



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, June 9, 2024

## The Fruit of Thriving

June 9, 2024

Kindness

2 Samuel 9:1-17



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* ~

## Mighty to Save

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2010

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Everyone needs compassion,  
Love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a savior. The hope of nations.  
*Savior, He can move the mountains.*  
*My God is mighty to save.*  
*God is mighty to save.*  
*Forever, author of salvation*  
*He rose and conquered the grave.*  
*Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me,  
all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in. Now I surrender.  
*{Refrain twice}*

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus, shine your light,  
and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
*{Refrain – Bridge twice}*

You're my Savior, You can move the mountains.  
God, You are mighty to save,  
You are mighty to save.  
Forever, Author of Salvation.  
You rose and conquered the grave;  
Yes, You conquered the grave.  
You are mighty to save.

## Living Hope

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

How great the chasm that lay between us,  
how high the mountain I could not climb.  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
and spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving kindness  
tore through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of Ages stepped down from glory  
to wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

*Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!*

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*Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken ev'ry chain.  
There's salvation in Your name.  
Jesus Christ, my living hope. {Repeat Chorus}*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
declared the grave has no claim on me.

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Out of the silence, the roaring lion  
declared the grave has no claim on me.  
Jesus, Yours is the victory! Whoa!

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

**TAG: Jesus Christ, my living hope.  
O God, You are my living hope.**

**Welcome**

**Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith**

## See the Morning Sun Ascending

Charles Parkin, 1953 / Joachim Neander, 1680

See the morning sun ascending,  
radiant in the eastern sky.  
Hear the angel voices blending  
in their praise to God on high!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!

For Your loving-kindness ever  
shed upon our earthly ways.  
For Your mercy, ceasing never,  
for Your blessing of our days:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God always!

“Wisdom, honor, power, and blessing!”  
with th'angelic host we cry.  
Round Your throne, Your name confessing,  
Lord, we would to You draw nigh.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high!

**Kid's Time**

**Announcements**

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

## **Yes, He Can**

**Madison Johnson, Logan Cain, Taylor Matz, & Jeff Pardo**

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Sometimes I wonder: is He faithful?  
Does He see me in my trouble?  
Does He understand?  
Sometimes I question if He's able.  
Can He rescue?  
Can He save me again and again?  
But when I look back:

*Did He move ev'ry mountain?  
Did He part ev'ry sea?  
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.  
Oh, did He defeat the darkness?  
Did He deliver me?*

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*Yes, He did, so yes, He can.  
Oh, yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

**'Cause sometimes those voices try to tell me  
I'm forgotten and I've fallen  
too far from His hands.**

**But I know what kind of God He is,  
and I'm trusting in His promises.  
I'm believing and I'm singing: Yes, He can.**

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**'Cause I've seen too much; now I can't deny  
He's come through ev'ry single time.**

**From the beginning until the end,  
He did, He will, He can. And now, ooh...**

*Did He move ev'ry mountain?*

*Did He part ev'ry sea?*

*Yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

*Oh, did He defeat the darkness?*

*Did He deliver me?*

*Yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

*Did He move ev'ry mountain?*

*Did He part ev'ry sea?*

*Yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

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*Yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

*Yes, He did, yes, He can.*

## **Prayers of the People**

Shawn McHugh

Justice and kindness make for peace.

Justice and kindness are for healing the hurts in ourselves,  
in our relationships, and in the world.

Too many people around us and in this world  
suffer deprivation and persecution.

Creator God, help us prevent suffering where we can  
and in ways that show Your love for all creation.  
Help us to care for those who suffer.

Too many people around us and in this world  
experience hurt, grief, brokenness, and sorrow.

Loving God, help us to recognize when we are part  
of what brings pain, grief, and brokenness to others.

Help us to act in healthy and loving ways  
with our friends and neighbors,  
with strangers and enemies.

Help us to love others as ourselves.  
Help us to love ourselves as You love us.

Too many people around us and in this world  
are silent victims - unable to bring about healing  
for themselves and their loved ones.

Sustaining God, help us to speak the truth  
with love and humility.

Help us to advocate for justice  
for those unable to speak for themselves.

Guide us as we seek ways to bring healing for others  
in a world filled with sickness and destruction.

Sustain us with Your love and bless us with hope  
for times when we feel the job is too big

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and the work is never done.

Justice and kindness make for peace and healing.

Dear God, let it begin with me. **AMEN.**

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

## The Lord's Prayer

*Sung Responsively*

**Lesson:** *2 Samuel 9:1-17*

Cathy Benson

David asked, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and he was summoned to David. The king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "At your service!" The king said, "Is there anyone remaining of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" Ziba said to the king, "There remains a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." The king said to him, "Where is he?" Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar."

Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul came to David and fell on his face and did obeisance. David said, "Mephibosheth!" He answered, "I am your servant." David said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan; I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul, and you yourself shall eat at my table always." He did obeisance and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon a dead dog such as I?"

Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. You and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, so that your master's grandson may have food to eat, but your master's grandson Mephibosheth shall always eat at my table."

Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so your servant will do." Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he always ate at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Words by Frederick William Faber / Music by

John A. Coates ©2001

Chancel Choir

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There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in His justice  
which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner  
and more graces for the good.  
There is mercy with the Savior;  
there is healing in His blood.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of man's mind.  
And the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should take Him at His word.  
And our lives would have more sunshine  
in the sweetness of our Lord.

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in His justice  
which is more than liberty.

O, Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
We can take Him at His word!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! There is mercy with the  
Lord!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We can take Him at His word!  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! There is mercy with the  
Lord!  
There is mercy with the Lord!  
Hallelu, hallelu! Hallelu, hallelu!  
There is mercy with the Lord!

**Prayer for Our Pastor**

Cathy Benson

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

J. M. Neale, 1861 / Henry T. Smart, 1867  
Congregational Hymn

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone;  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever,  
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call You,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!  
With Your faithful loving-kindness



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hear Your people as they praise,  
and Your fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to our Maker,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever three and ever one;  
one in might and one in glory,  
while unending ages run.

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## All the People Said Amen

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy,  
to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you get to lean on,  
but thank God, it's all you need.

*And all the people said Amen.*

*And all the people said Amen.*

*Give thanks to the Lord,  
for His love never ends.*

*And all the people said Amen.*

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong,  
you know love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall,  
and God so loved the world,  
He sent His Son to save us all.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in  
heart.

Blessed are the people hungry for another start,  
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

TAG: And all the people said Amen.

## First Summer worship Series May 19—July 21, 2024



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## Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 9, 2024

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### Sympathy

To David Streit and Scott Button, family and friends, on th  
of David's brother Paul.

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#### 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

Brian Bowman

\*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

Sherry Ealy

Diana Fair

Carol Fehrenbach

Mark Farrell

Deb Ferlitto

**\*Roni Fiedler**

Finn

Mark Fonseca

Marion Ford

\*Tom Groff

Karen Harford

Shannon Harris

Bryan Hecksher

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

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\*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

**\*Jan Malone**  
Kathleen Marto  
Bob Mazur  
Kayla McCauley  
\*Jeff McGuire  
Linda McLane  
\*Missy Mehring  
Pam Mehring  
Brenda Milbourne  
\*Laura Miller  
Joy Mitchell  
Steve Mosteller  
Jack O'Day  
Steve Oliverez

**Peggy**  
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  
\*Ed Scarborough  
Jan Silbaugh  
Barbara Simpson Family

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Joan and Henry Simpson  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith  
Ray Sonderfan  
Steve  
Leonard Stielter  
\*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  
\*Tina Whaley  
Michael Wills, Sr  
Pat Williams  
Carol Wine  
Lorrie Witcher  
\*Charlotte Woods  
\*Claire Worrall  
Carolyn & Lincoln Yates  
\*Michelle Yates  
\*Susan Yates  
\*Jean Young

**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  
Hailie 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



## Staff & Leadership

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

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

Pastor of Community & Communication:

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) (x103)

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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Board of Trustees Chair—[Bunny Maher](#)

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(Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice)

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

### Belonging Leadership Team

(Small Groups, New Members/Belongings, Sunday School, Youth & Adult Groups)

[Gwen Osborne](#), [Linda BenderHilt](#), [Loretta Mahan](#),

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

### Connecting Leadership Team

(Worship, Music, Arts)

[Doug Yetter](#) and [Murray Archibald](#)

### Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

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