



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 8, 2023

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**LIVING LIFE ON  
PURPOSE**



John 6:1-14

**THRIVING  
IS SHARING**



**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 Gather in Worship**

### **For Everyone Born**

Shirley Erena Murray / Brian Mann ©1998 Hope Publishing Co.  
Chancel Choir

**For everyone born, a place at the table.  
For everyone born, clean water and bread.  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.**

*And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice  
and joy---, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy.*

**For young and for old, a place at the table.  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**For gay and for straight, a place at the table.**

**A covenant shared, a welcoming space.**

**A rainbow of race and gender and color.**

**For gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.**

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

**TAG: Of justice, justice and joy! (3x)**

### **WHAT FAITH CAN DO**

Scott Davis & Scott Krippayne ©2008 Word Music LLC  
Chancel Choir / Praise Team

**Everybody falls sometimes.  
Gotta find the strength to rise from the ashes,  
and make a new beginning.  
Anyone can feel the ache.  
You think it's more than you can take,  
but you're stronger, stronger than you know.  
Don't you give up now;  
the sun will soon be shining.  
You gotta face the clouds  
to find the silver lining.**

*I've seen dreams that move the mountains,  
hope that doesn't ever end  
even when the sky is falling.*

*I've seen miracles just happen,  
silent prayers get answered,  
broken hearts become brand new,  
that's what faith can do.*

It doesn't matter what you've heard,  
"Impossible" is not a word,  
it's just a reason for someone not to try.  
Ev'rybody's scared to death  
when they decide to take that step  
out on the water,  
but it'll be alright.  
Life is so much more  
than what your eyes are seeing.  
You will find your way if you keep believing.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Overcome the odds, you don't have a chance.  
But when the world says you can't,  
it'll tell you that you can.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**TAG:** That's what faith can do.

Even if you fall sometimes,  
you will have the strength to rise.

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Hear Our Praises

Reuben Morgan ©1998

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

May our homes be filled with dancing;  
may our streets be filled with joy.

May injustice bow to Jesus  
as the people turn to pray.

*From the mountain to the valley,  
hear our praises rise to You.*

*From the heavens to the nations,  
hear our singing fill the air.*

May a light shine in the darkness  
as we walk before the cross.

May Your glory fill the whole earth  
as the water o'er the seas.

*{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

**Kid's Time**

Todd Popham

- **Announcements** -

### They Came, A Milling Crowd

William H. Parker, 1885 / Frederick A. Challinor,  
1903

They came, a milling crowd,  
they hungered and were fed;  
from offered loaves He blessed and broke  
and made their living bread.

How great the mystery!  
The loaves were multiplied,  
and still we feed upon the crumbs  
and still are satisfied!

Once more, O Christ, we come,  
a restless, hungering throng,  
to hear Your Word and taste Your bread

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and sing salvation's song.  
All praise to You, O Christ,  
by whom we now are fed.  
Our Host, again You share with us  
Yourself, the living bread.

## Prayers of the People Lynne Wilmer

Merciful God we praise you for your unfailing love.

We praise you for feeding our hunger for bread  
and for "the bread of life."

We praise you for taking our little basket  
of fish and barley loaves and using it to feed others.

Lord we ask you for your care and healing touch  
for those who are sick.

We ask for your compassion  
on those who are suffering in our world.

We ask for you comfort  
for those who are grieving.

We thank you for your daily tender mercies.

We thank you for your daily love.

We thank you for your daily grace.

We call upon you Lord to empower us  
as we declare who you are to a world who needs you.

We call upon you Lord to inspire us  
as we seek to inspire others.

We call upon you Lord to strengthen us  
in our own weakness.

Hear us as we sing the prayer Christ taught us...

## The Lord's Prayer

*Sung Responsively*

**Lesson:** *John 6:1-14* Aleta Thompson, reader

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick.

Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near.

When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down."

Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost."

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So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### Dream Small

Josh Wilson ©2018 Music of Black River Publishing  
Chancel Choir

It's a momma singin' songs about the Lord.  
It's a daddy spendin' fam'ly time  
the world said he cannot afford.  
These simple moments change the world.

It's a pastor at a tiny little church.  
Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt  
These simple moments change the world.

*Dream small.*

*Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.*

*Just let Jesus use you where you are,  
one day at a time.*

*Live well, loving God and others as yourself.*

*Find little ways where only you can help.*

*With His great love,*

*a tiny rock can make a giant fall.*

*Dream small.*

It's visiting the widow down the street  
Or dancin' on a Friday  
with your friend with special needs.  
These simple moments change the world.

Of course, there's nothin' wrong  
with bigger dreams;  
Just don't miss the minutes  
on your way to bigger things.  
'Cause these simple moments change the world.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Keep loving, keep serving,  
keep list'ning, keep learning,  
Keep praying, keep hoping,  
keep seeking, keep searching.  
Add up the small things  
and watch them grow bigger.  
The God who does all things  
makes oceans from rivers.

*So, dream small.*

*Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.*

*Just let Jesus use you where you are,  
one day at a time.*

*Live well, loving God and others as yourself.*

*Find little ways where only you can help.*

*With His great love,*

*a tiny rock can make a giant fall.*

*Yeah, five loaves and two fish  
could feed them all, so dream small.  
Dream small.*

**Prayer**

Aleta Thompson

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY**

Irish Folk Melody; arranged by Tom Fettke ©2003  
Chancel Choir

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**What Faith Can Do**

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

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# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 8, 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

J1 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

**Max Dick**

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

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

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  
**Karen McCauley**  
Steve Meadors  
Brenda Milbourne  
Laura Miller Family  
Joy Mitchell  
Karen Mitchell  
Ann Paulen  
Bob Paulen  
Ron Paxton  
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  
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,  
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

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, October 1, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
208	401	8	16	633

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