



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

[Epworth.faith](http://Epworth.faith)

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Soil/Soul Tending:  
Join the Song (Lent)

March 31, 2024

Easter  
Sunday

Mark 16:1-8



Welcome to Epworth Worship  
Sunday 10 am  
in-person and online

10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)  
[Calendar](#) & [Announcements](#)  
[Prayer List](#)  
[Staff & Leadership](#)

*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.



19285 Holland Glade Rd.  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971  
302-227-7743 [Epworth.faith](http://Epworth.faith)



~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

### Beautiful Terrible Cross

Todd Smith, Tony Wood, & Chad Cates

©2007 Curb Congregation Songs

Praise Team

There is a beautiful, terrible cross  
where, though You committed no sin,  
Savior, You suffered the most wicked fate  
on the cruelest creation of man.

Yet, on that beautiful, terrible cross  
You did what only You could:  
turning that dark inspired evil of hell  
into our soul's greatest good.

*We see the love that You showed us,  
we see the life that You lost.*

*We bow in wonder and praise You  
for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

There on that beautiful, terrible cross,  
though darkness was strong on that hill,  
You remained sov'reign, Lord,  
still in control  
as Your perfect plan was fulfilled.

*We see the love that You showed us,  
we see the life that You lost.*

*We bow in wonder and praise You  
for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

*Oh, we gained the riches of heaven.*

*Jesus, You paid the horrible cost.*

*We stand forgiven and praise You  
for the beautiful, terrible cross,  
for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

In the cross, in the cross  
be my glory ever.  
'Til my raptured soul shall find  
peace beyond the river.  
Beautiful cross, terrible cross.  
Beautiful cross, terrible cross.

### King of Kings

Scott Ligertwood, Brooke Ligertwood, & Jason Ingram

©2019 Hillsong Publishing

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

In the darkness, we were waiting  
without hope, without light,  
'til from heaven You came running;  
there was mercy in Your eyes.  
To fulfill the law and prophets,  
to a virgin came the Word,  
from a throne of endless glory  
to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise Jehovah, Praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
God of glory, Majesty,*

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

*praise forever to the King of kings.*

*To reveal the kingdom coming  
and to reconcile the lost,  
To redeem the whole creation,  
You did not despise the cross.  
For even in your suffering,  
You saw to the other side.  
Knowing this was our salvation,  
Jesus, for our sake You died.*

*{Repeat Chorus}*

*And the morning that You rose,  
all of heaven held its breath,  
'til that stone was moved for good,  
for the Lamb had conquered death.  
And the dead rose from their tombs  
and the angels stood in awe,  
For the souls of all who'd come  
to Jehovah are restored.*

*And the church of Christ was born,  
then the Spirit lit the flame.  
Now this gospel truth of old  
shall not kneel, shall not faint.  
By His blood and in His name,  
in his freedom I am free,  
For the love of Jesus Christ,  
who has resurrected me.*

*Oh, Praise Jehovah, Praise the Son,  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.  
God of glory, Majesty,  
praise forever to the King of kings.  
Praise forever to the King of kings.*

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**Lesson:** *Mark 16:1-8* Joy Gordy-Stith, reader

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb,

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Words: Charles Wesley; Arranged by Hal H. Hopson

©1983

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Earth and Heav'n in chorus say, Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!  
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! AMEN.**

**Kid's Time**

Joy Gordy-Stith

### Jesus Is Alive!

Ron Kenoly ©1987 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

*Hallelujah! Jesus is alive!*

*Death has lost its vict'ry  
and the grave has been denied.*

*Jesus lives forever – He's alive, He's alive!*

**He's the alpha and omega,  
the first and last is He;  
The curse of sin is broken  
and we have perfect liberty.  
The Lamb of God has risen,  
He's alive! He's alive! {Repeat to top}**

**He's the alpha and omega,  
the first and last is He;  
The curse of sin is broken  
and we have perfect liberty.  
The Lamb of God has risen,  
He's alive! He's alive!**

*Hallelujah, Jesus is alive!*

*Death has lost its vict'ry  
and the grave has been denied.*

*Jesus lives forever –*

*He's alive, Hallelujah! Jesus is alive!*

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## **Christ Is Risen**

Brian Wren, 1984 / Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!  
Celebrate this day of days.  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder;  
all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding,  
see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding  
bring a taste of love unknown.**

**Christ is risen! Raise Your spirits  
from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning.  
See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection,  
not a servant, but a friend;  
Jesus is our strong companion.  
Joy and peace shall never end.**

**Christ is risen! Earth and heaven  
nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation  
where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:  
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the First and Last is with us.  
Sing Hosanna everyone!**

### **Prayers of the People** Bob Thoman

On this Day of Resurrection, we pray to You, Risen One!

Your healing power provides us  
answered prayers; transformed lives;  
reformed systems; children embraced.  
All that is good comes from you.  
Everything that is life comes from you.

And we praise you, as Calvary's victory  
is proved again a thousand times each day  
in glimpses, miracles and reconciliations.  
Even as we wait for an end to the good fight  
and strive to have faith for long dead hopes  
to burst to life as you promised -  
When your kingdom comes, and your will is done  
on earth as in heaven.  
The day with no more pain, no more poverty,  
no child alone or hungry.

But for now, we long for a day when the child,  
who has been running away for years,  
every week, without fail, ...doesn't.  
The day when the disabled child,  
is finally accepted for who they are.  
When the traveler, for so long the outsider,

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

suddenly becomes a friend.

There are those days when, in the face of despair,  
for some unexpected and incomprehensible reason,  
our long dead hopes are brought back to life.

There are those days we suddenly realize  
the stone has been moved... and the tomb is empty.

### **In Christ Alone**

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2002 Thank You Music  
Chancel Choir

**In Christ alone my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all.  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh.  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness  
scorned by the ones He came to save  
When on that cross as Jesus died  
the sting of death was then defied.  
For every sin on him was laid,  
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
can ever pluck me from His hand.  
'Til he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

**We Pray for Our Pastor** Bob Thoman

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **My Redeemer Lives**

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2002 ThankYou Music  
Praise Team

**I know He rescued my soul,  
His blood, He covered my sin,**

I believe, I believe.

My shame, He's taken away,  
my pain is healed in His name,

I believe, I believe.

I'll raise a banner:

**My Lord has conquered the grave!**

**My redeemer lives! My redeemer lives!**

**My redeemer lives! My redeemer lives!**

**{Repeat to top – Chorus 2x}**

You lift my burden, I rise with you.

I'm dancing on this mountain top

to see Your kingdom come. {Chorus 2x}

## **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**

### ***Music during Communion:***

#### **Ave Verum Corpus**

W.A. Mozart, 1791

Chancel Choir

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered,

Sacrificed on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:  
Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!  
O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.

### **Because He Lives**

William & Gloria Gaither, Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,  
Matt Maher, & Jason Ingram ©2014 Hanna Street Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One.  
I believe I overcome by the power of His love.**

***Amen! Amen!***

***I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.***

***Amen! Amen!***

***Let my song join the one that never ends,  
because He lives.***

**I was dead in the grave,  
I was covered in sin and shame.  
I heard mercy call my name.  
He rolled the stone away.**

***Amen! Amen!***

***I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.***

***Amen! Amen!***

***Let my song join the one that never ends,***

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone.  
I know He holds my life, my future in His  
hands.**

***Amen! Amen!***

***I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.***

***Amen! Amen!***

***Let my song join the one that never ends,***

***Amen! Amen!***

***I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.***

***Amen! Amen!***

***Let my song join the one that never ends,  
because He lives.***

***Because He lives. Amen.***

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **The Hallelujah Chorus**



## Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of March 31, 2024

### Sympathy

To Barbara Simpson, family and friends, on the death of Barbara's father, Allen Wenker

To Cathy and Tom Lewis, family and friends, on the death of their friend, Vic Staut

### Concerns:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Gary Arrell

Gary Bacon

Ann Beigay

\*Michael Beigay

James Belknap

David Bendekovits

\*Cathy Benson

Addison Bigos

\*Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

\*Andy Brangenberg

Vic & Tina Broccolino

Christian Brown

Diane Bruce

\*Tim Bush

Judy Buchanan

\*Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

Ron & Patti Cain

Gail Clifford

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

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

Nancy Krupa  
\*Duncan Leet  
Eton Lewis  
Loretta Mahan  
Jerry Mahon  
Kathleen Marto  
Bob Mazur  
Linda McLane  
\*Missy Mehring  
Pam Mehring  
Brenda Milbourne  
\*Laura Miller  
Joy Mitchell  
Steve Mosteller  
Jack O'Day  
Steve Oliverrez  
Donald Palmer  
Ann Paulen  
\*Ron Paxton  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
Richard Pioli  
\*Dan Potts  
\*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  
\*Bill Robbins  
\*Sandy Roca  
Wilmarie Rodriguez  
\*John Sadler  
\*Irene & Tom Safrit  
Mark Saunders  
\*Ed Scarborough  
Jan Silbaugh  
Barbara Simpson Family  
Joan and Henry Simpson  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith  
Ray Sonderfan  
Paul Streit  
\*Scott Strickler  
Dr. David Tam  
**\*Cheryl Tarlecky**  
\*Mark Thompson

Mike Tibets  
Ryan Talumello  
\*Susanne Truitt  
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf  
Donald Walton  
Wanda Walton-Hummel  
Travis Weber  
\*Kristin Weschler  
\*Tina Whaley  
Michael Wills, Sr  
Carol Wine  
Lorrie Witcher  
\*Charlotte Woods  
\*Claire Worrall  
Carolyn & Lincoln Yates  
\*Michelle 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

### **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

\*Church Member

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

# Epworth Ministry Organization



## Staff & Leadership

Church Office: 302-227-7743 (plus extension)

Lead Pastor: [Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith](#) (x102)

Pastor of Community & Communication:

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) (x103)

Minister of Music: [Doug Yetter](#) (x106)

Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

Preschool Director: [Betsy Plowman](#) (x107)

Financial Manager: [Darlene Ford](#) (x105)

Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

Office Manager: [Tammy Zhang](#) (x100)

Governing Board Chair—[Linda Kauffman](#)

Lay Leader—[Todd Popham](#)

Finance Chair—[David Hagelin](#)

Staff-Parish Relations Chair—[Sandy Pierce](#)

Board of Trustees Chair—[Bunny Maher](#)

Scheduling/Rentals & DOVs: [Susan Jimenez](#)

### Inviting Leadership Team

(Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice)

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) and [Bob Joynson](#)

### Belonging Leadership Team

(Small Groups, New Members/Belongings, Sunday School, Youth & Adult Groups)

[Gwen Osborne](#), [Linda BenderHilt](#), [Loretta Mahan](#),

[Cathie Lewis](#) and [Teri Moore](#)

### Connecting Leadership Team

(Worship, Music, Arts)

[Doug Yetter](#) and [Murray Archibald](#)

### Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

[Mickie McManamon](#), [Dee Speck](#) and [Holly Reynolds](#)