



Sunday, October 29, 2023



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.

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!

{Repeat Chorus / Repeat Bridge}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Alive & Breathing

Ellie Limebear & Matt Maher ©2020 I Am A Pilgrim Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?
What matters come to mind?

The cares you keep, the thoughts you think,
it's not all wasted time.

Seek and you will find.

*Joy still comes in the morning,
hope still walks with the hurting.*

*If you're still alive and breathing,
praise the Lord!*

Don't stop dancing and dreaming.

There's still good news worth repeating.

So, lift your head and keep singing,

"Praise the Lord!"

The years roll by. We wonder why
we lost our way from home.

Our Father finds the child inside
we left for growing old.

Awake, awake, awake, my soul!

{Repeat Chorus}

Let everything, let everything,
let everything praise the Lord.

In the working, in the waiting,
let it praise the Lord.

In the blessing, in the breaking,
come on, praise the Lord.

In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord.

Let it praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

{Repeat Chorus twice}

Kid's Time

Pastor Vicki

- Announcements -

We Love to Sound Your Praises

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2007 / Arthur H. Mann, 1881

We love to sound Your praises,
to lift our hands above,

to sing how grace amazes,

to celebrate Your love.

Yet, God, Your world is grieving;
is Your heart breaking, too?

May we cry out, believing
laments can honor you.

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**Our eyes are sore from crying
for cities that were lost,
we see the children dying
who know war's awful cost.
Each day repeats the story;
greed takes its toll again.
How can we sing Your glory
when our hearts break with them?**

**O God, you came to save us
in Christ, Your only Son.
In His death you forgave us;
in His life, joy is won!
And when this world is suffering,
when songs of grief abound,
may we work for Your kingdom,
till alleluias sound!**

Prayers of the People

Carolyn Cattafi

Jesus, come and sit a while with us,
in the empty seat beside the anxious
the lonely chair next to the confused
and the vacant pew next to the hungry.

May the good news of the gospel be a light
to those who seek the truth.

And as we search for truth, may we find you
walking the streets,
or breaking bread,
or sitting by bedsides.

May we find you in border areas
on the edge of things
crossing over with the foreigner.

May we find you among children
learning to finger paint
as teachers to those who long to enjoy life again.

May we find you with the worried -
silenced with nothing to say
and space enough to keep it.

May we find you on the wrong side of the tracks -
going where you should not
and finding a place to lay your head among the lost.

May we find you singing our songs
of justice and peace
in a world that can be unjust and far from peace.

May we find you with a word that lives
in the hopes of the fearful
and a comforting peace for those who are broken.

May we find you laughing at the powerful -
while welcoming those who have nothing
into your throne room.

O Jesus, reigning in the world
with your upside-down kingdom
may we find the faith to stand with you
both as King and servant of all.
Now let us sing the prayer You taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Luke 1:24-45*

Clella Harp, reader

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

As Long As I Have Breath

Sue Farrar ©1987

Chancel Choir

As long as I have breath, I will praise You, Lord.

As long as I have life, let me soul rejoice.

In times of sore distress; in times of loneliness;

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As long as I have breath, I will praise You, Lord.

As long as I have breath, I will bless You, Lord.

As long as life is mine, I will sing your song.

Your joy brings forth my praise;

Your peace fills all my days;

As long as I have breath, I will praise You, Lord.

Let me know Your loving kindness ev'ry day,

As you walk beside me pointing out the way.

As long as I have being, I will trust in You;

You are my God; I lift my soul to You, to you!

As long as I have breath, I will serve You, Lord.

As long as life is mine, I'll exalt Your word.

And when this life shall pass, and I'm at home at last;

Through all eternity, I will praise You, Lord.

Prayer

Clella Harp

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

In Unity We Lift Our Song

Martin Luther, 1529 / Ken Medema, 1994

In unity we lift our song

of grateful adoration,

for brothers brave and sisters strong.

What cause for celebration!

For those whose faithfulness

has kept us through distress,

who've shared with us our plight,

who've held us in the night,

the blessed congregation.

For stories told and told again

to every generation,

to give us strength in time of pain,

to give us consolation.

Our spirits to revive

to keep our dreams alive,

when we are far from home

and evil seasons come;

how firm is our foundation.

For God our way, our bread, our rest,

of all these gifts the Giver.

Our strength, our guide, our nurturing

breast

whose hand will yet deliver.

Who keeps us till the day

when night shall pass away,

when hate and fear are gone

and all our work is done,

and we shall sing forever.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

My Feet Are On the Rock

Josh Bronleewe, Abbie Parker, Lindsey Sweat & Matthew Hein

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

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,

I'll be dancing in the rain.

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.

My feet are on the Rock.

My feet are on the Rock.

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 29, 2023

Sympathy

To the innocent victims of the Israel/Gaza Strip conflict. To 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

Gene Harris

Elizabeth Hart Family

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

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Ted Kerwin
Chole Kincaid Krean
Nancy Lathbury
David & Sue Laverty
Cary Lewis
Tyler Lewis
Robert Lewis
Lorretta Mahan
Jerry Mahon
Ryan Martin
Steve Meadors
Missy Merring
Brenda Milbourne
Laura Miller Family
Payton Miller
Joy Mitchell
Karen Mitchell
Ann Paulen
Bob Paulen
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Leslie Petty
Glenn Pierce
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Annette Predeaux
Presley
Constance Quillen
Dianne Sheron
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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
Jim Simms
Henry Simpson
Fred and Sharyn Smith
Becca, Eitan and Mia Solomon
Hiding in Israel
Ray Sonderfan
Rob Socorso
Paul Streit
Scott Strickler
Cheryl Tarlecky
Mark Thompson
Beth Toney
Renee Toney
Susanne Truitt
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf

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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
Jack, Phil, and Jim Travel to Dominican Republic

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

Epworth Ministry Organization



Staff & Leadership

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Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

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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
215	246	8	16	485

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