



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, January 21, 2024



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*

### Holy Water

Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold, Martin Cash, Franni Cash, & Ed Cash  
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Praise Team

God, I'm on my knees again.  
God, I'm begging "please" again.  
I need You, oh, I need You.  
Walking down these desert roads,  
water for my thirsty soul.  
I need You, oh, I need You.

*Your forgiveness  
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,  
like holy water on my skin.*

Dead man walking, slave to sin.  
I want to know about being born again.  
I need You, oh, God, I need You.  
So take me to the riverside;  
take me under, baptize.  
I need You, oh, God, I need You. *{Refrain}*  
*On my skin.*

I don't want to abuse Your grace.  
God, I need it ev'ry day.  
It's the only thing  
that ever really makes me want to change.  
*{Repeat section 3x}*

*Your forgiveness  
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony  
to my ears, like holy water.  
Your forgiveness  
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,  
like holy water on my skin.  
Yeah, it's like holy water on my skin.  
Oh, it's like holy water.*

### Who You Say I Am

Reuben Morgan & Ben Fielding  
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Who am I that the highest King  
would welcome me?  
I was lost but He brought me in.  
Oh, His love for me! Oh, His love for me!  
*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.  
I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

Free at last, he has ransomed me.  
His grace runs deep.  
While I was a slave to sin,  
Jesus died for me. Yes, he died for me!  
*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.*

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*I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.  
In my Father's house, there's a place for  
me.*

*I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

I am chosen, not forsaken.

I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me.

I am who You say I am. *{Repeat section}*

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.*

*I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

*In my Father's house, there's a place for  
me.*

*I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

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me.*

*I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

I am chosen, not forsaken.

I am who You say I am.

You are for me, not against me.

I am who You say I am. *{Repeat section 3x}*

Oh, I am who You say I am.

Yes, I am who You say I am.

*Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.*

*I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

*In my Father's house, there's a place for  
me.*

*I'm a child of God. Yes, I am.*

Welcome

### [This Is Amazing Grace](#)

Phil Wickham, Joshua Neil Farro, & Jeremy Riddle

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?  
Whose love is mighty and so much strong-  
er?**

**The King of Glory, the King above all  
kings.**

**Who shakes the whole earth with holy thun-  
der  
and leaves us breathless in awe and won-  
der?**

**The King of Glory, the King above all  
kings.**

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing  
love,*

*that You would take my place,*

*that You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life*

*that I would be set free.*

*Oh, Jesus, I sing for*

*all that You've done for me.*

**Who brings our chaos back into order?**

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Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,  
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?  
The King of Glory, the King above all  
kings.

*{Refrain}*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.  
Worthy is the King who conquered the  
grave.

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Worthy, worthy, worthy! *{Refrain}*

**TAG:** All that You've done for me.

All that You've done for me.

**Kid's Time**

Mickie McManamon

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### [Inspired by Love and Anger](#)

John L. Bell, 1996 / Hal H. Hopson, 1983

Inspired by love and anger,  
disturbed by need and pain,  
Informed of God's own bias,  
we ask God once again:  
"How long must people suffer?  
How long can few folk mind?  
How long dare vain self-interest  
turn prayer and pity blind?"

From those forever victims  
of heartless human greed,  
Their cruel plight composes a litany of  
need:

"Where are the fruits of justice?  
Where are the signs of peace?  
When is the day when prisoners  
and dreams find their release?"

From those forever shackled  
to what their wealth can buy,  
The fear of lost advantage  
provoke the bitter cry:  
"Don't question our position!  
Don't criticize our wealth!  
Don't mention those exploited  
by politics and stealth!"

To God, who through the prophets  
proclaimed a different age,

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We offer earth's indifference, its agony  
and rage:  
“When will the wronged be righted?  
When will the kingdom come?  
When will the world be equal  
for all instead of some?”

### **Prayers of the People**

O God, we thank you this day for those who follow the teachings of Jesus and seek to live out their faith in their everyday lives.

We know that we cannot earn your love,  
but we can respond to your love.  
You call us to live holy lives  
out of gratitude for all that you have done for us.

We thank you for people who find joy  
in the midst of trials and difficulties:  
for the hospital patient who gives hope  
and inspiration to the visitor,  
for the homeless person  
who teaches the social worker the meaning of  
faith,  
for the family that prays together in the face of  
death.

We thank you for those who endure temptation:  
for the young person who says “no”  
to a friend who wants to shoplift,  
for the office worker  
who refuses to join in negative conversation,  
for the company executive  
who puts justice before profits.

We thank you for those who are quick to listen,  
slow to speak, slow to anger:  
for couples who listen to each other in love,  
for people who count to ten  
before speaking their minds and then speak gently,  
for people who remain calm and loving  
when others' tempers flare.

We thank you for people who live out their faith  
by caring for orphans, widows and others in need:  
for foster parents and adoptive parents,  
for those who seek to work for peace and justice  
so that fewer people will be orphaned and widowed,  
for those who share a cup of coffee  
with a lonely neighbor,  
for those who visit in nursing homes.

We thank you for people  
who are doers of the word and not hearers only.

**O God, may we be counted among them.  
Help us to hear your word  
and to find joy in doing what you call us to do.  
May we live our lives in thankful obedience. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

**Lesson:** *Selected verses, Jonah 3-4*      Tim Bush, reader

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

### **Amazing Grace – Pachelbel's Canon**

Johann Pachelbel / Arr. by Jean Anne Shafferman  
Chancel Choir

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!**

**I once was lost but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see!**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear  
and grace my fears relieved;**

**How precious did that grace appear  
that hour I first believed.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun;**

**We've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun. Amen.**

Prayer

Tim Bush

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### God Blesses Every Nation

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, 2020 / Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

**God blesses every nation  
with equal love and pride;  
Each one God's own creation,  
with each God does abide.  
This planet was created  
for humankind to share—  
A vision we've negated, divisions everywhere.**

**Defined by war's aggression,  
God, may we be no more;  
and by Your intercession,  
break swords as You implore.  
At last, God, find us willing  
to walk and work as one,  
Your dream at last fulfilling,  
Your loving will be done**

**And may the Christ, our brother,  
inspire us this day  
to cherish one another  
and choose the peaceful way.  
Let words of hatred shatter,  
abandoned to the past,  
until the things that matter u  
nite this world at last.**

**Then on that day of wonder,  
we will no longer be  
Your children cast asunder,  
but one great family.  
And may the celebration  
be felt the whole world 'round;  
Great God of every nation, let unity abound!**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### What a Friend

Matt Maher, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.  
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.  
But we can lay our burdens down,  
lay our burdens down.**

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
east to west my sins are gone.  
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,  
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

**Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.  
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.  
But we can lay our burdens down,**

**But we can lay our burdens down,  
lay our burdens down. {Repeat Chorus}**

**No more betrayal, for He is faithful,  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,  
how He has proven it over and over. {Repeat  
bridge}**

**Over and over.**

**{Repeat Chorus 2x}**

**TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.**

**Our Church Family**

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**Stephen Ministers**, wearing blue name badges,  
will be at each service if anyone in our Epworth family  
wants to talk about life challenges.

**The special Peace Candle on the Altar**  
shines to remind us of God's desire for peace through-  
out  
our world and our call to be God's peacemakers.



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of January 21, 2023

## Sympathy

To Dow and Renee Juliano, family and friends on the death of Dow's mother on Monday. Sunday

## Concerns:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Gary Bacon

David Bendekovits

Cathy Benson

Brad Bingaman

Annabelle Boire

Diaz Bonville

Andy Brangenberg

Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

Jennifer Eden Family

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Sylvie Drew

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Beth Rinker  
Betty Robbins  
Sandy Roca  
Wilmarie Rodriguez  
John Sadler  
Irene & Tom Saffrit  
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Jack Witmer  
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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

### 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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