



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, July 21, 2024

The Fruit of Thriving
July 21, 2024

Gentleness
James 3:10-18



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 ~

10,000 Reasons

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;

Worship Your holy name.

Sing like never before, O my soul;

I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes.

{Repeat Chorus}

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

{Repeat Chorus}

~Instrumental~

And on that day when my strength is failing,

The end draws near, and my time has come,

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;

Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

{Repeat Chorus}

TAG: Worship Your holy name. Lord,

I'll worship Your holy name.

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!

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.

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.

Jesus, Yours is the victory! Whoa!

{Repeat Chorus}

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

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine, 1953 / Paul Baloche, 1991

[O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder](#)

Consider all the worlds your hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Your power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

{Repeat Chorus}

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

{Repeat Chorus}

TAG: *How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

Kid's Time

Gwen Osborne

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee

[Charles Wesley, 1749 / George J. Elvey, 1858](#)

Jesus, Lord, we look to Thee;
let us in Your name agree;
show Yourself the Prince of Peace,
bid our strife forever cease.
By Your reconciling love
every stumbling block remove;
each to each unite, endear;
come, and spread Your banner here.

Let us for each other care,
each the other's burdens bear;
to Your church the pattern give,
show how true believers live.

Let us then with joy remove
to the family above;
on the wings of angels fly,
show how true believers die.

Make us of one heart and mind,
gentle, courteous, and kind,
lowly, meek, in thought and word,
altogether like our Lord.
Free from anger and from pride,
let us thus in God abide;
all the depths of love express,
all the heights of holiness.

Prayers of the People

Gwen Osborne

Lord Jesus Christ,

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there are times when we all feel like victims— pawns in the powerplays which are so much a part of life these days. As usual, however, you look into our hearts and question what part we play in these power games.

We know that in your eyes it is not social status, or wealth or reputation that count, and we confess how easily our lives can become enmeshed in such worldly values.

You risked personal comfort and security when you reached out to those on the edge of your society, lepers and sinners— people whom others considered unclean.

Forgive us when we fail to meet your challenge to identify with those whom society would call worthless.

You showed us that the journey of discipleship is a journey into servanthood and powerlessness.

Forgive us for being tempted to pursue power and to favor competition over compassion.

You, Lord, saw the good in everyone and showed us exactly what it means to be the servant of all, while too often we see others as rivals in the race for success, influence and popularity.

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Imprint these words on our hearts and put your living Spirit within us, we pray, so that we serve others and you with wisdom, understanding, love and compassion.

Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands

Margaret Cropper, 1975 / Old French melody

**Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,
washing tired feet and saving those who fall.**

Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you.

Make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do.

**Let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.**

Lesson: *James 3:10-18*

Rev. Barbara Hoffman

From the same mouth comes a blessing and a curse. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives or a grapevine? figs? No more can saltwater yield fresh.

Who is wise and knowledgeable among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be arrogant and lie about the truth. This is not wisdom that comes down from above but is earthly, un-

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spiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

With a Gentle Touch

Stephen & Mary Martin / Joseph M. Martin ©2002 Malcolm Music
Chancel Choir

**With a gentle touch, God reaches out a hand.
With a tender heart, God helps us understand.
In the shadows of our lives
we feel God's presence near.
With a gentle touch, God wipes away our tears.**

**With a gentle voice, God whispers in our night.
With a song of hope, God calls us to Their side.
In the quiet times of prayer
we feel God's presence near.
With a gentle voice God calms our ev'ry fear.**

**With Your gentle love, You teach us, Lord, to live.
With a broken heart, You show us how to give.
By Your Spirit, Lord, today we pledge our lives anew.
That with a gentle touch, and with a gentle voice,
And with a gentle love,
we can change the world for You.**

Prayer for Our Pastor Rev. Barbara Hoffman

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Lord of All Hopefulness

Jan Struther, 1964 / Irish folk melody

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.**

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Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is
balm:

Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Day by Day

[Stephen Schwartz ©1971 by Valando Music Publishing](#)

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Day by day, day by day,

oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:

To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more
dearly,

Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

{Repeat 4x}

Day by day, day by day,

oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:

To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more
dearly,

To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more
dearly,

To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more
dearly,

To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more
dearly,

Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.

Day by day by day by day by day.

Second Summer worship Series: Thriving Good News Travels Fast July 28-September 1, 2024



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Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 21, 2024

CONCERNS:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

*Miriam Barton

James Belknap

*Cathy Benson

Gary Bodmer

*Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

*Andy Brangenberg

Diane Bruce

*Tim Bush

*Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

Mary Jane Colgan

*Ruth Ann Curley

Karen Donahoe

Ayva Dudley

Mark Farrell

*Roni Fiedler

Finn

Marion Ford

Fran Garside

Linda Fink Gregory

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

*Mickey Hoffman

Connie Hoffman

*Sandra Kennedy

Chloe Kincade-Crean

*Loretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Bob Mazur

Karen Monahan

*Ron Paxton

*Sandy & Glenn Pierce

Richard Pioli

*Dan Potts

*Annette Predeaux

Constance Quillen

Frank Quillen

Beth Rinker

Pete Roche

*Gary Ralph

*Bill Robbins

*John Sadler

*Irene & Tom Safrit

*Fred and Sharyn Smith

Ray Sonderfan

Steve

*Scott Strickler

*Mark Thompson

Mike & Erin Tibets

Ryan Talumello

Rene Toney

Nancy Trinkley

*Susanne Truitt

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Lee Ann Walling

*Peggy Waltersdorf

Hudson Walton

Donald Walton

*Tina Whaley

Michael Wills, Sr

*Charlotte Woods

*Claire Worrall

*Michelle Yates

*Jean Young

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Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Homebound, Hospice or
in Long Term Care

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*Ann Chambers, The Moorings

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*Linda Rooney

Quinn Smith

Elaine Trexler

*Dan Wine

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Luke Wilson, USCG Key West

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Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

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