



Sunday, September 10, 2023



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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Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, & Salomon Lighthelm

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Praise Team

**You call me out upon the waters,
the great unknown where feet may fail;
And there I find You in the myst'ry,
in oceans deep, my faith will stand.**

*And I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.*

*When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace,
for I am Yours, You are mine.*

**And grace abounds in deepest waters;
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start
now.**

*So I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.*

*When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace,
for I am Yours, You are mine...*

**Spirit, lead me where my trust is without
borders.**

**Let me walk upon the waters,
wherever You would call me.**

**Take me deeper than my feet could ever
wander,**

**And my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior. {Repeat
bridge 3x}**

I will call upon Your name.

Keep my eyes above the waves.

My soul will rest in Your embrace.

I am Yours, and You are mine.

Our God

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Matt Redman, & Jonas Myrin

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**Water You turned into wine,
opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness You shine,
out of the ashes we rise.**

**There's no one like You, none like You.
*Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.***

***Our God is Healer, awesome in power,
our God, our God.***

**Into the darkness You shine,
out of the ashes we rise.**

**There's no one like You, none like You.
{Chorus twice}**

And if our God is for us,
then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?
{Repeat Bridge - Chorus twice – Bridge twice}

**TAG: What could stand against?
What could stand against?**

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Feet Are on the Rock

Josh Bronleewe, Abbie Parker, Lindsey Sweat & Matthew Hein
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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 Bridge 3x}***

*When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
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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. (3x)*

Kid's Time

- Announcements -

Shall We Gather at the River

Robert Lowry, 1864

**Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?**

*Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river.*

*Gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.*

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease.
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. {Refrain}**

Prayers of the People

Linda Kauffman

In the dry wildernesses of our lives,
in the days of heat and thirst,
you offer us living water,

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When we begin to doubt your presence,
and grumble that your love is unreliable,
you offer us living water,

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When life's regrets and the bad choices we have made
leave us feeling excluded and unworthy,
you offer us living water,

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others,
have left us alone and wounded,
you offer us living water,

Thank you, gracious and generous God.

We thank you and praise you, O God,
that however we may thirst,
whatever we may need to satisfy our souls,
you offer it freely and abundantly in Christ;

**So, we drink deep of the living water
and, as we draw from your wells,
we seek to pass the cup to others
who, like us, are thirsty for your grace. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Ezekiel 47:1-12* Jaime Forshey, reader

Then the man brought me back to the entrance of the temple; there water was flowing from below the entryway of the temple toward the east (for the temple faced east), and the water was flowing down from below the south side of the temple, south of the altar. Then he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around on the outside to the outer gate that faces toward the east, and the water was trickling out on the south side.

Going on eastward with a cord in his hand, the man measured one thousand cubits and then led me through the water, and it was ankle-deep. Again, he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was knee-deep. Again, he measured one thousand and led me through the water, and it was up to the waist. Again, he measured one thousand, and it was a river that I could not cross, for the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed. He said to me, "Mortal, have you seen this?"

Then he led me back along the bank of the river. As I came back, I saw on the bank of the river a great many trees on the one side and on the other. He said to me, "This water flows toward the eastern region and goes down into the Arabah, and when it enters the sea, the sea of stagnant waters, the water will become fresh. Wherever the river goes, every living creature that swarms will live, and there will be very many fish once these waters reach there. It will become fresh, and everything will live where the river goes. People will stand fishing beside the sea from En-gedi to En-eglaim; it will be a place for the spreading of nets; its fish will be of a great many kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea. But its swamps and marshes will not become fresh; they are to be left for salt. On the banks, on both sides of the river, there will grow all kinds of trees for food. Their leaves will not wither nor their fruit fail, but they will bear fresh fruit every month, because the water for them flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food and their leaves for healing."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Living Water

Words and Music by Emily Crocker ©1992
Chancel Choir

**I will give to you living water
from the well of endless life.
As the deer longs for cooling streams,
so do I bring you peace.
Peace I bring to you.**

**Whosoever shall drink of the water
I give shall thirst no more, I say.
For I say unto you that the water I give
shall be in you a well of endless life, of life!**

Prayer

Jaime Forshey

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Healing River of the Spirit

Ruth Duck / B. F. White

**Healing river of the Spirit,
bathe the wound that living brings.
Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness
deep beneath Your sacred springs.
Weary from the restless searching
that has lured us from Your side,
we discover in Your presence
peace the world cannot provide.**

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Wellspring of the healing Spirit,
stream that flows to bring release,
as we gain our selves, our senses,
may our lives reflect Your peace.
Grateful for the flood that heals us,
may Your church enact Your grace.
As we meet both friend and stranger,
May we see our Savior's face.

Living stream that heals the nations,
make us channels of Your pow'r.
All the world is torn by conflict;
wars are raging at this hour.
Saving Spirit, move among us;
guide our winding human course,
till we find our way together,
flowing homeward to our source.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Feet Are on the Rock

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Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.*

My feet are on the Rock. (3x)

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 10, 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

Steve Harp

Gene Harris

Joan Heckel

Carmela Heelan

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
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 @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
Jack Witmer
Charlotte Woods
Claire Worrall
Janet Yabroff
Michelle Yates
Susan Yates
Jean Young
Yvonne

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

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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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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](#)

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

Administrative Assistant: [Barbara Kurtz](#) (x100)

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

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Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

Governing Board Chair—Linda Kauffman

Lay Leader—Todd Popham

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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 August 20, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
240	392	4	19	548

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