



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, April 14, 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* ~

Stand in Your Love

Josh Baldwin, Ethan Hulse, Mark Harris, & Rita Springer

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken.

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
when I stand in Your love.*

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
when I stand in Your love.*

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
when I stand in Your love.*

Shame no longer has a place to hide.

I am not a captive to the lies.

I'm not afraid to leave my past behind.

I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken.

{Refrain}

There's power that can break off every chain.

There's power that can empty out a grave.

There's resurrection power that can save,
power in Your name, power in Your name.

{Refrain}

Oh when, when I'm standing in Your love. Oh,

{Refrain}

TAG: Oh, oh, I'm standing in Your love.

Oh, oh, standing on the rock.

Oh, I'm standing, standing in Your love.

My Jesus

Matthew West, Anne Wilson, & Jeffrey Pardo

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Are you past the point of weary,
is your burden weighing heavy,
is it all too much to carry?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Do you feel that empty feeling,

'cause shame's done all its stealing,

and you're desp'rate for some healing?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*He makes a way where there ain't no way,
rises up from an empty grave,
ain't no sinner that He can't save.*

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*His love is strong and His grace is free,
and the good news is I know that He,
can do for you what He's done for me.*

*Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
and let my Jesus change your life.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
amen, amen.*

Who can wipe away the tears,
from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear?
Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
And all the wrong turns that you would,
go and undo if you could.

Who can work it all for your good?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. *{Refrain}*

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,
pay the price for all my guilty,
who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh... *{Refrain}*

TAG: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
and let my Jesus change your life.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Feet Are on the Rock

Josh Bronleewe, Abbie Parker, Lindsey Sweat & Matthew Hein
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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

I can see the clouds roll in,
I can feel the winds they try to shake me.
I will not be moved,
my feet are on the Rock.
I can feel the waters rise,
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me.
Fear won't hold me now,
my feet are on the Rock.

*When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
My feet are on the Rock.*

I can see the morning light,
I can feel the joy on the horizon.
Here my faith is found. I stand on solid ground.
{Repeat Chorus}

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
So stomp your feet and clap your hands,
our feet are on the Rock. *{Repeat Bridge 3x}*

*When I feel my hope about to break,
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❧ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ❧

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Todd Popham – Lay Leader: I now present these persons today for reception into Epworth:

New Members: Robyn Spendley, Walt Spendley, Dennis Drenner, Judy Stout, Barb Drenner, Stephanie Hughes, R.L. Hughes, and Jamie Forshey.

To the new members

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness
reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of
your sin? § **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power
God gives you to resist evil, injustice,
and oppression in whatever forms they present
themselves? § **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to
serve Him as our Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races? § **I do.**

According to the grace given to you,
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy
church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?
§ **I will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both
your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
§ **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and life and include these persons now before you in
your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness
that they may grow in their trust of God
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them, that they may be true
disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Profession of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

To the new members

Todd Popham

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its
ministries?

§ I will.

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully
participate in its ministries by your prayers, your
presence, your witness, your gifts, your service, and
your witness?

§ I will.

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Give Me Jesus

Traditional Spiritual
Chancel Choir

I heard a mourner say, I heard a mourner
say,

I heard a mourner say: "Give me Jesus."

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

*You may have all this world, give me
Jesus.*

Oh, when I come to die, oh, when I come to
die,

Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

{Chorus}

Dark midnight was my cry,

dark midnight was my cry,

dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus

{Chorus}

In the morning when I rise,

in the morning when I rise,

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.

You may have all this world,

with its trouble and woe,

don't need silver and gold, give me

Jesus.

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, give me
Jesus!*

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith
And now we sing the prayer that Christ taught us to
pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *1 Peter 3:8-17*

David Garrett

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse, but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. For “Those who desire to love life and to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ **to walk in the way that leads to life.**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph M. Scriven, 1855 / Charles C. Converse, 1868

Chancel Choir

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**

**Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;**

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take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do your friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee;

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Prayer for Our Pastor & Church

David Garrett

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

My Hope Is Built

Edward Mote, 1834 / William B. Bradbury, 1863
Congregational Hymn

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness.**

**I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.**

**In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.**

{Refrain}

**When He shall come with trumpet
sound,**

O may I then in Him be found!

**Dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne!**

{Refrain}

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

My Feet Are on the Rock

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.

All other ground is sinking sand.

**So stomp your feet and clap your hands,
our feet are on the Rock.**

{Repeat Bridge 3x}

When I feel my hope about to break,

I will cling to Your unchanging grace.

*Let the waters come and the earth give
way,*

I'll be dancing in the rain.

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Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of April 14, 2024

Sympathy

Sympathy to Jana Kammigna & Niki Nicholson,
family and friends, on the death of Jana's mother,
Jane Kamminga, April 4th

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

Kristen Family

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Eton Lewis
Duane Little
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 Oliverez
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
Steve
Paul Streit
*Scott Strickler
Dr. David Tam
*Cheryl Tarlecky
*Mark Thompson

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Mike Tibets
Ryan Talumello
*Susanne Truitt
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
Wanda Walton-Hummel
Travis Weber
*Kristin Weschler
*Karen West
*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

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