



Sunday, November 19, 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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## **Desert Song**

Brooke Fraser ©2008 Hillsong Publishing  
Praise Team

This is my prayer in the desert,  
when all that's within me feels dry.  
This is my prayer in my hunger and need.  
My God is the God who provides.

This is my prayer in the fire,  
in weakness, or trial or pain.  
There is a faith proved of more worth than  
gold.

So, refine me, Lord, through the flame.  
*I will bring praise. I will bring praise.*  
*No weapon formed against me shall re-*  
*main.*

*I will rejoice. I will declare,*  
*God is my victory, and He is here.*

This is my prayer in the battle  
when triumph is still on its way.  
I am a conqueror and coheir with Christ,  
so firm on His promise I'll stand.

*I will bring praise. I will bring praise.*  
*No weapon formed against me shall re-*  
*main.*

*I will rejoice. I will declare,*  
*God is my victory, and He is here.*

All of my life, in ev'ry season,  
You are still God.

I have a reason to sing.

I have a reason to worship. *(Repeat section 3x)*

*I will bring praise. I will bring praise.*  
*No weapon formed against me shall re-*  
*main.*

*I will rejoice. I will declare,*  
*God is my victory, and He is here.*

This is my prayer in the harvest  
when favor and providence flow.  
I know I'm filled to be emptied again.  
The seed I've received I will sow.

## **CONFIDENCE**

*Matt Armstrong, Chris Rohman, Dustin Lolli, & Ethan*  
*Hulse ©2018 Be Essential Music Publishing LLC*  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose.  
I feel unqualified for what You're callin' me  
to.

But Lord, with Your strength, I've got no  
excuse,  
'cause broken people are exactly who You  
use.

*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's*  
*den,*

*give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.*

*Give me a heart like David, Lord,  
be my defense,  
so I can face my giants with confidence.*

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king,  
so I'm gonna trust You and give You ev'ry-thing.

I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me;  
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory.

*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,*

*give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.*

*Give me a heart like David, Lord,  
be my defense,  
so I can face my giants with confidence.*

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.

Won't stop until I see 'em fall.

Gonna stand up, step out when You call,  
Jesus, Jesus.

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.

Won't stop until I see 'em fall.

Gonna stand up, step out when You call,  
Jesus.

*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,*

*give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.*

*Give me a heart like David, Lord,  
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*Yeah, give me faith like Daniel  
in the lion's den,  
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.*

*Give me a heart like David, Lord,  
be my defense,  
so I can face my giants with confidence.  
I'll face my giants with confidence.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## Days of Elijah

Robin Mark ©1996 Daybreak Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

These are the days of Elijah,  
declaring the Word of the Lord.

And these are the days of your servant Mo-  
ses,

righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trials,  
of famine and darkness and sword.

Still, we are the voice in the desert crying,  
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,  
shining like the sun at the trumpet call.*

*Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,  
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

And these are the days of Ezekiel,  
the dry bones becoming as flesh.

And these are the days of Your servant Da-  
vid,

rebuilding a temple of praise.

And these are the days of the harvest;  
the fields are as white in Your world.

And we are the laborers in Your vineyard  
declaring the Word of the Lord.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

There's no god like Jehovah,

there's no god like Jehovah, *{Repeat 6x}*

There's no god like Jehovah. *{Chorus  
twice}*

**TAG:** Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,  
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

**Kid's Time**

Pastor Vicki

**- Announcements -**

### Gathered

A Hymn of Purposeful Thanksgiving

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, 2023 / 16<sup>th</sup> c. Dutch melody

We've gathered to thank you, indulgent Creator

Of every good gift and each blessing we claim.

Our bounty exceeding

the things we're truly needing;

Unworthy and humbled, we hallow Your name.

But some on this day find their pockets are emp-  
ty;

Their shelter uncertain and food insecure.

God, offer reminders, remove our privileged blind-  
ers

To see with new eyes what our neighbors endure.

Then call us to rise from our tables of plenty -

To open our purses, our pantries, our hearts

And share our life's blessing,

Your Son's true way professing;

In generous living, real gratitude starts.

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## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

**Lesson:** Deuteronomy 31:1-8      Sandy Pierce, reader

When Moses had finished speaking all these words to all Israel, he said to them, "I am now one hundred twenty years old. I am no longer able to get about, and the Lord has told me, 'You shall not cross over this Jordan.' The Lord your God himself will cross over before you. He will destroy these nations before you, and you shall dispossess them. Joshua also will cross over before you, as the Lord promised. The Lord will do to them as he did to Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites, and to their land, when he destroyed them. The Lord will give them over to you, and you shall deal with them in full accord with the command that I have given to you. Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; he will not fail you or forsake you."

Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, "Be strong and bold, for you are the one who will go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their ancestors to give them, and you will put them in possession of it. It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

May this scripture inspire us all...

**§ to walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **Press On**

Dan Burgess, 1983

Chancel Choir

**When the valley is deep, when the mountain is steep,  
When the body is weary, when we stumble and fall;  
When the choices are hard,  
when we're battered and scarred,  
When we've spent our resources,  
when we've given our all.**

**In Jesus' name we press on,  
In Jesus' name we press on,  
Dear Lord, with the prize clear before our eyes,  
We find the strength to press on.**

**Prayer**

Sandy Pierce

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis, 1938 / Traditional Welsh melody

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving**

**to God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
who fashioned and made us,  
protected and stayed us,  
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.**

**God's banners fly o'er us;  
God's light goes before us,  
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
till shadows have vanished  
and darkness is banished,  
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**The law God enforces, the stars in their courses  
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;  
the hills and the mountains,  
the rivers and fountains,  
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.  
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;  
with glad adoration a song let us raise,  
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:**

**To God in the highest hosanna and praise!**

**Benediction**

**Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith**

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# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of November 19, 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



## Staff & Leadership

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Finance Chair—David Hagelin

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### 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, November 12, 2023

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

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