



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, June 23, 2024

The Fruit of Thriving

June 23,
2024

Self-Control
1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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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 ~

Awake My Soul and with the Sun

Thomas Ken, 1695 / *Geistliche Kirchengesange*, 1623

Congregational Hymn

Awake my soul and with the sun
thy daily race of duty run; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Shake off the night and early rise
to pay thy daily sacrifice.

Praise Creation! Praise Creator!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lord, I my vows to Thee renew.
Disperse my sins as morning dew. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Guard my first springs of thought and will;
and with Thyself my spirit fill. *{Refrain}*

Direct, control, suggest today,
all I design to do or say, Alleluia! Alleluia!
That all my pow'r's, with all their might,
in Thy sole glory may unite! *{Refrain}*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise God, praise Christ, praise Holy Ghost!
{Refrain}

Chain Breaker

Mia Fieldes, Jonathan Smith, & Zach Williams

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

If you've been walking the same old road
for miles and miles,
If you've been hearing the same old voice
tell the same old lies,
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside,
there's a better life, there's a better life.

If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.

If you feel lost, He's a way maker.

If you need freedom or saving,

He's a prison-shaking savior.

If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.

We've all searched for the light of day
in the dead of night.
We've all found ourselves worn out
from the same old fight.

And we've all run to things
we know just ain't right.
And there's a better life, there's a better life.

{Refrain}

If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify.
If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.
If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify. *{Refrain}*

TAG: Oh, if you need freedom or saving,

He's a prison-shaking savior.

If you've got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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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.

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.*

We were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by Your grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.
'Cause we were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by Your grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

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.*

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,

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*we shout out Your praise.
We shout out Your praise!*

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Fight the Good Fight

John S. B. Monsell, 1863 / *Psalmodia Evangelica*,
1789

Congregational Hymn

**Fight the good fight with all your might,
Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.**

**Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.**

**Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.**

Prayers of the People

Laurie Kuebler

Lord our God,

we Your people come to You this day
fully aware that we need your presence
and your help in our lives,
yet aware as well that we often fail to stop
and to turn to you for that help.

We're caught up in the troubles and the turmoils
of daily living— and too busy with the goals
we have set for ourselves.

We strive to be loving, we seek joy and peace,
we desire to be gentle and patient and kind,
to show goodness, and to have self-control—
and yet these things all too often elude us.

Help us, Lord, to root ourselves more deeply in You;
to seek your will for our lives;
to stop and to listen for your voice when we are troubled;
to fully rely on you when we strive to do what is right;
to remember you and trust in you when we are assaulted;
to meditate on your goodness and your gracious will
as we begin each day—
so that like trees by a stream
which send down their roots to the water,
we may produce by your power the fruit of your Spirit.
Lord, hear our prayer..

Thank you, Lord,
for being our God and making us your people.
Thank you for growing in us and for helping us to grow.
Thank you for the ministry you entrust to us.
May your will be done in us and by us,
both now and forevermore. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27 Susan Jimenez

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air, but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Confidence

Matt Armstrong, Chris Rohman, Dustin Lolli, & Ethan Hulse

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

[I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose.](#)

I feel unqualified for what You're callin' me to.
But Lord, with Your strength, I've got no excuse,

'cause broken people are exactly who You use.

*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.*

Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my defense,

so I can face my giants with confidence.

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king,
so I'm gonna trust You and give You ev'rything.

I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me;

I'll be a champion claiming Your victory.

{Refrain}

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.

Won't stop until I see 'em fall.

Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus,
Jesus.

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.

Won't stop until I see 'em fall.

Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus.

{Refrain}

Yeah, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,

give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.

Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my defense,

so I can face my giants with confidence.

I'll face my giants with confidence.

We Pray for Our Pastor Susan Jimenez

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Press On

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Chancel Choir

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When the valley is deep, when the mountain is steep,
When the body is weary, when we stumble and fall;
When the choices are hard,
when we're battered and scarred,
When we've spent our resources,
when we've given our all.

*In Jesus' name we press on,
In Jesus' name we press on,
Dear Lord, with the prize clear before our eyes,
We find the strength to press on. {Repeat Chorus}*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

God Is On the Move

[Cliff Williams, Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, & Tony Wood](#)

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

[Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light,](#)

anytime temptation comes
and someone stands to fight,
anytime somebody lives to serve and not be served,
I know, I know, I know, I know:

*God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah!
God is on the move in many mighty ways.
God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah!
God is on the move, on the move today.*

Anytime in weakness someone falls upon their knees
or dares to speak the truth that sets us free,
anytime the choice is made to stand upon the Word,
I know, I know, I know, I know:

{Repeat Chorus}

I see a generation standing on the truth.
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Anytime the gospel stirs a searching soul,
and someone says, "Send me. Here I go."
I know, I know, I know, I know:

{Repeat Chorus twice}

I see a generation standing on the truth.
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

First Summer worship Series May 19—July 21, 2024



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Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 23, 2024

Sympathy

To the family and friends on the death of Doris Walsh,
June 16, 2024

To Andy Brangenberg and David Haglin, family and
friends, on the death of Andy's sister Judy, June 16, 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

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

Fran Garside

*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

*Sandra Kennedy

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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
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
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

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Ryan Talumello
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
*Susanne Truitt
*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

*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

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-Grad Student Cedar Crest College
*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student UD
Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon
Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech
*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech
Griffin Barrows, Marist

*Church Member

Epworth Ministry Organization



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Pastor of Community & Communication:

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

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Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

Kitchen Sexton: [Maureen Knesel](#)

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