



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, April 21, 2024

## Churches Thrive Through Servant Leadership

April 21, 2024

## Empathetic Listening

Romans  
12:4-5, 9-21



**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* ~

**Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus**

Dennis Jernigan ©1993 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.  
Chancel Choir / Praise Team

I'd like to say, Lord, from the start  
Thank You for breaking through my heart.  
Thank You for tearing ev'ry chain apart.  
When I was lost You made a way,  
You turned the darkest night to day.  
You are my joy and Lord, I'd like to say:  
That...

*Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!*

*Nobody thrills me like You do!*

*Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!*

*Nobody, Lord, but You!*

*Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!*

*Nobody thrills me like You do!*

*Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!*

*Nobody, Lord, but You!*

*Nobody but You!*

When I am weak, my Lord, You're strong,  
loving me even when I'm wrong.  
Lord, You are my salvation and my song.  
Every day I'll make the choice.  
Listening, following Your voice.  
Being with You, I can't help but rejoice.  
For...

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**Beautiful One**

Tim Hughes ©2002 ThankYou Music  
Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Wonderful, so wonderful is Your unfailing  
love.

Your cross has spoken mercy over me.

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,  
no heart can fully know

how glorious, how beautiful You are.

*Beautiful One, I love. Beautiful One, I  
adore.*

*Beautiful One, my soul must sing.*

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the  
skies.

Your mighty works displayed for all to see.

The beauty of Your majesty  
awakes my heart to sing

How marvelous, how wonderful You are.

*{Chorus 2x}*

You opened my eyes to Your wonders  
anew,

You captured my heart with this love  
because nothing on earth is as beautiful as  
You.

And You opened my eyes to Your wonders  
anew,  
You captured my heart with this love  
because nothing on earth is as beautiful as  
You.

*{Chorus}*

My soul, my soul must sing.  
My soul, my soul must sing.  
My soul, my soul must sing.  
Beautiful One. *{Repeat section—Chorus 2x}*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Goodness of God

Jenn Johnson, Brian Johnson, Jason Ingram, Ed Cash,  
& Ben Fielding ©2019 Shout Music Publishing  
Chancel Choir / Praise Team

I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails  
me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up,  
until I lay my head –  
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

*And all my life You have been faithful.*

*And all my life You have been so, so good.*

*With every breath that I am able,*

*oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice.

You have led me through the fire.

And in the darkest nights

You are close like no other.

I've known You as Jehovah,

I've known You as a friend.

And I have lived in the goodness of God.

*And all my life You have been faithful.*

*And all my life You have been so, so good.*

*With every breath that I am able,*

*oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

And Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered  
now,

I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

And Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered  
now,

I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running,

it keeps running after me.

*And all my life You have been faithful.*

*And all my life You have been so, so good.*

*With every breath that I am able,*

*oh, I gonna sing of the goodness of God.*

*I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing! Oh, yes,*

*'cause all my life You have been faithful.*

*And all my life You have been so, so good.*

*With every breath that I am able,*

*Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.*

*Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.*

## **Kid's Time**

### **Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### **Heal, Renew, Equip**

Words by Mark Gruber-Lebowitz / Music by Doug Yetter

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**For far too long, we've been a church divided,  
with open doors to some, but not to all.**

**In name alone, we're Methodists united;**

**Now it's time for harmful walls and words to fall.**

*Jesus, come heal us, renew us, equip us to be*

*Your unified body for all the world to see*

*what this fractured church will look like*

*when love leads the way;*

*Heal and renew and equip us, we pray!*

**Bring healing to Your church that's come untethered**

**from grace it was created to impart;**

**renew it when at last this storm's been weathered,**

**and equip it with your reconciling heart.**

*{Chorus}*

**Then set us to the work that lies before us,**

**transform us so at last in unity**

**we'll be Your beating heart, as You implore us;**

**and Your open arms to all humanity. *{Chorus}***

### **Prayers of the People**

Lynne Wilmer

Loving, Creator God,

who looks with compassion on all of Your creation,

we lift our prayers to you.

There are so many who have been displaced—  
by flood and fire, war and famine.

May they be fed and cared for,

and may they find kindness on their journeys.

Lead them to a safe place,

to find comfort under the shelter of your wings.

May they find their home in you.

For those who have found themselves

where they did not expect to be,

**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have experienced loss –

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of homes, jobs, good health, and of loved ones,  
May they find your love and the light of your  
promises to be enough for the next step.  
Lead them to a place of hope,  
to find glimpses of joy in their journey.  
Bind up their wounds  
and fill them again with your goodness and mercy.  
For those who grieve  
and seek a path forward toward hope,  
**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have wandered far from you –  
who feel forsaken, forgotten, or fearful,  
May they find that you are not so far off after all.  
May they trust in your prodigal love,  
And run into your outstretched arms with joy.  
For those who are lost  
and in need of God's welcome,  
**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

And lastly, we pray for those of us who are com-  
fortable – safe, healthy and secure.  
We heartily thank you for your many blessings.  
May we be agents of your blessing to others  
as we seek the peace and prosperity of this city.  
Lead us to those whom you look upon  
with compassion – the overworked, the underfed,  
the neglected and the depressed.  
Fill us with your grace and mercy and love,  
that we may be healers in your name  
For those in need of what we have to offer,  
**O Lord, hear our prayer.**

And now let us sing the prayer Christ taught us to  
pray:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

**Lesson:** *Romans 12:4-5, 9-21*      Marti Garrett

For as in one body we have many members  
and not all the members have the same function, so  
we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individ-  
ually we are members one of another.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast  
to what is good; love one another with mutual affec-  
tion; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag  
in zeal; be ardent in spirit; serve the Lord. Rejoice in  
hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in pray-  
er. Contribute to the needs of the saints; pursue hospi-  
tality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do  
not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep  
with those who weep. Live in harmony with one an-  
other; do not be arrogant, but associate with the low-  
ly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay

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anyone evil for evil but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord." Instead, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### **The Servant Song**

Words by David Gillard; Arranged by David Schwoebel ©2007

Based on *BEACH SPRING* from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844

Chancel Choir

**If anyone would be first,  
they shall be the last of all,  
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;  
be the servant of all.**

**We are travelers on a journey,  
fellow pilgrims on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.  
I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.  
Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

**If anyone would be first,  
they shall be the last of all,  
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;  
be the servant of all.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.  
When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony.  
Born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**If anyone would be first,  
they shall be the last of all,  
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;**

be the servant of all.

## Prayer for Our Pastor & Church

Marti Garrett

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Albert F. Bayly, 1961 / Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*,  
1813

Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, Your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to Your purpose  
every gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love Your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make us whole.

Called by worship to Your service,  
forth in Your dear name we go  
to the child, the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
that Your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may Your mercy know, and live.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Goodness of God

'Cause Your Goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

And Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered  
now,

I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me. *{Repeat section}*

*And all my life You have been faithful.*

*And all my life You have been so, so  
good.*

*With every breath that I am able,*

*oh, I gonna sing of the goodness of God.*

*I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing! Oh, yes,*

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*'cause all my life You have been faithful.  
And all my life You have been so, so  
good.  
With every breath that I am able,  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of  
God.  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of  
God.*



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of April 21, 2024

## Sympathy

### 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

Mark Ferrell

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

Eton Lewis

Duane Little

Loretta Mahan

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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  
Paul Streit  
\*Scott Strickler  
Tom Stout  
Dr. David Tam  
\*Cheryl Tarlecky  
\*Mark Thompson  
Mike Tibets  
Ryan Talumello  
\*Susanne Truitt  
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf

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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

# Epworth Ministry Organization



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

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