



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, January 28, 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

[Chain Breaker](#)

Mia Fieldes, Jonathan Smith, & Zach Williams

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

If you've been walking the same old road
for miles and miles,
If you've been hearing the same old voice
tell the same old lies,
If you're trying to fill the same old holes in-
side,
there's a better life, there's a better life.
If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.
If you feel lost, He's a way maker.
If you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison-shaking savior.
If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.

We've all searched for the light of day
in the dead of night.
We've all found ourselves worn out
from the same old fight.
And we've all run to things
we know just ain't right.
And there's a better life, there's a better life.
{Refrain}

If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify.
If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.
If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify.
{Refrain}

TAG: Oh, if you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison-shaking savior.
If you've got chains, oh, He's a chain
breaker.

[God is On the Move](#)

Cliff Williams, Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, & Tony

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to
light,
anytime temptation comes
and someone stands to fight,
anytime somebody lives
to serve and not be served,
I know, I know, I know, I know:
*God is on the move, on the move, Hallelu-
jah!*
God is on the move in many mighty ways.
*God is on the move, on the move, Hallelu-
jah!*
God is on the move, on the move today.

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Anytime in weakness
someone falls upon their knees
or dares to speak the truth that sets us free,
anytime the choice is made
to stand upon the Word,
I know, I know, I know, I know: *{Refrain}*

I see a generation standing on the truth.
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Anytime the gospel stirs a searching soul,
and someone says, "Send me. Here I go."
I know, I know, I know, I know: *{Refrain
twice}*

I see a generation standing on the truth.
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Welcome

Todd Popham, Lay Leader

[House of the Lord](#)

Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith ©2021 Be Essential Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We worship the God who was.

We worship the God who is.

We worship the God who evermore will be.

You opened the prison doors.

You parted the raging sea.

My God, You hold the victory, yeah.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

Oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals.

We sing to the God who saves.

We sing to the God who always makes a way.

'Cause You hung upon that cross,

then You rose up from that grave.

My God's still rolling stones away.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

We were the beggars, now we're royalty.

We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted,

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redeemed by Your grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

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We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by Your grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

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Our God is surely in this place.

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Our God is surely in this place.

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We shout out Your praise!

Kid's Time

Todd Popham

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

[All Creatures of Our God and King](#)

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225 / *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, 1623

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

O Brother Sun with golden beam,
O Sister Moon with silver gleam!

O praise ye! O praise ye!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear Mother Earth, who day by day
unfolds your blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show! *{Refrain}*

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise the Creator, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
{Refrain}

Prayers of the People

Mickey Hoffman

The Apostle Paul tells us that what is most essential in our conduct as Christians is not knowledge, but love.

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And that what we know is less important than our being known by God. So, we confess...

The times when we have used knowledge in ways which put people down rather than build them up. God, source of all knowledge, forgive us.

When we see people being exploited because of lack of knowledge, and do nothing. God, source of all goodness, forgive us.

When we have idolized knowledge at the expense of loving and caring for others. God, source of all love, forgive us.

When we have ridiculed others for having a weak and feeble faith because they appear to lack wisdom; God, source of all wisdom, forgive us.

Let us join in a time of silence for personal confession...

Forgive us, O God, for seeing good only in what we understand and accept as your truths. Remind us of Paul's words 'If I have all knowledge but do not have love, I am nothing.' Touch us, teach us, heal us, and make us newly aware of your love and forgiveness. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *1 Corinthians 8:1-13* Gwen Osborne, reader

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge, but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists" and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol, and their conscience, being

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weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge the weak brother or sister for whom Christ died is destroyed. But when you thus sin against brothers and sisters and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never again eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish; Arr. by Alice Parker ©1976

Chancel Choir

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou
art.**

**Thou my best thought by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my
light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee
one.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty
praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou
art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's
Sun!**

**Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Prayer for Our Pastor

Gwen Osborne

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Jesus, United By Your Grace

Charles Wesley, 1742 / *Gesangbuch der H.W.Hofkapelle*, 1784

**Jesus, united by Your grace
and each to each endeared,
with confidence we seek Your face
and know our prayer is heard.
Help us to help each other, Lord,**

each other's cross to bear;
let all their friendly aid afford
and feel each other's care.

Up unto You, our living Head,
let us in all things grow;
till You have made us free indeed
and spotless here below.
Touched by the lodestone of Your love,
let all our hearts agree,
and ever toward each other move,
and ever move toward Thee.

To You, inseparably joined,
let all our spirits cleave;
O may we all the loving mind
that was in You received.
This is the bond of perfectness,
Your spotless charity;
O let us, still we pray, possess
the mind that was in Thee.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

[House of the Lord](#)

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We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by Your grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.
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Our Church Family

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Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of January 28, 2023

Sympathy

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

Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

Andy Brangenberg

Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

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David Caffier

Joelle Colleta

Sylvie Drew

Sherri Ealy

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Pam Mehring

Brenda Milbourne

Joy Mitchell

Steve Mosteller

Ann Paulen

Ron Paxton

Glenn Pierce

Richard Pioli

Annette Predeaux

Constance Quillen

Frank Quillen

Charlie Reynolds

Dallas Reynolds

Barbara Simpson

John Riley Spillane

Jana Raup

Judy Reich

Victoria Reinholt

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Charlie Reynolds
Dallas Reynolds
Beth Rinker
Betty Robbins
Sandy Roca
Wilmarie Rodriguez
John Sadler
Irene & Tom Saffrit
Mark Saunders
Ed Scarborough
Jan Silbaugh
Joan and Henry Simpson
Fred and Sharyn Smith
Ray Sonderfan
Paul Streit
Scott Strickler
Mark Thompson
Mike Tibets
Ryan Talumello
Susanne Truitt
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf
Wanda Walton-Hummel
Tim Weschler
Michael Wills, Sr
Carol Wine
Dan Wine
Lorrie Witcher
Jack Witmer
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

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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