



Sunday, February 18, 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* ~

No Turning Back

Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin, & Jason Ingram

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Praise Team

*I will follow you. I will follow you.
No turning back, no turning back,
no turning back, no turning back.*

This is my heart cry: though none go with me,
the cross before me, the world behind me.

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the cross before me, the world behind me.

*I will follow you. (I have decided, I have de-
cided.)*

I will follow you. (I have decided.)

**No turning back, no turning back,
no turning back, no turning back.**

This is my anthem: my life for Your fame,
my ev'ry move bring glory to Your name.

This is my anthem: my life for Your fame,

my ev'ry move bring glory to Your name. *{Refrain II}*

The cross before me, the world behind me;

I will follow, I will follow. *{Repeat section 3x}*

**No turning back, no turning back,
no turning back, no turning back.**

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no turning back, no turning back.**

My Lighthouse

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
in my failures, You won't walk out.**

Your great love will lead me through;

You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.

In the questions, Your truth will hold.

Your great love will lead me through;

You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse –
shining in the darkness, I will follow you!*

Oh my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,

I will trust the promise:

You will carry me safe to shore,

safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.

With each morning, I'll rise and sing.

My God's love will lead me through;

You are the peace in my troubled sea.

Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

{Repeat Chorus}

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Fire before us, you're the brightest.
You will lead us through the storms.
{Repeat section 3x - Repeat Chorus}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Day By Day

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Day by day, day by day,
oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day. (Repeat
4x)

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oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:
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Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.
Day by day by day by day by day.

Kid's Time

Luke Emel-Firestone

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

In Darkness Do I Wander

Words by Charlotte Lee; Music by Douglas E. Wagner; ©2001

In darkness do I wander,
all alone and filled with grief,
Blinded by my selfish pity,
crippled by my unbelief.
Help me, Lord, to know forgiveness
for the weight of sin I bear.
Keep me close to you, Lord Jesus,
in your safe and loving care.

In darkness do I wander,
inconsolable I roam,
A sheep strayed from its shepherd,
a sinner far from home.
Be the light that guides my footsteps.
Be my strength when flesh is weak.
Be the everlasting mercy, Lord,
my refuge and retreat.
In darkness I wander alone.

Prayers of the People

Cathy Benson

God of deep hunger,

We thank you for being a God who is unconcerned with spiritual practices that don't affirm the dignity of the most vulnerable. Keep us from shallow spiritualities that are more concerned with obedience to ritual than how that ritual should bring about justice and restoration in the world. Retrain our appetites toward healing and liberation. If we fast this

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Lent, let it be in that ancient way, which gives our portions to the hungry and oppressed. And if we have need, let this be a season of reclamation, that we would accept what is owed to us, that we would take all that our dignity demands. Grant that we would find our own healing magnified as we participate in the healing of the cosmos. And let our darkest nights amplify the light, that we would look up and see no less than the very face of God in one another. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

Lesson: *Psalm 25:1-10* Lee Ann Walling, reader

R: *To You, O Lord, I lift my soul,
To You, I lift my soul.*

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

{Response}

Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth
or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

{Response}

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right
and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love
and faithfulness,

for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

{Response}

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Forgive, Make New, and Bless

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, 2024 / Adapt. from Robert Schumann, 1839

The ashes of my life I bring,
regrets and failings I confess.
To this one truth alone I cling:
That You'll forgive, make new, and bless.

Forgive the times I've failed to be
the justice-seeker You intend;
Too self-absorbed to stop and see
the needs of stranger, foe, and friend.

Make new in me the drive this day
to be Your hands and beating heart
for those I meet along life's way,
Your grace and mercy to impart.

Then bless me with a holy Lent,
Your best in me at last reborn.
And fit me, Lord, as I repent,
to rise with You come Easter morn.

Prayer

Lee Ann Walling

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Lead Me Lord

Wayne & Elizabeth Goodine ©1994 New Spring

*It's hard to take the first step
when I don't know the way.*

*Each turn is so uncertain,
I learn to walk by faith.*

*But You gave me a promise
that You would never leave.*

You will lead and guide me.

Oh, Lord, I do believe.

Lead me, Lord, I will follow.

Lead me, Lord, I will go.

You have called me, I will answer.

Lead me, Lord, I will go.

*Your plans for me are perfect
I never need to fear.*

*For though at times I feel alone,
I know that You are near.*

*My heart just wants to follow,
I'm willing to obey.*

Take my hand and lead me,

I'll follow all the way. {Refrain twice}

TAG: You have called me, I will answer.

Lead me, Lord, I will go.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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Day by day by day by day by day.**

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Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of February 18, 2024

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

Ron & Patti Cain

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

Juliano Family

Teri Fitzgerald

Vincent Imhof

Sandra Kennedy

Chloe Kincade-Crean

Kris Koch

Nancy Krupa

*Duncan Leet

Eton Lewis

Jerry Mahon

Bob Mazur

Linda McLane

*Missy Mehring

Pam Mehring

Brenda Milbourne

Joy Mitchell

Steve Mosteller

Ann Paulen

*Ron Paxton

*Glenn Pierce

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*Glenn Pierce
Richard Pioli
*Annette Predeaux
Constance Quillen
Frank Quillen
Charlie Reynolds
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
Dee Speck
Paul Streit
*Scott Strickler
*Mark Thompson
Mike Tibets
Ryan Talumello
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Wanda Walton-Hummel
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Michael Wills, Sr
Carol 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
*Dan Wine

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

College/Grad Students

Autumn Reynolds-Cedar Crest College

*Kristina Alexander, Grad UD

Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon

Wade Stout-

*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech

Griffin Barrows, Marist

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