



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024

The Fruit of Thriving

May 26, 2024

Generosity

2 Corinthians
9:6-15



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 ~

Deep (Way Down)

Traditional Spiritual
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.

Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.

I've got the love of Jesus.

I've got the love of Jesus,

I've got the love of Jesus,

and it's deep down in my heart.

Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.

Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.

I've got the peace of Jesus.

I've got the peace of Jesus,

I've got the peace of Jesus,

and it's deep down in my heart.

Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.

Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.

I've got the joy of Jesus.

I've got the joy of Jesus,

I've got the joy of Jesus,

and it's deep down in my heart.

I've got the love of Jesus.

I've got the peace of Jesus,

I've got the joy of Jesus,

and it's deep down in my heart.

Deep down in my heart.

Deep down in my heart.

Thank You, Lord

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

I come before You today,
and there's just one thing that I want to say;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

For all You've given to me,
for all the blessings that I cannot see:
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.

With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You,
Lord;*

*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You,
Lord.*

Thank You, Lord.

For all You've done in my life,
You took my darkness and gave me Your light;

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Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
You took my sin and my shame,
You took my sickness and healed all my pain;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.
{Repeat Chorus 2x}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

I'm So Blessed

Logan Cain, Matthew West, Taylor Matz, Jonathan Smith, &
Madison Cain Johnson ©2023 Logan Cain Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Trouble knocking at my door today,
I ain't gonna let it in.
And worry wanna steal my joy away,
but I ain't gonna let it win.
'Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why.
*I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,
got this heartbeat in my chest.
No, it doesn't matter about the rest,
if I got You Lord, I'm so blessed.*

And when I count the problems that I see,
hope look all but gone.
But when I count the ways You're good to me,
You got me counting all day long.
{Repeat Chorus 2x}

On my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why.
{Repeat section + Chorus}

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber, 1826 / John B. Dykes, 1861
Congregational Hymn

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

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

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casting down their golden crowns
around the glassy sea;
only Thou art holy; there is none beside
Thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name,
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Morning Prayer Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *2 Corinthians 9:6-15* Rose Verona, reader

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

“He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Indescribable

Laura Story – Additional lyric by Jesse Reeves

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Chancel Choir Anthem

From the highest of heights
to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall
to the fragrance of Spring,
ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

Indescribable! Uncontainable!

*You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name;
You are amazing, God!*

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*All powerful! Untameable!
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God!*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
where it should go;

Or seen heavenly storehouses
laden with snow?

Who imagined the sun
and gives source to its light,
yet conceals it to bring us
the coolness of night?

None can fathom: {Chorus}

TAG: You are amazing, God!

Prayer for Our Pastor & Church Rose Verona

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

We Wait for God

Words & Music by Thomas Groff / Arr. by Eric Lagergren
(ASCAP)

Chancel Choir Anthem

We wait for God who dwells in time unknown.

Yet, our measured lives God holds so ever lovingly.

**God calls our name for each to claim
what has been destined for us each to be.**

**And as our God, He shared His time with us,
by coming here as Christ to offer grace through
love.**

**God's with us now, we know somehow,
but do we trust when shadows hides God's face?
We're slow to learn that ours is worldly time.
Deep in our hearts we sense a hidden future.
When all along God's time prevails,
and in His hands we know all will be well.
God never fails!**

**If time seems long 'til love brings end to war,
bear up with faith that God will in His time re-
store:**

**The peace we know and love we find
as Christ revealed to humankind.**

**Receive the joy His spirit gives,
Christ has assured God's promise lives.
God's plan goes far beyond our human dreams,
because the Lord throughout our time
His blessed Saints redeems!**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

WHAT A FRIEND

Matt Maher, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
east to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down.

{Repeat Chorus}

No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
how He has proven it over and over.

{Repeat bridge}

Over and over.

{Repeat Chorus 2x}

TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.

First Summer worship Series May 26—July 21, 2024



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 26, 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

Katy Byrnes

*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

Connie Hoffman

***Deb Hunt**

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

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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
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Ryan Talumello
Rene Toney
*Susanne Truitt
Harvey and Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
Wanda Walton-Hummel

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

***Church Members**

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

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

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Pastor of Community & Communication:

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

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