



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, March 17, 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* ~

**Forever**

Chris Tomlin ©2001 Worship Together Songs  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King;  
His love endures forever.**

**For He is good, He is above all things;**

**His love endures forever.**

**Sing praise, (*sing praise*),**

**sing praise, (*sing praise*).**

**With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,**

**His love endures forever.**

**For the life that's been reborn,**

**His love endures forever.**

**Sing praise, (*sing praise*),**

**sing praise, (*sing praise*).**

**Sing praise, (*sing praise*),**

**sing praise, (*sing praise*).**

***Forever God is faithful. Forever God I is strong.***

***Forever God is with us, forever.***

***Forever God is faithful. Forever God I is strong.***

***Forever God is with us, forever.***

***Forever.***

**From the rising to the setting sun,**

**His love endures forever.**

**And by the grace of God, we will carry on,**

**His love endures forever.**

**Sing praise, (*sing praise*),**

**sing praise, (*sing praise*).**

**Sing praise, (*sing praise*),**

**sing praise, (*sing praise*).**

***{Repeat Chorus}***

**Redeemed**

Benji Cowart & Mike Weaver ©2012 Word Music LLC  
Praise Team

**Seems like all I could see was the struggle.**

**Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past.**

**Bound up in shackles of all my failures,**

**wond'rin' how long is this gonna last?**

**Then You looked at this pris'ner**

**and said to me, "Son,**

**Stop fighting a fight that's already been**

**won."**

***I am redeemed; You've set me free.***

***So, I shake off these heavy chains***

***and wipe away ev'ry stain.***

***Now I'm not who I used to be.***

***I am redeemed. I am redeemed.***

**All my life I have been called 'unworthy,'**

named by the voice of my shame and regret.

But when I hear You whisper,  
“Child, lift up your head,”  
I remember, O God,  
You’re not done with me yet.

*I am redeemed; You’ve set me free.  
So, I shake off these heavy chains  
and wipe away ev’ry stain.  
Now I’m not who I used to be.*

Because I don’t have to be  
the old man inside of me,  
‘cause his day is long dead and gone.  
Because I’ve got a new name, a new life;  
I’m not the same.

And the hope that will carry me home:

*I am redeemed; You’ve set me free.  
So, I shake off these heavy chains  
and wipe away ev’ry stain.  
‘cause I’m not who I used to be.*

*I am redeemed; You’ve set me free.  
So, I shake off these heavy chains  
and wipe away ev’ry stain.*

*Now I’m not who I used to be.*

*O God, I’m not who I used to be.*

*Jesus, I’m not who I used to be,*

*‘cause I am redeemed.*

*Thank God, redeemed.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Thank You, Lord

Paul Baloche & Don Moen ©2004 Integrity’s Hosanna!  
Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I come before You today,  
and there’s just one thing that I want to say;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
For all You’ve given to me,  
for all the blessings that I cannot see:  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.

*Thank You, Lord,  
I just want to thank You, Lord;  
Thank You, Lord,  
I just want to thank You, Lord.  
Thank You, Lord.*

For all You’ve done in my life,  
You took my darkness and gave me Your light;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
You took my sin and my shame,  
You took my sickness and healed all my pain;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,

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With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.

*{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

**Kid's Time**

Joy Gordy-Stith

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### **The Potter's Hand**

Darlene Zschech / Arr. by Lloyd Larson ©1992  
Chancel Choir Anthem

**Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know  
for sure,**

**all of my days are held in Your hand;  
crafted into Your perfect plan.**

**You gently call me into Your presence,  
guiding me by Your holy Spirit.**

**Teach me, dear Lord,**

**to live all of my life through Your eyes.**

**I'm captured by your holy calling; Set me  
apart,**

**I know you're drawing me to Yourself.**

**Lead me, Lord, I pray.**

*Take me, mold me; use me, fill me.*

*I give my life to the potter's hand.*

*Mold me, guide me, lead me, walk beside  
me.*

*I give my life to the potter's hand.*

*{Repeat to top – Repeat Chorus 2x}*

**TAG: The potter's hand.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Shawn McHugh

Forgive us, Lord, when we take ourselves too seriously,  
when we don't claim the happiness that is rightfully ours  
as your children, when we forget that you will have the  
last laugh in this world. Restore to us the joy of our  
salvation.

Beloved, God responds quickly to the choices we make.  
Our actions have consequences in our relationships with  
one another and God. Whether we want it to or not, our  
choices and deeds influence God's responses and actions.  
Believe in the Good News and do what is pleasing in the  
sight of the Lord.

We thank you, Lord, for making us in your divine image.  
We are also deeply grateful that you are like a potter,  
shaping and molding us like clay on a spinning wheel.  
Hear our confession and transform us with your grace.  
We ask you now to "create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me." Amen.

And now we pray the prayer that Christ taught us:

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Lesson: Psalm 51:1-12**

Nick Foery, reader

§ *Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.*

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Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy,  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.  
Indeed, I was born guilty,  
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

§ *You are the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me; this is what I  
pray.*

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
and do not take your holy spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

§ *Change my heart, O God; make it ever  
true.  
Change my heart, O God; may I be like  
you.*

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### Lenten Meditation

Jay Althouse ©2001

Chancel Choir

**Jesus Christ, my Savior lived for me, and died,  
source of my salvation yet was crucified.  
Peace that knows no measure: This by faith I see.  
Love that knows no ending; Jesus died for me.  
*Lord, we renew our commitment  
these forty nights and days.  
And Lord, by Your grace  
help us change our sinful ways.***

**Hear me now, Lord Jesus: I will never stray.  
I will never wander. Hear me as I pray:**

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Free me now from darkness.  
Cleanse me now from sin.  
Pardon my transgressions. Make me pure  
within.

*Lord, we renew our commitment  
these forty nights and days.  
And Lord, by Your grace  
help us change our sinful ways.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Prayer Nick Foery

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Forward By Faith

Cindy Berry ©2003

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.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

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. We'll go...

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Benediction Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
You took my sin and my shame,  
You took my sickness and healed all my pain;  
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.  
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,  
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your  
name.

*Thank You, Lord,*

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*I just want to thank You, Lord.  
Thank You, Lord,  
I just want to thank You, Lord.  
Thank You, Lord. {Repeat Chorus}*

## Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of March 17, 2024

### Sympathy

To Irene and Bob Safreit, family and friends, on the death of Irene's friend of 76 yrs. **Marilyn Fentimen**

### Concerns:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Gary Arrell

Gary Bacon

Ann Beigay

\*Michael Beigay

David Bendekovits

\*Cathy Benson

\*Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

\*Andy Brangenberg

Diane Bruce

\*Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

\*Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

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Joelle Colleta

Sylvie Drew

Sherri Ealy

Carol Fehrenbach

Deb Ferlitto

Finn

Marion Ford

\*Vicki Gordy-Stith

\*Tom Groff

Shannon Harris

Bryan Hecksher

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

Kathleen Marto

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Linda McLane  
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\*Charlotte Woods  
\*Claire Worrall  
Carolyn & Lincoln Yates  
\*Susan Yates  
\*Jean Young

### **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

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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  
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Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon  
Wade Stout  
\*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech  
Griffin Barrows, Marist

\*Church Member

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