



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Pentecost Sunday, May 19, 2024

**Churches Thrive Through  
Servant Leadership**

May 19, 2024

**Collaborate  
& Empower  
Others**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-18**



**Welcome to Epworth Worship  
Sunday 10 am  
in-person and online**

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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* ~

## Holy Spirit

Katie Torwalt & Bryan Torwalt ©2011 Jesus Culture  
Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**There's nothing worth more**  
that could ever come close.

No thing can compare;

You're our living hope. Your presence,  
Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free,  
and my shame is undone. Your presence,  
Lord.

*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.*

*Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.*

*Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
to be overcome by your presence, Lord.*

*Your presence, Lord.*

*{Repeat Verse & Chorus}*

Let us become more aware of Your presence.

Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.

*{Repeat section 2x - Repeat Chorus}*

## Soul on Fire

Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark Lee, David Carr,

Brenton Brown & Matt Maher

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**God, I'm running for Your heart,**

*I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul  
on fire.*

*Lord, I'm longing for Your ways,*

*I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on  
fire,*

*Till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat section}*

*Lord, restore the joy I had.*

*I have a-wandered bring me back.*

*In this darkness, lead me through*

*until all I see is You, yeah! {Repeat Chorus}*

*Till I am a soul on fire.*

*Lord, let me burn for You again.*

*Let me return to You again.*

*And lord, let me burn for You again!*

*And let me return to You again! {Repeat Chorus}*

***TAG: God, I'm running for Your heart,***

***I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.***

***Till I am a soul on fire. Till I am a soul on fire.***

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## Burning in My Soul

Brett Younker, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, Daniel Caron  
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**There is power, power,  
here in this hour, this hour.  
We're all together, together,  
waiting here as one. {Repeat}**  
*Whoa, hear the sound from heaven.  
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.  
Whoa. We're calling for revival.  
God, let your fire fall again.  
It's burning in my soul---,  
burning in my soul---*

**All your sons and your daughters,  
dreaming the dreams of their father,  
Seeing the signs and the wonders:  
the Kingdom of God. Yeah. {Repeat Chorus}**

**I cannot contain it, this fire inside.  
I cannot contain it, so let it shine.  
I cannot contain it, this light of mine.**  
*It's burning in my soul,  
hear the sound from heaven.  
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.  
Whoa. We're calling for revival.  
God, let your fire fall again.  
It's burning in my soul---,  
burning in my soul---,  
it's burning in my soul---,  
burning in my soul---*

**Kid's Time**

Mike Reynolds

### **Introduction and Presentation of Candidate for Baptism**

#### **Questions for Parents and Congregation**

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 your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

Will you nurture Ella in Christ's holy Church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life? **We will.**

Do you, Epworth family, as Christ's body, reaffirm your commitment to Jesus as our Lord? **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in Christian love and practices and include these families before you in your love and care? **We will.**

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Will you live as a community of love and forgiveness so that all around you will see the grace of Jesus in you? **We will.**

Will you pray for these families that they may grow into disciples who walk in the way that leads to life? **We will.**

## **Creed**

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 be grateful for God's unending love and, in turn, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our redemption and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

### **Largo (Goin' Home)**

Antonin Dvorák - Arranged by Barbara Kinyon  
Epworth Bell Choir

**Goin' home, goin' home. I am goin' home.  
Quiet-like some still day, I'm just goin'  
home.**

**It's not far, it's just close by  
through an open door.**

**Work all done, care laid by goin' to fear no  
more**

**Mother's there expecting me,  
Father's waiting, too.**

**Lots of folk gathered there, all the friends I  
knew.**

**Nothing lost, nothing gained.**

**No more fret or pain.**

**No more stumblin' on the way,  
no more longing for the day.**

**Goin' to roam no more.**

**That mornin' star lights the way,  
restless dream all done.**

**Shadows gone, break of day**

**My real life just begun.**

**Oh-oo, I'm goin' home**

**Oh-oo, I'm goin' home**

**Hmm, I'm goin' home**

**I'm goin' home.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Carolyn Cattafi

O God, who sent gifts

of the Holy Spirit to those first saints,

We know you continue to send gifts to us,  
even though we do not claim them.

We confess that we have not always opened our gifts.

We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried.

Move us, by your Spirit,  
to pick up our presents, that you so freely give,  
to open them and to spend them lavishly  
on the stewardship of your world.

We confess to you how often our thoughts  
and motives are confused,  
both individually and when we are together as your people,  
and that this confusion has often blinded us  
to your interest in our lives.

Break in on our confusion, and astonish us anew, O God!  
Our prayer is that you will claim us again  
and silence within us our desire  
to always have words for every occasion,  
that we might hear the whisper of the wings  
of your Spirit dove.

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

## The Lord's Prayer

*Sung Responsively*

### In Christ There Is No East or West

**In Christ there is no east or west,  
in Him no south or north;  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
His service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.**

**In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,  
and neither slave nor free;  
both male and female heirs are made,  
and all are kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in Him meet south and north;  
all Christly souls are one in Him  
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**Lesson:** *1 Corinthians 12:4-18* David Streit, reader

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

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For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### Many Gifts, One Spirit

Words and Music by Allen Pote ©1986

Chancel Choir

**Many gifts, one spirit, many songs, one voice.**

**Many reasons, one promise,**

**many questions, one choice.**

**O God, we pray for unity, give guidance from above.**

**In our differences unite us in the circle of your love.**

**O God, remind us we are not alone.**

**Though we move on different pathways,  
we are walking to your throne.**

**Help us learn to love each other,**

**Show us ways to understand.**

**We are members of one family,**

**Growing strong by joining hands.**

**Take our many ways of working,**

**Blend the colors of each soul**

**into the beauty of a rainbow,**

**Give us life, Lord, make us whole.**

**Prayer for Our Pastor & Church** David  
Streit

**Message**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Beyond All Praising

Michael Perry /Gustav Holst - Epworth Bell Choir

**O God beyond all praising, we worship  
you today**

**and sing the love amazing**

**that songs cannot repay;**

**for we can only wonder at every gift you  
send,**

**at blessings without number**

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and mercies without end.  
We lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your Word,  
we honor and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor  
in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you,  
the Lord most high;  
though small in mortal stature,  
to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven,  
from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final  
victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior,  
accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor  
may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows  
be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows  
and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your  
ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice  
of praise.

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### House of the Lord

Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith ©2021 Be Essential Songs  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We worship the God who was.

We worship the God who is.

We worship the God who evermore will be.

You opened the prison doors.

You parted the raging sea.

My God, You hold the victory, yeah.

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord today.*

*And we won't be quiet,*

*we shout out Your praise.*

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.*

*Our God is surely in this place.*

*And we won't be quiet,*

*we shout out Your praise.*

*Oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.*

We sing to the God who heals.

We sing to the God who saves.

We sing to the God who always makes a way.

'Cause You hung upon that cross,  
then You rose up from that grave.

My God's still rolling stones away.

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.*

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*There's joy in the house of the Lord today.  
And we won't be quiet,  
we shout out Your praise.  
There's joy in the house of the Lord.  
Our God is surely in this place.  
And we won't be quiet,  
we shout out Your praise. {Repeat Chorus 2}*



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 19, 2024

## CONCERNS:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Gary Arrell

Gary Bacon

**Mary Cooney Bechtel**

Ann Beigay

James Belknap

David Bendekovits

\*Cathy Benson

Addison Bigos

\*Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

\*Andy Brangenberg

Vic & Tina Broccolino

Christian Brown

Diane Bruce

Jeff Bruckman Family

\*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

Roni Feiler

Teri Fitzgerald

Vincent Imhof

Ken Johnson

\*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

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\*Jeff McGuire  
Linda McLane  
\*Missy Mehring  
Pam Mehring  
Brenda Milbourne  
\*Laura Miller  
Joy Mitchell  
**Teri Moore**  
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  
Beth Rinker  
Pete Roche  
Barbara Simpson  
\*John Riley Spillane

Jana Raup  
Judy Reich  
Victoria Reinholt  
Charlie Reynolds  
Dallas Reynolds  
\*Bill Robbins  
\*Sandy Roca  
**Mary Jane Rodowicz**  
Wilmarie Rodriguez  
Richard Ross  
\*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  
Leonard Stielter  
Paul Streit  
\*Scott Strickler  
Tom Stout  
Dr. David Tam  
\*Cheryl Tarlecky  
\*Mark Thompson  
Mike & Erin Tibets  
Ryan Talumello  
Rene Toney  
\*Susanne Truitt  
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf  
Hudson Walton  
Donald Walton  
Wanda Walton-Hummel  
Travis Weber

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\*Tina Whaley  
Michael Wills, Sr  
Pat Williams  
Carol Wine  
Lorrie Witcher  
\*Charlotte Woods  
\*Claire Worrall  
Carolyn & Lincoln Yates  
\*Michelle Yates  
\*Susan Yates  
\*Jean Young

**\*Church Members**  
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**Assisted Living**  
**Homebound**  
**College Students**  
**Service Men and Women**

**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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**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



## Staff & Leadership

Church Office: 302-227-7743 (plus extension)

Lead Pastor: [Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith](#) (x102)

Pastor of Community & Communication:

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Minister of Music: [Doug Yetter](#) (x106)

Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

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

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

Office Manager: [Tammy Zhang](#) (x100)

Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

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[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) and [Bob Joynson](#)

### Belonging Leadership Team

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[Cathie Lewis](#) and [Teri Moore](#)

### Connecting Leadership Team

(Worship, Music, Arts)

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### Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

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