



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, July 28, 2024



**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* ~

Greater

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Bring your tired and bring your shame,
bring your guilt and bring your pain.
Don't you know that's not your name?
You will always be much more to me.
And ev'ry day I wrestle with the voices
that keep telling me I'm not right,
but that's all right.

'Cause I hear a voice,
and He calls me redeemed
when others say I'll never be enough.
And greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.
In the world... In the world...
and greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.

Bring your doubts and bring your fears,
bring your hurt, and bring your tears,
there'll be no condemnation here;
you are holy, righteous, and redeemed.
And ev'ry time I fall,
there'll be those who will call me a mistake,
well, that's okay.

{Repeat Chorus}

There'll be days I lose the battle;
grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.
(He's greater, He's greater)
I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.
(He's greater, He's greater)
{Repeat Bridge - Repeat Chorus}

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grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.
(He's greater, He's greater)
I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.
God is greater than he who is living in the world.

The Gospel

Bryan Fowler, Toby McKeehan, & Ryan Stevenson

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

A restless generation,
we're turning over ev'ry stone,
Hoping to find salvation
in a world that's left us cold.
Can we get back to the altar,
back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father,
and He's calling out to us.
To the captive it looks like freedom,
to the orphan it feels like home.
To the skeptic it might sound crazy
to believe in a God who loves.

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In a world where our hearts are breaking,
and we're lost in the mess we've made,
Like a blinding light in the dead of night,
it's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.

It's the cure for our condition,
it's the good news for us all.
It's greater than religion,
it's the power of the cross.
So, can we get back to the altar,
back to the arms of our first love?
There's only one way to the Father,
and He's calling out to us. {Repeat Chorus}
TAG: It's the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.

The amazing news of the Gospel
is not that we can receive Jesus into our lives,
but that He's already received us into His.

In my own life it means forgiveness
when I know I deserve the fall.
It called me out of my darkness
and carried me to the cross.
In a moment my eyes were opened,
in that moment my heart was changed.
Like a blinding light in the dead of night,
it's the Gospel. {Repeat Chorus}

TAG: It's the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel that makes a way.
Oh, oh, it's the Gospel that makes a way.
It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Open Up the Heavens

Jason Ingram, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, James MacDonald,
& Meredith Andrews ©2012 Sony / ATV Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name,
calling out to You.
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,
will burn our hearts with truth.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.

Open up the heavens; we want to see You.
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
flowing from Your heart,
filling ev'ry part of our praise.

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
we're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud,
You're standing with us now.
Lord, unveil our eyes.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.
{Repeat Chorus twice}

Show us, show us Your glory.
Show us, show us Your power.

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Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. {Repeat section}

We want to see You, we want to see You!

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: We sing, sing!

Kid's Time Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

You Are Mine

Words and Music by David Haas ©1991 GIA Publications

Chancel Choir / Congregation

I will come to you in the silence,

I will lift you from all your fear.

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
be still and know I am here.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,

I am eyes for all who long to see.

In the shadows of the night,

I will be your light, come and rest in me.

Do not be afraid, I am with you.

I have called you each by name.

Come and follow me, I will bring you home;

I love you and you are mine.

I am strength for all the despairing,

healing for the ones who dwell in shame.

All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,

and all will know my name. {Refrain}

I am the Word that leads all to freedom,

I am the peace the world cannot give.

I will call your name, embracing all your pain,

stand up, now walk, and live! {Refrain}

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

The Summons

John Bell, 1987 / Traditional Scottish melody

Will you come and follow me if I but call Your name?

Will you go where you don't know

and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call Your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind

and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare,

should Your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call Your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found

To reshape the world around,

through my sight, and touch, and sound

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in you and you in me.

Lord, Your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go
where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus, I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

Lesson: John 1:43-51

Elle Sheaffer and
Lara Sheaffer Lee

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the Law and also the Prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Come, Follow Me

Words and Music by Elly and Steve Kupferschmid ©1988

Chancel Choir

"Come, follow me," said the Lord.

"Be at peace within my care.

Be as a child. Show me your need.

Take my hand, and I will lead.

Come, follow me," said the Lord.

"Leave your worldly cares behind,

Free as a bird soaring above,

filled with my forgiving love.

And share the love you feel this day

with all whose hurt you find.

If all do so, then love will flow

through all humankind." {repeat section}

"Come, follow me," said the Lord

Prayer for Our Pastor

Elle Sheaffer and
Lara Sheaffer Lee

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873 / Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. {Refrain}

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. {Refrain}

.Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

The River

Jordan Feliz, Joshua Silverberg, & Colby Wedgeworth

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I know a place, where we can go,
to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,
I know a place, where mercy flows,
take the stains, make you whiter than snow.
Like a tide, it is risin' up,
deep inside, a current that moves
and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.
We're goin' down to the river,
down to the river, down to the river to pray.
Let's get washed by the water,
washed by the water
and rise up in amazing grace.
Let's go down, down, down, to the river.
You will leave changed.
Let's go down, down, down, to the river.
Never the same.

I've seen it move, in my own life,
took me from dusty roads into paradise.
All of my dirt, all of my shame,
drowned in the streams
that've made me born again.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside,
a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.
{Refrain}

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Let's go down. {Refrain}

Oh, down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.
Down, down, down to the river.
Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.

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Second Summer worship Series



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 28, 2024

Sympathy

CONCERNS:

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

*Miriam Barton

Ann Beigay

*Michael Beigay

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

Blaine Fasnacht

*Roni Fiedler

Finn

Marion Ford

Fran Garside

Linda Fink Gregory

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

*Sandra Kennedy

Chloe Kincade-Crean

*Loretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Bob Mazur

Karen Monahan

Jack O'Day

*Ron Paxton

*Sandy & Glenn Pierce

Richard Pioli

*Dan Potts

*Annette Predeaux

Perry Psaros

Constance Quillen

Frank Quillen

Beth Rinker

Pete Roche

*Gary Ralph

*Bill Robbins

*John Sadler

*Irene & Tom Safrit

***Carl Schloegel**

*Fred and Sharyn Smith

Ray Sonderfan

Steve

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*Scott Strickler
*Mark Thompson
Mike & Erin Tibets
Ryan Talumello
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
*Susanne Truitt
*Mike Tyler
Lee Ann Walling
*Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Jean Young

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 Western Governor's U
Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon
Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech
*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech
Griffin Barrows, Marist

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Epworth Ministry Organization



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