



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 15, 2023

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**LIVING LIFE ON
PURPOSE**



Hebrews
10:19-25

**THRIVING IS
ENCOURAGING**



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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We Gather in Worship

Holy Spirit

Katie Torwalt & Bryan Torwalt ©2011 Jesus Culture
Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**There's nothing worth more
that could ever come close.**

**No thing can compare;
You're our living hope. Your presence,
Lord.**

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone. Your presence,
Lord.**

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.

Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.

*Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord.*

Your presence, Lord.

**There's nothing worth more
that could ever come close.**

**No thing can compare; You're our living
hope. Your presence, Lord.**

**I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone. Your presence,
Lord.**

{Repeat Chorus}

Let us become more aware of Your presence.

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness. *{Repeat section 3x - Repeat Chorus}*

Open Up the Heavens

Jason Ingram, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, James MacDonald,
& Meredith Andrews ©2012 Sony / ATV Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**We waited for this day, we're gathered in Your
name,**

calling out to You.

**Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,
will burn our hearts with truth.**

You're the reason we're here.

You're the reason we're singing.

Open up the heavens; we want to see You.

Open up the floodgates, a mighty river

flowing from Your heart,

filling ev'ry part of our praise.

**Your presence in this place, Your glory on our
face,**

we're looking to the sky.

Descending like a cloud,
You're standing with us now.
Lord, unveil our eyes.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.
{Repeat Chorus twice}

Show us, show us Your glory.
Show us, show us Your power.
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. *{Repeat section}*

We want to see You, we want to see You!
{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: We sing, sing!

Welcome Gwen Osborne,
Belonging Ministry Lead

House of the Lord

Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith ©2021 Be Essential Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
You opened the prison doors.
You parted the raging sea.
My God, You hold the victory, yeah.
*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
Oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.*

We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause You hung upon that cross,
then You rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.
*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise. {Repeat Chorus}*

Kid's Time Gwen Osborne

- Announcements -

GOD IS HERE

Fred Pratt Green, 1978 / Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

God is here! As we Your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Here in honesty of preaching,
here in silence, as in speech,
here, in newness and renewal,
God the Spirit comes to each.
Here our children find a welcome
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work Your purpose out.

Here the servants of the Servant
seek in worship to explore
what it means in daily living
to believe and to adore.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without You,
we adore You! We believe!

Prayers of the People Cathy Benson

We thank You, God, for all earthly delights –
sunlight in autumn days, color in nature and art,
rhythm in poetry and music;
human achievement and family success;
good humor; work well done;
love and friendship
and all Your gifts to body and soul.
Most of all we delight in Your salvation,
the knowledge of Your love,
the assurance of eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Savior.

We commend to You
those who work in harsh conditions,
and those who have no work;
those whose lives are without joy;
those whose poor health takes away delight in living;
those who are lonely;
those who have no home of their own.

Grant them the human help
and comfort which they need,
and the spiritual encouragement
which will enable them to live
with hope and courage,
for the sake of Jesus Christ who leads us to salvation.

**We pray for the elderly,
asking for them clear faith and human support.**

**We pray for those in middle years,
asking for them wisdom in their choices,
and the recovery of a sense of wonder.**

**We pray for the young,
asking for them good opportunities,
and that their ambitions include the desire to serve.**

**May we all continue to seek the God of every age,
made known in Jesus Christ,
the greatest friend of all.**

**We bless You, God,
We bless You for the great company of saints
who have gone before us
and now delight in Your presence.
With them we honor and praise Your holy name,
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,
and as they were taught to pray so today we sing,
Our Father ...**

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Hebrews 10:19-25* Nettie Green, reader

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Here in the House of the Lord

Words by Nancy Price & Don Besig; Music by Don Besig ©2005
Chancel Choir

Prayer

Nettie Green

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Standing on the Promises

R. Kelso Carter, 1886

Standing on the promises of Christ my
King,
through eternal ages let His praises ring;
glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing,
standing on the promises of God my
Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises of Christ the
Lord,
bound to Him eternally by love's strong
cord,
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
standing on the promises of God. *{Refrain}*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
standing on the promises of God. *{Refrain}*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

House of the Lord

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

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There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise. {Repeat Chorus}
{Repeat Chorus}*

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 15, 2023

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

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

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

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David & Sue Laverty
Cary Lewis
Tyler Lewis
Robert Lewis
Lorretta Mahan
Jerry Mahon
Ryan Martin
Steve Meadors
Brenda Milbourne
Laura Miller Family
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
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, AK
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 De-
sign
Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech
Griffin Barrows, Marist

Epworth Ministry Organization



Staff & Leadership

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

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)

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, October 1, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
208	342	8	16	566

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