: [Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith](#) (x102)

Pastor of Community & Communication:

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

Minister of Music: [Doug Yetter](#) (x106)

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

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

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

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

Preschool Director: [Betsy Plowman](#) (x107)

Bookkeeper: [Darlene Ford](#) (x105)

Scheduling/Rentals & DOVs: [Susan Jimenez](#)

Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

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, Sept. 24, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
212	366	9	19	606

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