



Sunday, November 12, 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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Battle Belongs

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

When all I see is the battle,
You see my victory.
When all I see is the mountain,
You see a mountain moved.
And as I walk through the shadow,
Your love surrounds me.
There's nothing to fear now
for I am safe with You.

*So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
with my hands lifted high.*

Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

And ev'ry fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night.

Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

And if You are for me
who can be against me? Yeah.
For Jesus there's nothing
impossible for You.

When all I see are the ashes,
You see the beauty. Thank You, God.
When all I see is a cross,
God, You see the empty tomb.

{Repeat Chorus}

Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
Nothing can stand against the power of our
God.

You shine in the shadow, You win ev'ry bat-
tle.

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God.

{Repeat Chorus}

Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

Build My Life

Matt Redman, Karl Martin, Kirby Kaple,
Pat Barrett, & Brett Younker
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing.
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe.
We live for You. Oh, we live for You.

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe.

We live for You. We live for You.

Holy, there is no one like You.

There is none beside You.

Open up my eyes in wonder

and show me who You are

and fill me with Your heart

and lead me in Your love to those around

me.

Jesus, the name above ev'ry other name.
Jesus, the only one who could ever save.
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever
breathe.

We live for You. We live for You.

{Repeat Chorus}

I will build my life upon Your love.

It is a firm foundation.

I will put my trust in You alone

and I will not be shaken. *{Repeat section}*

{Repeat Chorus}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

GOD SO LOVED

Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash & Andrew Bergthold
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Come, all you weary. Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water. Come and thirst no
more.

Come, all you sinners. Come, find His mer-
cy.

Come to the table. He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness.

Find what you're looking for.

*For God so loved the world that He gave
us*

His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.

Come, lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting there with open arms.
See His open arms? *{Repeat Chorus}*

The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God,
from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
for the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God,
from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
for the wonders of His love, His amazing love.

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save.

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

*The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.

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Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.

Kid's Time

- Announcements -

When Cain Killed Abel

Mary Nelson Keithan, 1998 / William B. Bradbury, 1861

When Cain killed Abel in a fight,
and Jacob stole another's right,
when Joseph's brothers gave Him chase,
God wept and mourned their fall from grace.

In every family, small or great,
when jealousy twists love to hate,
and rivals turn to enemies,
God weeps at our hostilities.

And when in church and world today
such feelings still come into play,
when brothers, sisters stand apart,
God weeps for every broken heart.
Good Christians, join in God's lament,

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**weep now and mourn, be penitent,
and pray to God: Forgive us all.
Restore us as before the fall.**

Prayers of the People

Gwen Osborne

God, you love us from the moment of our conception,
You know us and you love us in the womb,
You love us and you call us
from before the moment of our first breath,
and you love us when we first see the light of day.
As a parent loves their child before they ever see it,
and then embraces it gently from the moment of its birth,
so you love us—and we thank you.

God, help us to love one another in this way.

God, You love us from the time of our naming
You love us in our growing
and hold us as we take our first steps.
You love us and walk beside us
as we explore the world with eager hands and eyes
As a parent loves their child
as they see it grow and develop
so you love us—and we thank you.

God, help us to love one another in this way.

God, you love us as we mature and seek our way,
You love as we become aware of the world around us,
You love us as we smile and play,
you even love us when we say no
and when we begin to stray.
As a parent loves their child
as they see it become proud and tall,
so you love us even when we sin and fall.

God, help us to love one another in this way.

God, we thank you for loving us when we are unloving,
for caring for us when we are uncaring,
and for calling to us when we go far away.

God, help us to love one another in this way.

Lord, hear our prayers of love this day
for those around us,
for those we have held before you in our hearts,
and for those we have thought of
in moments of caring: *(add your own prayers)*

We ask all these things in the name of Christ Jesus,
who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Genesis 27:41-45*

Laurie Kuebler, reader

Now Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him, and Esau said to himself, "The days of mourning for my father are approaching; then I will kill my brother Jacob." But the words of her elder son Esau were told to Rebekah, so she sent and called her younger son Jacob and

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said to him, “Your brother Esau is consoling himself by planning to kill you. Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; flee at once to my brother Laban in Haran, and stay with him a while, until your brother’s fury turns away— until your brother’s anger against you turns away, and he forgets what you have done to him; then I will send and bring you back from there. Why should I lose both of you in one day?”

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Child of God

Layton De Vries; arr. Dale Grotenhuis ©2011

Chancel Choir

*O child, child of God,
rest assured, the Lord is with you.*

When you wake up in the morning
and the sun is shining down,
The Lord watches over ev’ry step you take.
When the world has knocked you down
and you don’t know which way to turn,
Rest assured, the Lord is with you. {Chorus}

When your friends have turned against you,
and you feel all alone,
The Lord watches over ev’ry move you make.
He will always be right there
to protect and love his child,
Rest assured, the Lord is with you. {Chorus}

When darkness drifts around you,
and your eyes close in sleep,
The Lord watches over ev’ry breath you take.
And when death comes near to bring you home,
you have no need to fear,
Rest assured, the Lord is with you. {Chorus}

Prayer

Laurie Kuebler

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

This Is My Song

This is my song, a song for all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my
heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy
shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as
mine.

My country’s skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight, too, and clo-
ver,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.

Then hear my song, O Ruler of all nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

We would be one as now we join in singing
this hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew.
To that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We could be one, all living with each other
and share a world of peace and liberty.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

God So Loved

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Sung twice:

For God so loved the world that He gave us

His one and only Son to save us.

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.

Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.

For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of November 12, 2023

Sympathy

To Kelly Barber, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Doug, Oct. 21, 2023

To Mickey Keener, family and friends, on the death of his partner, David King, 11/7

CONCERNS:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Cody Arbuthnot

David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Jason Bezman

Brad Bingaman

Annabelle Boire

Diaz Bonville

Pam Bookman, Hospice

Andy Brangenberg,

Diane Bruce

Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

Sylvia Clair

Lou Ann Daniels

Max Dick

Jeanne Drake

Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

Sylvie Drew

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Michael Frome

Tom Groff

Jim Handy

Susan Hargrave

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

Janet Idema

Kara

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
Payton Miller
Joy Mitchell
Karen Mitchell
Ann Paulen
Ron Paxton
Leslie Petty
Glenn Pierce
Bruce Powell
Annette Predeaux
Presley
Constance Quillen
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 & Tom Saffrit
Ed Scarborough
Dianne Shearon
Susan Shollenberger
Jim Simms
Henry Simpson
Michael & Anna Skiles
Fred and Sharyn Smith
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
Susan Yates
Jean Young
Jack, Phil, and Jim Travel to Dominican Republic

More Names on Back of Paper

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

Music and the Arts

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



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Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith and Bob Joynson

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(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, November 5, 2023

10:00	Livestream	ASL	SS	Total
201	369	3	17	590

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