



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, March 10, 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* ~

Let's Walk Together

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Let's walk together for a while
and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow,
and hope can enter in.
To be the hands of healing
and to plant the seeds of peace.

Singing welcome, welcome to this place.

You're invited

to come and know God's grace.

*All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;*

All are welcome to this place.

Let's talk together of a time
when we will share a feast,
where pride and power kneel to serve
the lonely and the least.
And joy will set the table
as we join our hands to pray: *{Refrain}*

Let's dream together of the day
when earth and heaven are one,
a city built of love and light, the new
Jerusalem.
Where our mourning turns to dancing,
every creature lifts its voice! *{Refrain}*

Pray

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We call upon Your name,
humble ourselves and pray.
Move in our hearts, move in our land.
Ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue
will proclaim Your Kingdom come.

We pray, pray,

open the windows of Heaven on us.

Today, we pray,

*pour out Your Spirit, Your wonders on
earth.*

We come on bended knees; we bring an of-
fering.

Lead us in Your way everlasting.

Ev'ry heart of ev'ryone will pray,

"Your will be done." *{Refrain 2x}*

Pray, pray;

*humble ourselves, we humble ourselves,
and pray, pray;*

humble ourselves, we humble ourselves.

{Refrain 2x}

TAG: We pray.

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Build Your Kingdom Here

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Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts
again.

Increase in us, we pray. Unveil why we're
made.

Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,
like wildfire in our very souls.

Holy Spirit, come invade us now.

We are your church. We need your pow'r in
us.

We seek Your kingdom first,

we hunger and we thirst,

refuse to waste our lives,

for You're our joy and prize.

To see the captive hearts released;

the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace,

We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.

We are your church. We pray: revive this
earth.

*Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness
fear.*

Show Your mighty hand,

heal our streets and land.

*Set Your church on fire, win this nation
back.*

Change the atmosphere,

build Your kingdom here, we pray.

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,

reaching the near and far.

No force of hell can stop

Your beauty changing hearts.

You made us for much more than this;

awake the kingdom seed in us.

Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.

We are your church. We are the hope on

earth.

{Refrain – 3x}

Teach Us to Pray

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin ©1994

Chancel Choir Anthem

When we sense Your holiness,

when our hearts we can't express,

When we seek Your mind to find

Your way, teach us to pray.

By Your goodness we are fed.

From Your table comes our bread.

When words of thanks we forget to say,

teach us to pray.

When forgiveness we can't find,
revenge and power fill the mind,
We condemn and we forget Your grace,
teach us, teach us to pray.

Though we seek Your perfect will,
we fight temptation still.
When from goodness we begin to stray,
teach us to pray, teach us to pray.
For Yours is the pow'r and majesty.
Your kingdom reigns eternally.
Until the coming of the endless day,
when all Your children meet You face to
face,

Oh, teach us, teach us, teach us to pray,
teach us to pray.

Prayers of the People

Laura Miller

Holy Triune God,

When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
You invite us to step into the waters
of faith and trust.

When we stand at the edge
of the world's pain and need,
Jesus invites us to step into the land
of humble service.

When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.

God – ever-with-us:

you draw us near to your heart,
so that, cradled in compassion,
we might see the brokenness
of all who are around us.

Teacher-beside-us:

you draw us near to yourself,
so that, by following you,
we may discover the deep joy
of serving the broken of the world.

Spirit-within-us:

you draw near to us with your peace,
so that, reconciled and restored to God,
we may be the healers to a world
shattered by despair.

God in Community, Holy in One,
as we draw near to you in this time,
we lift the prayer you have taught us, saying,

The Lord's Prayer

Lesson: *Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

Clella Harp, reader

***Give thanks to the Lord for His steadfast love,
For all God's wonderful works.***

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

for his steadfast love endures forever.
Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south
Some were sick through their sinful ways
and because of their iniquities endured affliction;
they loathed any kind of food,
and they drew near to the gates of death.

***Give thanks to the Lord for His steadfast love,
For all God's wonderful works.***

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress;
he sent out his word and healed them
and delivered them from destruction.

***Give thanks to the Lord for His steadfast love,
For all God's wonderful works.***

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices
and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.

***Give thanks to the Lord for His steadfast love,
For all God's wonderful works.***

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Our Praise and Thanks

Lavon Bayler, 2001 / Samuel Sabastian Wesley, 1864

***Our praise and thanks we bring You,
O God, of awesome deeds.***

***You know and bless Your people
and meet us in our needs.***

***When we cry out for mercy,
You know the pain we feel.***

***When spirits falter, hopeless,
Your hands reach out to heal.***

You hear the prayers we offer.

You test our faithfulness.

You help us grow through challenge.

You sense our weariness.

O God, when we are faithless,

***Your faithfulness remains,
and we can trust Your promise
that stretches and sustains.***

***Please help us, God, to listen
for cries that others make,
that we may ease their burdens,
not look for their mistake.***

So, when we make our witness

*and share the truth we know,
God, keep us humbly open
to follow ways You show.*

Prayer

Clella Harp

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

What Faith Can Do

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Everybody falls sometimes.
Gotta find the strength to rise from the
ashes, and make a new beginning.
Anyone can feel the ache.
You think it's more than you can take,
but you're stronger, stronger than you know.
Don't you give up now;
the sun will soon be shining.
You gotta face the clouds
to find the silver lining.
I've seen dreams that move the
mountains, hope that doesn't ever end
even when the sky is falling.
I've seen miracles just happen,
silent prayers get answered,
broken hearts become brand new,
that's what faith can do.

It doesn't matter what you've heard,
"Impossible" is not a word,
it's just a reason for someone not to try.
Ev'rybody's scared to death
when they decide to take
that step out on the water,
but it'll be alright.
Life is so much more
than what your eyes are seeing.
You will find your way if you keep believing.
{Repeat Chorus}

Overcome the odds, you don't have a
chance. But when the world says you can't,
it'll tell you that you can.
{Repeat Chorus}

TAG: That's what faith can do.

Even if you fall sometimes,
you will have the strength to rise .

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

We Want to See Jesus Lifted High

*Doug Horley ©1993 Kingsway ThankYou Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
a banner that flies across this land,

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That we all might see the truth
and know He is the way to heaven.

{Repeat to top}

XXX – we want to see, XXX – we want to see,

XXX – we want to see Jesus lifted high.

XXX – we want to see, XXX – we want to see,

XXX – we want to see Jesus lifted high.

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
a banner that flies across this land,
That we all might see the truth
and know He is the way to heaven.

XXX – we want to see, XXX – we want to see,

XXX – we want to see Jesus lifted high.

XXX – we want to see, XXX – we want to see,

XXX – we want to see Jesus lifted high.

Step by step we're moving forward,
little by little taking ground.

Ev'ry prayer a pow'ful weapon,
strongholds come tumbling down,
and down, and down, and down.

We want to see Jesus lifted high,
a banner that flies across this land,
That we all might see the truth
and know He is the way to heaven.

XXX – we want to see, XXX – we want to see,

XXX – we want to see Jesus lifted high.

XXX – we want to see, XXX – we want to see,

XXX – we want to see Jesus lifted high.

{Repeat Chorus}

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of March 10, 2024

Sympathy

To Linda Bender-Hilt and John Hilt, family and friends, on the death of their neighbor and friend , Eloise.

Concerns:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Gary Arrell

Gary Bacon

Ann Beigay

*Michael Beigay

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*Cathy Benson

*Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

*Andy Brangenberg

Diane Bruce

*Tim Bush

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*Jennifer Eden Family

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Sylvie Drew

Sherri Ealy

Carol Fehrenbach

Marilyn Fentimen

Deb Ferlitto

Finn

Marion Ford

*Vicki Gordy-Stith

*Tom Groff

Shannon Harris

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

*Mickey Hoffman

Carolyn Horn

Teri Fitzgerald

Vincent Imhof

*Sandra Kennedy

Chloe Kincade-Crean

Kris Koch

Nancy Krupa

*Duncan Leet

Eton Lewis

Loretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Bob Mazur

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Pam Mehring
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*Ann Chambers, The Moorings
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health
*Carolyn Robinson-Brandywine
*Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler
*Dan Wine

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Luke Wilson, USCG Key West
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