



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, November 26, 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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We Gather in Worship *Doug Yetter, organ*

All Good Gifts

Stephen Schwartz ©1971 Valando Music

Praise Team

*We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.*

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above.
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord for endless love.*

*We thank you then, Creator,
for all things bright and good.
The seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all Your love imparts.
But that which you desire
our humble thankful hearts.*

{Repeat Chorus}

*I really want to thank you, Lord!
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above.
I want to thank you, Lord,
I want to thank You.*

*Oh, thank You, Lord! {Thank You, Lord!}
Thank You, Lord! {Thank You, Lord!}
Thank You, Lord!*

Blessed Be Your Name

Matt & Beth Redman ©2002 ThankYou Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**Blessed be Your name
in the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name.**

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out
I'll turn back to praise.**

**When the darkness closes in,
Lord, still I will say:**

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's all as it should be,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name.

{Repeat Chorus}

You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name.

{Repeat section / Repeat Chorus}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Forever

Chris Tomlin ©2001 Worship Together Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King;
His love endures forever.
For He is good, He is above all things;
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, (*sing praise*),
sing praise, (*sing praise*).**

**With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,
His love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, (*sing praise*),
sing praise, (*sing praise*).
Sing praise, (*sing praise*),
sing praise, (*sing praise*).
Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful.
Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
*Forever.***

**From the rising to the setting sun,
His love endures forever.
And by the grace of God, we will carry on,
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, (*sing praise*),
sing praise, (*sing praise*).
Sing praise, (*sing praise*),
sing praise, (*sing praise*).
*{Repeat Chorus}***

Kid's Time

Gwen Osborne

Announcements Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Across the Lands

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2002 ThankYou Music

**You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice.**

*You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of everyone,
and Your cry of love
rings out across the lands.*

**Yet You left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You calmed the sea;
yet how silently You suffered,
that the guilty may go free. {Refrain}**

**With a shout You rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
interceding for Your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home. {Refrain}**

Prayers of the People Laura Miller

God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,
calls us by grace

**to be renewed in the image of our Creator,
that we may be one
in divine love for the world.**

Today is the day

God cares for the integrity of creation,
wills the healing and wholeness of all life,
weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

And so shall we.

Today is the day

God embraces all hues of humanity,
delights in diversity and difference,
favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

And so shall we.

Today is the day

God cries with the masses of starving people,
despises growing disparity between rich and poor,
demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

And so shall we.

Today is the day
God deplores violence in our homes and streets,
rebukes the world's warring madness,
humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

And so shall we.

Today is the day
God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace,
celebrates where justice and mercy embrace,
exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

And so shall we.

Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind,
and sets the oppressed free.

And so shall we.

And now, as Christ taught us to pray, today we sing:

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Esther 4:5-16* Murray Archibald, reader

Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days."

When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Majesty

Words and Music by Jack W. Hayford;
Setting by Jack Schrader ©1981
Chancel Choir

**Majesty, worship His majesty;
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise;
Majesty, kingdom authority,
Flow from His throne unto His own;
His anthem raise.**

**So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.**

**Majesty, worship His majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings.
His is Lord, lift up His name, the name of Jesus;
His is risen from the dead, and He is Lord.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.**

Prayer

Murray Archibald

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Amazing Abundance

Laurie Zelman, 2003

**Amazing abundance poured out on this land,
the mark of Your gracious and generous
hand.**

**Your blessing is richest on those who will
give
with joy and thanksgiving so others may live.**

**God's spirit is present and felt everywhere
that hands reach through darkness
and battle despair.**

**A tapestry woven in bright braided strands.
A banner of freedom made by myriad hands.**

**We pray for communion, all nations so strong
that difference is honored and all might be-
long.**

**Praise God for the nations, O help us to see
the whole world is yours, Lord,
and yearns to be free!**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Forever

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Sing Twice:

***Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us, forever.
Forever.***

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of November 26, 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 Kream
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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Caring Leadership Team

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Attendance last weekend, November 19, 2023

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

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