



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, April 7, 2024

Churches Thrive Through Servant Leadership

April 7, 2024

Humble Teachability

Matthew

11:7-11, 25-30



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* ~

Greater

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Bring your tired and bring your shame,
bring your guilt and bring your pain.
Don't you know that's not your name?
You will always be much more to me.
And ev'ry day I wrestle with the voices
that keep telling me I'm not right,
but that's all right.

*'Cause I hear a voice,
and He calls me redeemed
when others say I'll never be enough.
And greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.
In the world... In the world...
and greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.*

Bring your doubts and bring your fears,
bring your hurt, and bring your tears,
there'll be no condemnation here;
you are holy, righteous, and redeemed.
And ev'ry time I fall,
there'll be those who will call me a mistake,
well, that's okay. *{Repeat Chorus}*

There'll be days I lose the battle;
grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.
(He's greater, He's greater)
I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.
{Repeat Bridge - Repeat Chorus}

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understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.
God is greater than he who is living in the
world.

My Redeemer Lives

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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}*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Easter People, Raise Your Voices

William M. James, 1979 / Henry T. Smart, 1867

Easter people, raise Your voices,
sounds of heaven in earth should ring.
Christ has brought us heaven's choices;
heavenly music, let it ring.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Easter people, let us sing.

Fear of death can no more stop us
from our pressing here below.
For our Lord empowered us
to triumph over every foe.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
On to victory now we go.

Every day to us is Easter,
with its resurrection song.
When in trouble move the faster
to our God who rights the wrong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
See the power of heavenly throngs.

Kid's Time

Gwen Osborne

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Pray

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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 offering.
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.

Prayers of the People

Mickey Hoffman

Creator God,

Your generosity of grace knows no bounds,
it is unfathomable in depth,
immeasurable in breadth.

You disturb us, provoke us,
challenge us to do the same—
to offer our resources,
our gifts, our passions
to make right relations,
to feed the hungry,
to resist evil,
to stand for justice,
to work for dignity for all.

We pray that you soften our hearts,
and open us wider to serve You
with energy and imagination.

We pray now for all the brokenness
we are aware of in this world... *(silent prayer)*

We pray now for those who suffer
from illness of all kinds... *(silent prayer)*

We pray now for the concerns
we hold in our hearts... *(silent prayer)*

We pray now for the prayers
that we have no words for... *(silent prayer)*

We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus,
our brother, our teacher, our redeemer, Amen.

And now we sing the prayer that Christ taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Matthew 11:7-11, 25-30*

Scott Button

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written,

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist, yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these

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things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Come to Me

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1802 / Adapted by Alexander Aslanoff, 1933

Chancel Choir

Come to me, all ye that need rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn of me.

All ye that labor, all ye that are heavy laden;

I will give you rest.

I am meek, I am lowly in heart.

Come to me to find rest unto your souls.

My yoke is easy, my burden light.

My yoke is easy, my burden light.

O, come to me all ye, to find rest come to me.

Prayer for Our Pastor & Church

Scott Button

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

He Lives!

Alfred H. Ackley, 1933

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, whatever foes may say.

I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, and just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives?

He lives within my heart.

In all the world around me I see His loving care, and though my heart grows weary,

I never will despair.

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I know that He is leading thru all the
stormy blast; the day of His appearing will
come at last. *{Refrain}*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him
the help of all who find;
none other is so loving, so good and kind.
{Refrain}

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

What a Friend

Matt Maher, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker
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Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
east to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down.

{Repeat Chorus}

No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
how He has proven it over and over.

{Repeat section}

Over and over.

{Repeat Chorus 2x}

TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of April 7, 2024

Sympathy

To families and friends of those lost in Key Bridge tragedy

Concerns:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Gary Arrell

Gary Bacon

Ann 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

*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

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Jerry Mahon
Kathleen Marto
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*Missy Mehring
Pam Mehring
Brenda Milbourne
*Laura Miller
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Jack O'Day
Steve Oliveres
Donald Palmer
Ann Paulen
*Ron Paxton
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
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*Dan Potts
*Annette Predeaux
Constance Quillen
Frank Quillen
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Dallas Reynolds
Pete Roche
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*Cheryl Tarlecky
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*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
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*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
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Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon
Wade Stout
*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech
Griffin Barrows, Marist

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