



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, May 12, 2024

Churches Thrive Through Servant Leadership



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Adaptability
Acts 16:6-15



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* ~

Dream Small

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Praise Team

It's a momma singin' songs about the Lord.
It's a daddy spendin' fam'ly time
the world said he cannot afford.
These simple moments change the world.

It's a pastor at a tiny little church.
Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt
These simple moments change the world.

Dream small.

Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.

*Just let Jesus use you where you are,
one day at a time.*

Live well, loving God and others as yourself.

Find little ways where only you can help.

With His great love,

a tiny rock can make a giant fall.

Dream small.

It's visiting the widow down the street
Or dancin' on a Friday
with your friend with special needs.
These simple moments change the world.

Of course,
there's nothin' wrong with bigger dreams;
Just don't miss the minutes
on your way to bigger things.
'Cause these simple moments change the world.

{Repeat Chorus}

Keep loving, keep serving,
keep list'ning, keep learning,
Keep praying, keep hoping,
keep seeking, keep searching.
Add up the small things
and watch them grow bigger.
The God who does all things
makes oceans from rivers.

So, dream small.

Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.

*Just let Jesus use you where you are,
one day at a time.*

Live well, loving God and others as yourself.

Find little ways where only you can help.

With His great love,

a tiny rock can make a giant fall.

Yeah, five loaves and two fish

could feed them all, so dream small.

Dream small.

Counting Every Blessing

Gareth Gilkeson & Chris Llewellyn ©2018 Capitol CMG
Praise Team

I was blind, now I'm seeing in color.
I was dead, now I'm living forever.
I had failed, but you were my Redeemer.
I've been blessed beyond all measure.

I was lost, now I'm found by the Father.
I've been changed from a ruin to treasure.
I've been given a hope and a future.
I've been blessed beyond all measure.

*I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing,
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing.
Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.*

You were there in the valley of shadows.
You were there in the depths of my sorrows.
You're my strength, my hope for tomorrow.
I've been blessed beyond all measure.
{Chorus}

Surely Your goodness pursues me,
surely Your heart is still for me.
I will remember Your mercies all my days.
Through ev'ry storm and gale,
*I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing,
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing.
Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.*

*I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing,
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing.
Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me. {Repeat 3x}*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Holy Water

Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold, Martin Cash, Franni Cash, & Ed Cash
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

God, I'm on my knees again.
God, I'm begging "please" again.
I need You, oh, I need You.
Walking down these desert roads,
water for my thirsty soul.
I need You, oh, I need You.

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*Your forgiveness
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,
like holy water on my skin.*

Dead man walking, slave to sin.
I want to know about being born again.
I need You, oh, God, I need You.
So take me to the riverside;
take me under, baptize.
I need You, oh, God, I need You. {Refrain}
On my skin.

I don't want to abuse Your grace.
God, I need it ev'ry day.
It's the only thing
that ever really makes me want to change.
{Repeat 3x}

*Your forgiveness
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,
like the sound of a symphony
to my ears, like holy water.*

*Your forgiveness
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,
like holy water on my skin.
Oh, it's like holy water on my skin.
Oh, it's like holy water.*

Kid's Time

Mickie McManamon

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray / Brian Mann ©1998 Hope Publishing

**For everyone born, a place at the table.
For everyone born, clean water and bread.
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.**

*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice and joy---,
compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy.*

**For young and for old, a place at the table.
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrin-
kled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
*{Repeat Chorus}***

**For gay and for straight, a place at the ta-
ble.
A covenant shared, a welcoming space.
A rainbow of race and gender and color.**

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For gay and for straight, the chalice of
grace.

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: *Of justice, justice and joy!*

Of justice, justice and joy!

Of justice, justice and joy!

Prayers of the People

Chet Sprague

Holy One,

We gaze towards misty heavens
knowing you were just with us,
and now you are gone.

We watch the skies for just a glimpse
of your dazzling grace, and you send us an-
gels,
to bring our hearts and minds and soul
back into our lives, our bodies,
this very present moment,
where your presence is more difficult to see
in the midst of war, of random killing sprees,
revolutions, and thoughtless cruelty.

Your angels come to us
through the ordinary moments,
reminding us to pray in spite of and because
of...

Your angels remind us
that You indeed will empower us
to be your light and life and hope in this
world,
to the ends of the earth,
wherever courage and grace are needed.

We are your people, God,
and as much as we love sky-gazing,
we know that you call us to give witness
in the middle of terror, anxiety, illness,
death, and apathy.

Help us to listen deeply, see far and wide,
and live faithfully.

In Christ we pray, AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Acts 16:6-15*

Todd Popham, reader

They went through the region of Phrygia and Ga-
latia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the
word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they
attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did
not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to
Troas.

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During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We therefore set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there.

A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

I Will Not Be Shaken

Words and Music by Tommy Walker & Jacob Park
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Chancel Choir

1) He is my rock, my shield, my fortress.
He's my salvation and my strength.
The cords of death, they were surrounding me,
but He heard my cry for help.

2) He is my refuge, my high tower.
He's my deliverer so strong.
The snares of death, they were confronting me,
but He heard my cry for help.

So, I'll stand and trust. I'll stand in faith.

I will not be shaken.

So, I'll stand and trust. I'll stand in faith.

I will not be shaken. {Repeat V1 / Chorus}

Our God will not be moved!
Our God will never change!
Our God will reign forevermore!
{Repeat section 3x}

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.
Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

So, I'll stand and trust. I'll stand in faith.

I will not be shaken.

So, I'll stand and trust. I'll stand in faith.

I will not be shaken.

Prayer for Our Pastor & Church Todd Pop-
ham

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Many Gifts, One Spirit

Al Carmines, 1973

*Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise
one Giver, one God, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways, hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
praise, praise, praise!*

God of change and glory, God of time and
space,
when we fear the future, give to us Your
grace.

In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise. *{Refrain}*

God of many colors, God of many signs,
You have made us different,
blessing many kinds.

As the old ways disappear,
let Your love cast out our fear. *{Refrain}*

Freshness of the morning, newness of
each night,
You are still creating endless love and
light.

This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart. *{Refrain}*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Every Praise

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Music*

Ev'ry praise is to our God,
ev'ry word of worship with one accord.
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God.
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.

{Repeat section 3x}

God, my savior. God, my healer.
God, my deliverer. Yes, He is. Yes, He is.
God, my savior. God, my healer.
God, my deliverer. Yes, He is. Yes, He is.
Yes, He is. Yes, He is.

Ev'ry praise is to our God.
Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,
ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.

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Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,
ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 5, 2024

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

Leon Cromer

Sylvie Drew

Sherri Ealy

Diana Fair

Carol Fehrenbach

Mark Farrell

Deb Ferlitto

Finn

Mark Fonseca

Marion Ford

*Tom Groff

Karen Harford

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

Jerry Mahon

Kathleen Marto

Bob Mazur

Kayla McCauley

***Jeff McGuire**

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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
Denise Rhone
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
Richard Ross
*John Sadler
***Irene & Tom Safrit, car accident**
Mark Saunders
*Ed Scarborough
Jan Silbaugh
Barbara Simpson Family
Joan and Henry Simpson
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
Ray Sonderfan
Steve
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*Scott Strickler
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*Cheryl Tarlecky
*Mark Thompson
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*Michelle Yates
*Susan Yates
*Jean Young

***Church Members**

Assisted Living
Homebound
College Students
Service Men and Women
on back

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

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Luke Wilson, USCG Key West
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Jacob Hudson, Quantico
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