



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, January 14, 2024

Life Springs Surprises
(Epiphany)
January 14,
2024
Samuel
Called to
Chastize?
1 Samuel 3:1-18



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

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Joel Houston, Matt Crocker, & Salomon Lighthelm
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Praise Team

You call me out upon the waters,

the great unknown where feet may fail;
And there I find You in the myst'ry,
in oceans deep, my faith will stand.

*And I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.*

*When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace,
for I am Yours, You are mine.*

And grace abounds in deepest waters;
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start
now.

*So I will call upon Your name
and keep my eyes above the waves.*

*When oceans rise,
my soul will rest in Your embrace,
for I am Yours, You are mine...*

Spirit, lead me where my trust is without
borders.

Let me walk upon the waters,
wherever You would call me.

Take me deeper than my feet could ever
wander,

And my faith will be made stronger
in the presence of my Savior. {Repeat sec-
tion 3x}

*I will call upon Your name. Keep my eyes
above the waves.*

*My soul will rest in Your embrace.
I am Yours, and You are mine.*

Made to Worship

Chris Tomlin, Stephan Sharp, & Ed Cash

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Before the day, before the light,

before the world revolved around the sun.
God on high stepped down into time
and wrote the story of His love for ev'ryone.
He has filled our hearts with wonder
so that we always remember:

*You and I are made to worship,
you and I are called to love;
you and I are forgiven & free.*

*When you and I embrace surrender,
when you and I choose to believe,
then you and I will see
who we were meant to be.*

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All we are and all we have,
is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life, we open up our eyes,
to see the majesty and glory of the King.
He has filled our hearts with wonder
so that we always remember:

{Repeat Chorus}

And even the rocks cry out,
and even the heavens shout
at the sound of His holy name.
So let ev'ry voice sing out
and let ev'ry knee bow down;
He's worthy of all our praise.

*You and I are made to worship,
you and I are called to love;
you and I are forgiven & free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
when you and I choose to believe,
then you and I will see - you and I will see:*

{Repeat Chorus}

Welcome

Gwen Osborne

Good God Almighty

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Songs

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

[I can't count the times I've called](#)

Your name some broken night.
And You showed up and patched me up
like You do every time.
I get amnesia,
I forget that You keep coming around.
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.

*Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find
me,
praising Your name, no matter what
comes.*

*'Cause I know where I'd be
without Your mercy,
so I keep praising Your name
at the top of my lungs.*

*Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)
Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)
He is Good God Almighty.*

You say Your love goes on forever,
that Your mercy never stops.
So why would I assume You'd be
somebody that You're not?
Like sun in the morning,
I know You're gonna be there every day.
So what on earth could make me be afraid?

{Refrain}

Praise Him in the morning,

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praise Him in the noontime,
praise Him when the sun goes down.
Love Him in the morning,
love Him in the noontime,
love Him when the sun goes down.

{Refrain}

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

God Whose Love is Always Stronger

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

God whose love is always stronger
than our weakness, pride and fear,
in Your world, we pray and wonder
how to be more faithful here.

Hate too often grows inside us;
fear rules what the nations do.

So we pray, when wars divide us:
Give us love, Lord! Make us new!

Love is patient, kind and caring,
never arrogant or rude,
never boastful, all things bearing;
love rejoices in the truth.

When we're caught up in believing
war will make the terror cease,
show us Jesus' way of living;
may our strength be in Your peace.

May our faith in you be nourished;
may Your churches hear Your call.
May our lives be filled with courage
as we speak Your love for all.

Now emboldened by Your Spirit
who has given us new birth,
Give us love, that we may share it
till Your love renews the earth.

Prayers of the People

Rick Buske

Your response today is *"May we love as You love."*

Holy God, may we hear your voice

In the stillness of night, in clatter of day

You call us, and we respond, Here I am!

May we follow you and *may we love as you love.*

Holy One, through trials and turbulence, make us steady,
your strong hands holding the fragile and weak.

May we love as you love.

Gracious God, may the fruits of our lives
be food for the hungry,
clothing for the naked,

shelter for the homeless,
May we love as you love.

God of justice, remove the barriers of our lives
that keep us from one another,
barriers we construct based on skin color,
religion, or gender
May we hear, and follow, graciously.
May we love as you love.

Loving God, take this day
our fears, our worries, our distractions,
and turn them into grace and mercy.
And, following the example of Martin Luther King,
Jr.
and all your Saints,
May we love as you love.

AMEN.

And now we sing the prayer Christ taught us to
pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *1 Samuel 3:1-18* Sandy Pierce, reader

Now the boy Samuel was ministering
to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare
in those days; visions were not widespread.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to
grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in
his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and
Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord,
where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called,
“Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran
to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But
he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went
and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Sam-
uel got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for
you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie
down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord,
and the Word of the Lord had not yet been revealed
to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time.
And he got up and went to Eli and said, “Here I am,
for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord
was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel,
“Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say,
‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samu-
el went and lay down in his place.

Now the Lord came and stood there, calling
as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said,
“Speak, for your servant is listening.” Then the Lord
said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in
Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of

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it tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him." May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte, 1981

Chancel Choir

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,

I have heard my people cry.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will
save.

I who made the stars of night,

I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,

I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them. They turn
away.

I will break their hearts of stone,

give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my word to them.

Whom shall I send? *(Repeat Refrain)*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,

I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide

till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Repeat Refrain)

Prayer

Sandy Pierce

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

We Shall Overcome

Traditional Spiritual / Arr. by Doug Yetter

**We shall overcome, we shall overcome,
we shall overcome someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!**

**We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand
in hand**

**We'll walk hand in hand someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday!**

**We shall live in peace, we shall live in
peace,
we shall live in peace someday!
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe
we shall overcome someday! {Repeat verse
1}**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Good God Almighty

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Songs

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

***Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find
me,***

***praising Your name, no matter what
comes.***

***'Cause I know where I'd be
without Your mercy,
so I keep praising Your name
at the top of my lungs.***

Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)

Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)

He is Good God Almighty.

**Praise Him in the morning,
praise Him in the noontime,
praise Him when the sun goes down.**

**Love Him in the morning,
love Him in the noontime,
love Him when the sun goes down.**

{Refrain}

**Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.**

**Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.**

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of January 14, 2023

Sympathy

CONCERNS:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Steve Ackeret

Cody Arbuthnot

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David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Jason Bezman

Brad Bingaman

Annabelle Boire

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Tom Bradley

Andy Brangenberg

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Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

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Miles Carhartt

Carolyn Cattafi

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Kris Coch

Lou Ann Daniels

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Jennifer Eden Family

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Sylvie Drew

Andrea Esarey

Dorothy Fedorka

Carol Fehrenbach

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Michael Frome

LeAnne Funk

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Susan Hargrave

Clella Harp

Elizabeth Hart Family

Joan Heckel

Kathy Hill

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Barb Hoffman

Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Lorraine Hudson

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Carol Davis Garber

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Kara

Ted Kerwin

Chole Kincaid Krean
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Nancy Lathbury
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Duncan Leet
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Tyler Lewis
Robert Lewis
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Pam Mehring
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Sandy Pierce
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Bruce Powell
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Presley
Constance Quillen
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John Riley Spillane
Jana Raup
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Victoria Reinholt
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Carl Richards
Beth Rinker
Betty Robbins
Sandy Roca
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Wilmarie Rodriguez
Sandi Russell
Dorothy & John Sadler
Irene & Tom Saffrit
Mark Saunders
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Linda Simms
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Fred and Sharyn Smith
Ray Sonderfan
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Paul Streit
Scott Strickler
Michael Stugard
Mark Thompson
Beth Toney
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Wanda Walton-Hummel

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Dan Wine
Jack Witmer
Denise Wolfe
Charlotte Woods
Claire Worrall
Susan Yates
Jean Young

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
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler

Joys

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

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