



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, February 4, 2024



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

GOD SO LOVED

Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash & Andrew Bergthold
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Come, all you weary. Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more.

Come, all you sinners. Come, find His mercy.
Come to the table. He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness. Find what you're looking
for.

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.*

Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come, lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.
See His open arms?

{Repeat Chorus}

The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God,
from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
for the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God,
from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
for the wonders of His love, His amazing love.

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save.*

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The Gospel

Bryan Fowler, Toby McKeehan, & Ryan Stevenson
©2017 Musical Moodswing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

A restless generation,
we're turning over ev'ry stone,
Hoping to find salvation
in a world that's left us cold.
Can we get back to the altar,
back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father,
and He's calling out to us.
*To the captive it looks like freedom,
to the orphan it feels like home.
To the skeptic it might sound crazy
to believe in a God who loves.
In a world where our hearts are breaking,
and we're lost in the mess we've made,
Like a blinding light in the dead of night,*

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*it's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

It's the cure for our condition,
it's the good news for us all.
It's greater than religion,
it's the power of the cross.
So, can we get back to the altar,
back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father,
and He's calling out to us. *{Refrain}*

In my own life it means forgiveness
when I know I deserve the fall.
It called me out of my darkness
and carried me to the cross.
In a moment my eyes were opened,
in that moment my heart was changed.
Like a blinding light in the dead of night,
it's the Gospel. *{Refrain}*

*TAG: It's the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.
Oh, oh, it's the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.*

Welcome

Gwen Osborne

GOODNESS OF GOD

Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ed Cash, & Ben
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I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up,

until I lay my head –

oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful.

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able,

oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

**I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
And in the darkest nights You are close like no other.**

I've known You as Jehovah,

I've known You as a friend.

And I have lived in the goodness of God. *{Refrain}*

**'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.**

**And Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.**

**With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything.**

**'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me. *{Repeat section}***

And all my life You have been faithful.

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able,

oh, I gonna sing of the goodness of God.

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing!

Oh, yes, 'cause all my life You have been faithful.

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able,

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

FORWARD BY FAITH

Words and Music by Cindy Barry, 2003

Chancel Choir

Lord, You are the potter and we are the clay.
 Mold our lives into vessels for Your service, we pray.
 And when we go through the fire,
 may You find us strong and true,
 As by faith we follow onward,
 placing our trust in You.

*Forward by faith, led by Your hand,
 willing to follow Your ev'ry command,
 United in spirit, together we stand.
 We will go forward by faith.*

Help us heavenly Father
 to walk by faith and not by sight.
 Living each day in vict'ry by the power of Your might.
 Lord, work within us, according to Your will,
 As we yield our lives in service, Your plans to fulfill.
 {Refrain}

Majestically, in victory we'll follow on,
 pressing t'ward the heavenly prize
 that is ours in the name of Jesus,
 The name of Jesus Christ. {Refrain}

Lesson: *Mark 1:29-39*

Len Johnson, reader

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed by demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases and cast out many demons, and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout all Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

O CHRIST, THE HEALER

Fred Pratt Green, 1967 / William B. Bradbury, 1861

O Christ, the healer, we have come
 to pray for health, to plead for friends.
 How can we fail to be restored
 when reached by love that never ends?
 From ev'ry ailment flesh endures
 our bodies clamor to be freed;
 yet in our hearts we would confess
 that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

We Pray for Our Pastor Len Johnson

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending
hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might,**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are those who come

**in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the high-
est.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken

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Music during Communion: Come to the Table

Ben Glover, Ben McDonald & Dave Frey ©2015 9Tone Songs

We all start on the outside, the outside looking in.

This is where grace begins.

We were hungry, we were thirsty,

with nothing left to give.

Oh, the shape that we were in.

And just when all hope seemed lost,

Love opened the door for us. He said:

Come to the table.

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free.

Come to the table.

Come meet this motley crew of misfits,

these liars and these thieves;

There's no one unwelcome here.

**And that sin and shame that you brought
with you,**

you can leave it at the door

and let mercy draw you near.

So, come to the table.

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free.

Come to the table. Come to the table.

To the thief and to the doubter,

to the hero and the coward,

to the pris'ner and the soldier,

to the young and to the older,

all who hunger all who thirst,

all the last and all the first,

all the paupers and the princes,

all who fail, you've been forgiven,

all who dream and all who suffer,

all who loved and lost another,

all the chained and all the free,

all who follow, all who lead,

anyone who's been let down,

all the lost, you have been found,

all who've been labeled right or wrong,

to ev'ryone who hears this song:

Come to the table.

Come join the sinners; you have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free.

Sit down and be set free.

Come to the table, come to the table.

Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Goodness of God

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And Your goodness is a-running after,

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I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,

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it's a-running after me. *{Repeat section}*
And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I gonna sing of the goodness of God.
I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing!
Oh, yes, 'cause all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of February 4, 2024

Sympathy

To Kim Witmer, family and friends, on the death of her father., Jack Witmer.

To Shannon Harris, family and friends, on the death of her husband, James “Jim” Harris.

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

Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

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Sylvie Drew

Sherri Ealy

Carol Fehrenbach

Deb Ferlitto

Finn

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Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

Mickey Hoffman

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Deb Hunt

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Sandra Kennedy.

Ted Kerwin

Chloe Kincade-Crean

Kris Koch

Nancy Krupa

Duncan Leet

Eton Lewis

Jerry Mahon

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Pam Mehring

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Beth Rinker
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Wilmarie Rodriguez
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Dan Wine
Lorrie Witcher
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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Autumn Reynolds-Cedar Crest College

Kristina Alexander, UD

Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon

Wade Stout-

Alex Tamburello, Delaware College of Art and Design

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