



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 22, 2023

Planning the Garden of Life



October 22, 2023

**Generational
Grace**

2 Timothy 1:1-7



**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 Believe

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**In this time of desperation
when all we know is doubt and fear,
There is only one foundation:
we believe, we believe.**

**In this broken generation,
when all is dark, You help us see.
There is only one salvation;
we believe, we believe.**

*We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
and He's coming back again. We believe.*

**So, let our faith be more than anthems,
greater than the songs we sing.
And in our weakness and temptations
we believe, we believe!**

*We believe in God the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
and He's coming back again.*

**Let the lost be found, and the dead be raised;
in the here and now let love invade.
Let the church live loud! Our God will save.
We believe! We believe!
And the gates of hell will not prevail,
for the pow'r of God has torn the veil.
Now we know Your love will never fail.
We believe! We believe!**

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and He's given us new life.
We believe in the crucifixion.
We believe that He conquered death.
We believe in the resurrection,
and He's coming back,
He's coming back again!
He's coming back again!
We believe, we believe!*

The Gospel

[Bryan Fowler, Toby McKeehan, & Ryan Stevenson](#)

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A restless generation,
we're turning over ev'ry stone,
Hoping to find salvation
in a world that's left us cold.
Can we get back to the altar,
back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father,
and He's calling out to us.

*To the captive it looks like freedom,
to the orphan it feels like home.
To the skeptic it might sound crazy
to believe in a God who loves.
In a world where our hearts are breaking,
and we're lost in the mess we've made,
Like a blinding light in the dead of night,
it's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a
way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

It's the cure for our condition,
it's the good news for us all.
It's greater than religion,
it's the power of the cross.
So, can we get back to the altar,
back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father,
and He's calling out to us.

{Repeat Chorus}

*The amazing news of the Gospel
is not that we can receive Jesus into our
lives,
but that He's already received us into His.*

In my own life it means forgiveness
when I know I deserve the fall.
It called me out of my darkness
and carried me to the cross.
In a moment my eyes were opened,
in that moment my heart was changed.
Like a blinding light in the dead of night,
it's the Gospel.

{Repeat Chorus}

*TAG: It's the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.
Oh, oh, it's the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a
way.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

God is On the Move

Cliff Williams, Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, & Tony
Wood

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Anytime a heart turns from darkness to
light,

anytime temptation comes
and someone stands to fight,

anytime somebody lives
to serve and not be served,

I know, I know, I know, I know:

*God is on the move, on the move, Hallelu-
jah!*

God is on the move in many mighty ways.

*God is on the move, on the move, Hallelu-
jah!*

God is on the move, on the move today.

Anytime in weakness

someone falls upon their knees

or dares to speak the truth that sets us free,

anytime the choice is made

to stand upon the Word,

I know, I know, I know, I know:

{Repeat Chorus}

I see a generation standing on the truth.

In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Anytime the gospel stirs a searching soul,
and someone says, "Send me. Here I go."

I know, I know, I know, I know:

{Repeat Chorus twice}

I see a generation standing on the truth.

In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

- Announcements -

We Will Tell Each Generation

We will tell each generation

all that you, our God, have done;

how you called and led your people,

chose us out to be your own.

Tell the time of our rebelling--

how we wandered from your way,

how your law our love compelling

taught us humbly to obey.

Tell the grace that falls from heaven,

angels' food as faith's reward;

tell how sins may be forgiven

through the mercy of the Lord.

We will tell each generation

all that you, our God, have done.

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**As a shepherd you have led us;
by your hand still lead your own.**

Prayers of the People

Susan Jimenez

Holy Lord, whose presence inspires and consoles,
You continue Your promise
from generation to generation.
With the dawning light of day
You awaken creation to the wonders that await.
As the sun sets You pause on the mountain-top
to offer a vision of what lies ahead.

Living presence of God,
continue to inspire that we might live
in the promise of God and mark our lives
with a love that reaches beyond emotion:
for Your love asks for activity,
in worship and service.

Embracing Spirit of God,
whose embrace offers both impetus and consolation,
You provoke within us
the recognition of our need of forgiveness.
With Your overwhelming grace
we recognize the many ways in which we fail
to demonstrate Your love from within.

Forgive us
when we are demanding of attention,
and want to know the answers now;
when we are reluctant to stand alongside those
in need of our support;
when we have not been willing
to allow others to speak on our behalf.

Loving Lord,
in your forgiveness
You answer our questions of how and who to love,
drawing the breadth of your community wider.
So as we find our place within Your community
we lift our voices,
singing the prayer that Jesus taught...

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *2 Timothy 1:1-7*

Teri Moore, reader

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for
the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear
conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you
constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your
tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I
am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in
your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now,
I am sure, lives in you. For this reason, I remind you to
rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the lay-

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ing on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Generation to Generation

Christie Smith Stephens & Greg Gilpin ©1999
Chancel Choir

Through centuries of learning
the Light of Truth is passed,
Etched in stone tablets,
Incarnate teaching Word.
The ever-new Old Story, Wisdom's legacy.
The birthright most precious of God's family.

To those who've walked before us
our grateful hearts we give;
For those who follow our steps
faithfully we'll live.
As children of God, ev'ry race and creed,
We reach across divisions in peace for unity.

*Generation to generation
Jesus loves us, this we know.
Generation to generation
the love of God unfolds.*

God adds to the Church those being saved
by knowledge of the Word, lived lessons of faith.
Sisters and brothers, fam'lies diverse,
we sing love's song together throughout the universe.
We celebrate the Church, a teaching ministry.
We celebrate the Word, the Truth that sets us free.
We celebrate all people, God's family.
We celebrate the Hope, Who lives eternally.

*Generation to generation
Jesus loves us, this we know.
Generation to generation
the love of God unfolds.
Age to age we tell The Story.
Age to age we sing The Song.*

Generation to generation
the teaching church of God moves on!
Amen!

Prayer

Teri Moore

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Faith of Our Families

Frederick W. Faber, 1849
Henri F. Hemy, 1864, adapted by James G. Walton, 1874

Faith of our fathers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

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Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may your consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of the ages, guiding faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Guide now our feet on life's dark way,
And breathe Your spirit through our
deeds;
Faith of the ages, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

God Is On the Move

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God is on the move in many mighty ways.

God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah!

God is on the move, on the move today.

{Repeat Chorus}

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In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 22, 2023

Sympathy:

To the innocent victims of the Israel/Gaza Strip conflict.
To their family and friends here in the US and abroad we
pray for your healing and for peace in the conflict area.

Concerns:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Cody Arbuthnot

Murray Archibald

David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Jason Bezman

Brad Bingaman

Annabelle Boire

Diaz Bonville

Pam Bookman

Andy Brangenberg,

Diane Bruce

Judy Buchanan

Sylvia Clair

Ruth Ann Curley

Lou Ann Daniels

Max Dick

Jeanne Drake

Jennifer Eden Family

Tim Bush

David Caffier

Sylvie Drew

Maria Erb

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Michael Frome

Vicki Gordy-Stith

Tom Groff

Jim Handy

Susan Hargrave

Steve Harp

Gene Harris

Joan Heckel

Carmela Heelan

Dave Heffley

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Donna Hitchens

Barb Hoffman

Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Lorraine Hudson

Deb Hunt

Carol Davis Garber
Gail Gingrich
Janet Idema
Kara
Ted Kerwin
Chole Kincaid Kream
Nancy Lathbury
David & Sue Laverty
Cary Lewis
Tyler Lewis
Robert Lewis
Lorretta Mahan
Jerry Mahon
Ryan Martin
Steve Meadors
Brenda Milbourne
Laura Miller Family
Payton Miller
Joy Mitchell
Karen Mitchell
Ann Paulen
Bob Paulen
Ron Paxton
Leslie Petty
Glenn 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
Henry Simpson
Fred and Sharyn Smith
Becca, Eitan and Mia Solomon
Hiding in Israel
Ray Sonderfan
Rob Socorso
Paul Streit

Paul Streit
Scott Strickler
Cheryl Tarlecky
Mark Thompson
Beth Toney
Renee Toney
Susanne Truitt
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf
Amy Wall
Wanda Walton-Hummel
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,
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

Joys

New Small Groups begin!

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

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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)

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

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, August 20, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
206	355	17	17	595

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