



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, February 11, 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*

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~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

Trust in You

Michael Farren, Lauren Ashley Daigle, & Paul Mabury

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Letting go of ev'ry single dream,  
I lay each one down at Your feet.  
Ev'ry moment of my wandering  
never changes what You see.  
I've tried to win this war, I confess.  
My hands are weary, I need Your rest.  
Mighty Warrior, King of the fight,  
no matter what I face, You're by my side.  
*When You don't move the mountains,  
I'm needing You to move,  
When You don't part the waters,  
I wish I could walk through,  
When You don't give the answers  
as I cry out to You,  
I will trust, I will trust, I will trust in You.*

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings;  
There's not a day ahead You have not seen, no.  
So, in all things be my life and breath.  
I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

*I will trust in You.*

You are my strength and comfort,  
You are my steady hand.  
You are my firm foundation,  
the rock on which I stand.  
Your ways are always higher,  
Your plans are always good.  
There's not a place where I'll go  
You've not already stood.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**TAG: I will trust in You. (3x)**

My Jesus

Matthew West, Anne Wilson, & Jeffrey Pardo

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Are you past the point of weary,  
is your burden weighing heavy,  
is it all too much to carry?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
Do you feel that empty feeling,  
'cause shame's done all its stealing,  
and you're desp'rate for some healing?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
*He makes a way where there ain't no way,  
rises up from an empty grave,  
ain't no sinner that He can't save.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
His love is strong and His grace is free,*

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*and the good news is I know that He,  
can do for you what He's done for me.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
and let my Jesus change your life.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
amen, amen.*

Who can wipe away the tears,  
from broken dreams and wasted years,  
and tell the past to disappear?  
Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
And all the wrong turns that you would,  
go and undo if you could.  
Who can work it all for your good?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. *{Refrain}*

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,  
pay the price for all my guilty,  
who would care that much about me?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh...  
*{Refrain}*

**TAG:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
and let my Jesus change your life.

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

Joseph M. Scriven, 1855 / Charles C. Converse, 1868 – Arr. J. Todd  
Epworth Chancel Choir

**What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer**

**Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**Kid's Time**

Gwen Osborne

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

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## ❧ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ❧

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**Lay Leader:** I now present these persons today for reception into Epworth: Pamela Chandler, Kamesha Chandler, Amare Chandler, William Perking, Tammy Zhang, Peter Plourd, and Suzanne Bigoss

### *To the new members*

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness  
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

§ **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power  
God gives you to resist evil, injustice,  
and oppression in whatever forms they present  
themselves? § **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,  
put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve  
Him as our Lord,  
in union with the Church which Christ has opened  
to people of all ages, nations, and races? § **I do.**

According to the grace given to you,  
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church  
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

§ **I will.**

### *To the congregation*

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both  
your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

§ **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life  
and include these persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news  
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround these persons**

**with a community of love and forgiveness**

**that they may grow in their trust of God**

**and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples  
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **Profession of Faith**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

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Thanks be to God. Amen.

**To the new members**

Lay Leader

As a member of Christ's universal church,  
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,  
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

§ I will.

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully  
participate in its ministries by your prayers, your  
presence, your witness, your gifts, your service, and  
your witness?

§ I will.

**The Promise**

John A. Behnke ©2000 Agape Publishing  
Epworth Bell Choir

**Prayers of the People**

Susan Jimenez

God, You have called us to be a people of pray-  
er—

to continue the ministry of intercession  
handed on to us by Jesus Christ Himself.

And so we come before You with confidence,  
bringing our prayers for the world You love.  
In Your mercy, hear and answer.

We pray for those who, like Jesus' disciples,  
find themselves surrounded by high winds and  
stormy seas;  
those who feel overwhelmed by events and cir-  
cumstances—

the loss of a job, the death of a loved one,  
serious accident or illness, chronic pain,  
depression, or divorce—

and who don't know where to turn.

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who, like Joseph,  
find themselves deeply wounded by people they  
love—

people they thought they knew and trusted—  
and who are struggling to know how to respond.

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who, like Peter,  
are experiencing a crisis of faith;  
who long to whole-heartedly trust in God  
but are held back by questions and doubts.

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who, like the prophet Elijah,  
have fallen into despair;  
who have begun to doubt God's presence and  
power;  
or question God's call in their lives.

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

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We pray for those who, like Joseph,  
have had their hopes and dreams crushed;  
those whose lives have suddenly taken a different  
turn, and who now wonder what lies ahead for  
them.

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Loving God, it is not Your will that any should suffer.

We offer our prayers for all those who hunger and thirst, those who live in the midst of violence or poverty, and those who feel abandoned or ignored by the world around them.

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Through the life-giving power of Your Holy Spirit,  
make Your sustaining presence known to all who are  
in pain or need,  
so that they, too, may know Your love and live. AMEN.

And now we pray the prayer that Christ taught us:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **If You Will Trust in God to Guide You**

Epworth Bell Choir

**If you will trust in God to guide you,  
and hope in God through all your ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide  
you,  
and bear you through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
builds on the rock that none can move.**

**Only be still, and wait God's leisure  
in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er your Maker's pleasure  
and all-discerning love has sent;  
we know our inmost wants are known,  
for we are called to be God's own.**

**Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;  
so do your own part faithfully,  
and trust God's word; though undeserving,  
you yet will find it true for Thee.  
God never yet forsook at need  
the soul that trusted God indeed.**

**Lesson:** *Genesis 37:3-8; 42:6-9a; 45:4-8*

Deacon Kristen Weschler

Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it, and bowed down to my sheaf." His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

Now Joseph was governor over the land; it was he who sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed themselves before him with their faces to the ground. When Joseph saw his brothers, he recognized them, but he treated them like strangers and spoke harshly to them. "Where do you come from?" he said. They said, "From the land of Canaan to buy food." Although Joseph had recognized his brothers, they did not recognize him. Joseph also remembered the dreams that he had dreamed about them.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### When Cain Killed Abel

Mary Nelson Keithahn, 1998 / Traditional English

**When Cain killed Abel in a fight,  
and Jacob stole another's right,  
when Joseph's brothers gave him chase,  
God wept and mourned their fall from grace.**

**In ev'ry fam'ly, small or great,  
when jealousy twists love to hate,  
and rivals turn to enemies,  
God weeps at our hostilities.**

**And when in church and world today  
such feelings still come into play,  
when brothers, sisters stand apart,  
God weeps for ev'ry broken heart.**

**Good Christians, join in God's lament,  
weep now and mourn, be penitent,  
and pray to God: Forgive us all.  
Restore us as before the fall.**

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**Prayer**

Kristen Weschler

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**Mighty to Save**

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2010 / Arranged

by Jay Rouse

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**Everyone needs compassion,  
Love that's never failing. Let mercy  
fall on me.**

**Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a savior. The hope of  
nations.**

*Savior, He can move the mountains.*

*My God is mighty to save.*

*God is mighty to save.*

*Forever, author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave.*

*Jesus conquered the grave.*

**So take me as you find me,  
all my fears and failures. Fill my life  
again.**

**I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in. Now I surren-  
der.**

*{Refrain twice}*

**Shine your light, and let the whole  
world see. We're singing for the glory  
of the risen King.**

**Jesus, shine your light,  
and let the whole world see.**

**We're singing for the glory of the risen  
King.**

*{Refrain}*

**You're my Savior, You can move the  
mountains,**

**God, You are mighty to save,**

**You are mighty to save.**

**Forever, author of Salvation.**

**You rose and conquered the grave,**

**Jesus conquered the grave.**

**You are mighty to save!**

**Benediction**  
Stith

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-



## My Jesus

Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,  
pay the price for all my guilty,  
who would care that much about me?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh...

*He makes a way where there ain't no*

*way,*

*rises up from an empty grave,  
ain't no sinner that He can't save.*

*Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.*

*His love is strong and His grace is*

*free,*

*and the good news is I know that He,  
can do for you what He's done for me.*

*Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
and let my Jesus change your life.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
and let my Jesus change your life.*

# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of February 11, 2024

## Sympathy

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To Gwen Osborne and Katie Handy, family and friends, on the death of Joanie Ruggiano

To family and friends of Bill Richardson on his death,

### CONCERNS:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Gary Bacon

Ann Beigay

\*Michael Beigay

David Bendekovits

\*Cathy Benson

\*Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

\*Andy Brangenberg

\*Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

\*Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

Joelle Colleta

Sylvie Drew

Sherri Ealy

Carol Fehrenbach

Deb Ferlitto

Finn

Marion Ford

\*Vicki Gordy-Stith

\*Tom Groff

Shannon Harris

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

\*Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

\*Deb Hunt

Juliano Family

Teri Fitzgerald

Vincent Imhof

Sandra Kennedy

Chloe Kincade-Crean

Kris Koch

Nancy Krupa

\*Duncan Leet

Eton Lewis

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Pam Mehring  
Brenda Milbourne  
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\*Ron Paxton  
\*Glenn Pierce  
Richard Pioli  
\*Annette Predeaux  
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Frank Quillen  
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Dallas Reynolds  
Pete Roche  
Barbara Simpson  
\*John Riley Spillane  
Jana Raup  
Judy Reich  
Victoria Reinholt  
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  
\*Charlotte Woods  
\*Claire Worrall  
Susan Yates  
\*Jean Young

Continued Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Home-  
bound, 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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\*Kristina Alexander, Grad UD  
Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon  
Wade Stout-  
\*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech  
Griffin Barrows, Marist

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