



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, April 28, 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* ~

## Alive & Breathing

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?  
What matters come to mind?**

**The cares you keep, the thoughts you think,  
it's not all wasted time.**

**Seek and you will find.**

*Joy still comes in the morning,  
hope still walks with the hurting.*

*If you're still alive and breathing,  
praise the Lord!*

*Don't stop dancing and dreaming.*

*There's still good news worth repeating.*

*So, lift your head and keep singing,  
"Praise the Lord!"*

**The years roll by. We wonder why  
we lost our way from home.**

**Our Father finds the child inside  
we left for growing old.**

**Awake, awake, awake, my soul!**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**Let everything, let everything,  
let everything praise the Lord.**

**In the working, in the waiting,  
let it praise the Lord.**

**In the blessing, in the breaking,  
come on, praise the Lord.**

**In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord.**

**Let it praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!**

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

## The God Who Stays

Matthew West, Jonathan Smith, & AJ Prius  
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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

**If I were You, I would've given up on me by  
now.**

**I would've labeled me a lost cause,  
'cause I feel just like a lost cause.**

**If I were You,**

**I would've turned around and walked away.**

**I would've labeled me beyond repair,  
'cause I feel like I'm beyond repair.**

**Oh, but somehow You don't see me like I  
do.**

**Somehow, You're still here.**

*You're the God who stays,*

*You're the God who stays.*

*You're the one who runs in my direction  
when the whole world walks away.*

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*You're the God who stands  
with wide open arms,  
and You tell me nothing I have ever done  
could separate my heart  
from the God who stays.*

I used to hide ev'ry time I thought I let You  
down.

Always thought I had to earn my way,  
but I'm learning You don't work that way.  
'cause somehow You don't see me like I do.  
Somehow, You're still here.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

My shame can't separate, my guilt can't  
separate,  
my past can't separate; I'm Yours forever.  
My sin can't separate, my scars can't sepa-  
rate,  
my failures can't separate; I'm Yours forev-  
er.

No enemy can separate,  
no pow'r of hell can take away.  
Your love for me will never change.

I'm Yours forever. 'cause *{Repeat Chorus  
2x}*

Welcome

### Good God Almighty

David Crowder, Ben Glover, & Jeff Sojka ©2021 9 T  
One Songs

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can't count the times I've called  
Your name some broken night.

And You showed up and patched me up  
like You do every time.

I get amnesia,

I forget that You keep coming around.

Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.

*Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find  
me,*

*praising Your name, no matter what  
comes.*

*'Cause I know where I'd be  
without Your mercy,*

*so I keep praising Your name  
at the top of my lungs.*

*Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)*

*Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)*

*He is Good God Almighty.*

You say Your love goes on forever,  
that Your mercy never stops.  
So why would I assume You'd be  
somebody that You're not?

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Like sun in the morning,  
I know You're gonna be there every day.  
So what on earth could make me be afraid?

*{Refrain}*

Praise Him in the morning,  
praise Him in the noontime,  
praise Him when the sun goes down.

Love Him in the morning,  
love Him in the noontime,  
love Him when the sun goes down.

*{Refrain}*

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,  
Jesus when the sun goes down.

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,  
Jesus when the sun goes down.

**Kid's Time**

Joy Gordy-Stith

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### Gather Us In

Marty Haugen ©1982 GIA Publications, Inc.

**Here in this place a new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dream-**

**ings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;**

**Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,**

**we are the old who yearn for Your face,**

**We have been sung throughout all of  
hist'ry,**

**called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;**

**Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,**

**not in some heaven, light-years away,**

**But here in this place the new light is shin-**

**ing,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.**

**Gather us in and hold us forever,**

**gather us in and make us Your own;**

**Gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**Prayers of the People**

Mike Tyler

Merciful God,

You call us to turn away from behaviors and attitudes  
that belong to the darkness,

to live honest and transparent lives

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as children of the light.

We confess the times when we have failed,  
giving in to our darker thoughts and desires;  
and acting in ways that did not bring honor  
to Your name.

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**

**Teach us how to live as children of the light.**

You call us love one another,  
to put the needs and interests of those around us  
above our own; to love others as deeply  
as we have been loved by You.

We confess the times when we have failed,  
allowing our own desires and interests to take  
precedence over the needs of others.

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**

**Teach us how to love as we have been loved.**

You call us to deal honorably with one another,  
even those who have hurt or offended us;  
to work through our disagreements  
with love and integrity,  
and so to build up the Body of Christ.

We confess the times when we have failed,  
finding it easier to simply walk away  
from hurtful relationships,  
or to talk behind people's backs  
rather than to their faces.

Lord, in Your mercy, **forgive us.**

**Teach us how to live with love and integrity.**

Give us hunger to know You more,  
so that we may do Your will and walk in Your  
ways,  
to the glory of Your name. Amen.

And now we sing the prayer that Christ taught us to  
pray:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

**Lesson:** *Matthew 18:15-20*

Rick Buske

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### Prayer of St. Francis

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Chancel Choir

Lord, make an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, grant pardon, Lord.  
Where there is doubt, let there be faith.

Oh, Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there's despair let me bring hope.  
Where there is darkness, let there be light.  
Where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek  
to be consoled as to console.  
To be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

Lord, make an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
and it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Lord, make an instrument of Your peace.  
An instrument of Your peace. Amen.

**Prayer for Our Pastor & Church** Rick Buske

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

### We All Are One in Mission

Rusty Edwards, 1986

We all are one in mission; we all are one in call.  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission compels us from  
above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.

We all are called for service,  
to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are different;  
our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others  
by God's surprising grace,  
so every folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming  
Word.

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our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

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Good God Almighty

Praise Him in the morning,  
praise Him in the noontime,  
praise Him when the sun goes down.  
Love Him in the morning,  
love Him in the noontime,  
love Him when the sun goes down.

*Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find  
me,  
praising Your name, no matter what  
comes.*

*'Cause I know where I'd be  
without Your mercy,  
so I keep praising Your name  
at the top of my lungs.*

*Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)  
Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)  
He is Good God Almighty.*

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,  
Jesus when the sun goes down.  
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,  
Jesus when the sun goes down.

## Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of April 28, 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



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 Oliveres  
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

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# Epworth Ministry Organization



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Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

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### Caring Leadership Team

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