



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

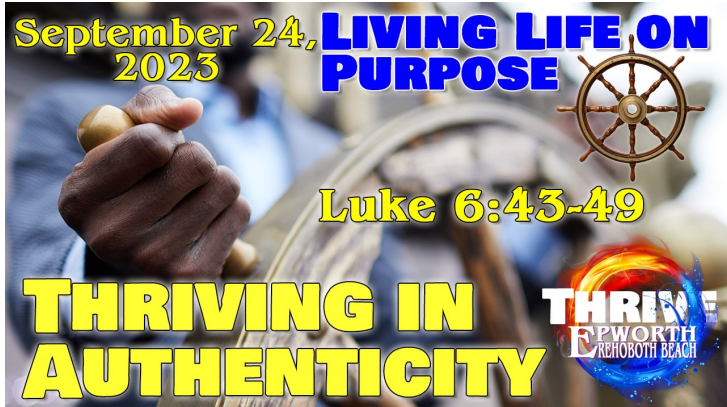
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Sunday, September 24, 2023

September 24, 2023 **LIVING LIFE ON PURPOSE**

Luke 6:43-49

THRIVING IN AUTHENTICITY



**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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JESUS

Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash ©2016 Worship Together Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

There is a truth older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is one born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us:
Jesus, Jesus.

*Who walks on the waters? Who speaks to
the sea?*

Who stands in the fire beside me?

He roars like a lion, He bled as the lamb.

He carries my healing in his hands. Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.
He is Jesus, Jesus.

{Repeat Chorus}

Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name.
You're my rock and my redeemer.

There is power in Your name, in Your name.

*You walk on the waters, You speak to the
sea,*

You stand in the fire beside me.

You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb.

You carried my healing in Your hands.

God, You walk on the waters,

You speak to the sea,

You stand in the fire beside me.

You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb.

You carried my healing in Your hands.

Jesus, there is no one like You, Jesus.

There is no one like You.

Made To Worship

Chris Tomlin, Stephan Sharp, & Ed Cash
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Before the day, before the light,
before the world revolved around the sun.
God on high stepped down into time
and wrote the story of His love for ev'ryone.
He has filled our hearts with wonder
so that we always remember:

You and I are made to worship,

you and I are called to love;

you and I are forgiven & free.

When you and I embrace surrender,

when you and I choose to believe,

then you and I will see

who we were meant to be.

All we are and all we have,
is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life, we open up our eyes,
to see the majesty and glory of the King.
He has filled our hearts with wonder
so that we always remember: *{Repeat Chorus}*

And even the rocks cry out,
and even the heavens shout
at the sound of His holy name.

So let ev'ry voice sing out
and let ev'ry knee bow down;
He's worthy of all our praise.

You and I are made to worship,

you and I are called to love;

you and I are forgiven & free.

When you and I embrace surrender,

when you and I choose to believe,

then you and I will see - you and I will see:

{Repeat Chorus}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

All Things Are Possible

Darlene Zschech ©1997 Hillsong Publishing

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Almighty God, my Redeemer,
my hiding place, my safe refuge.
No other name like Jesus,
no pow'r can stand against You.

My feet are planted on this rock,
and I will not be shaken.

My hope, it comes from You alone,
my Lord and my salvation.

Your praise is always on my lips.

Your Word is living in my heart.

*And I will praise You with a new song,
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

You fill my life with greater joy.

Yes, I delight myself in You.

*And I will praise You with a new song,
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

{Repeat V2 / Chorus}

When I am weak You make me strong.
When I'm poor I know I'm rich.
For in the power of Your name
all things are possible, all things are possible,
all things are possible, all things are possible,
all things are possible, all things are possible!

{Repeat Chorus / Repeat Bridge}

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

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TEACH ME YOUR WAY, O LORD!

BENJAMIN MANSELL RAMSEY, 1919

Teach me Your way, O Lord; Teach me Your Way!
Your guiding grace afford; teach me Your way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
lead me with heav'nly light; teach me Your way!

When I am sad at heart, teach me Your way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me Your way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
in failure or success, teach me Your way!

When doubts and fears arise, teach me Your way!
When storms spread o'er the skies, teach me Your way!
Shine thru the clouds and rain, thru sorrow, toil, and pain,
You make my pathway plain, teach me Your way!

Long as my life shall last, teach me Your way!
Where'er my lot be cast, teach me Your way!
Until my race is done, until my journey's done,
until my crown is won, teach me Your way!

Prayers of the People Rick Buske

Loving God, we seek to follow Your desire
and walk in Your ways.

To observe Your commandment
to Love God, love ourselves, and love others.

Bless, O God, this land and all the lands of the earth.
Fill the minds and hearts of leaders with wisdom.

As Your servants may we labor for Your purposes,
building, gardening, watering, reconciling, growing –
creating peace.

May we work together
Sister and brother, brother and sister,
as God's field - God's gift to you, to me.

Loving God, we seek to follow Your desire
and walk in Your ways.

To observe Your commandment
to Love God, love ourselves, and love others.

Amen.

And now we pray as Christ taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: Luke 6:43-49 Roger Truitt, reader

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil, for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

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“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, it quickly collapsed, and great was the ruin of that house.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

A Lord-Built House

Words and Music by Roger Lentz ©1987
Chancel Choir

**Unless the Lord builds the house,
its builders labor in vain.**

*I wanna live in a Lord-built house.
I wanna live in a Lord-built house.
I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
unless the Lord builds the house,
its builders labor in vain. {Repeat Chorus}*

**Don't wanna live in a man-built house
with a structure built on sin.
Brightly painted shutters 'n' doors
and all decayed within!
I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
wanna live in a Lord-built house. {Chorus}**

**Don't wanna live in a man-built house
with a manmade light inside.
The storm blows in and the power goes out
and the man in fear must hide!
I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
wanna live in a Lord-built house. {Chorus}**

**I wanna live in a Lord-built house
with a structure built on love,
With the rock foundation under me
and our loving Creator above!
I wanna live in a Lord-built house,
wanna live in a Lord-built house.**

Prayer

Roger Truitt

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Hope is Built

Edward Mote, 1834 / William B. Bradbury, 1863

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

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*On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil. *{Refrain}*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found!
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!
{Refrain}

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

All Things Are Possible

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

When I am weak You make me strong.
When I'm poor I know I'm rich.
For in the power of Your name
all things are possible, all things are possible,
all things are possible, all things are possible!
{Repeat Chorus / Repeat Bridge}

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 24, 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. 17, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
190	471	26	19	706

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