



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, August 4, 2024



**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 ~

### Jesus

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

There is a truth older than the ages.  
There is a promise of things yet to come.  
There is one born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.  
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.  
There is freedom from the chains that bind us: Jesus, Jesus.  
Who walks on the waters? Who speaks to the sea?  
Who stands in the fire beside me?  
He roars like a lion, He bled as the lamb.  
He carries my healing in his hands. Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.  
There is a song that comforts in the night.  
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.  
He is Jesus, Jesus.

{Repeat Chorus}

Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name.  
You're my rock and my redeemer.  
There is power in Your name, in Your name.  
You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea,  
You stand in the fire beside me.  
You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb.  
You carried my healing in Your hands.

God, You walk on the waters,  
You speak to the sea,  
You stand in the fire beside me.  
You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb.  
You carried my healing in Your hands.  
Jesus, there is no one like You, Jesus.  
There is no one like You.

### River of Life

Ethan Hulse, Jonathan Smith, & Mac Powell  
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river.  
Guaranteed you'll never be the same.  
There's a fountain flowing  
*from the heart of the Savior.*  
*Bring your sins and all your guilty stains.*  
*Let that River of Life wash it all away.*

If you've been searching, carrying burdens,  
if you've been lost and looking for a home.  
If you've been drifting, if something is missing,  
you should know that you are not alone.  
{Repeat Chorus}

Whoa. Come on down to the river. Whoa.

Come as you are, no time to waste.  
Open your heart, don't be afraid.  
Jump on in, the water is fine.  
There's healing in the River of Life.  
{Repeat Section / Chorus}

Whoa. Come on down to the river.

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Whoa. Come on down to the river.  
Whoa. Come on down to the river.  
Whoa. Let that River of Life wash it all away.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## Holy Water

Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold, Martin Cash, Franni Cash, & Ed  
Cash

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

God, I'm on my knees again.  
God, I'm begging "please" again.  
I need You, oh, I need You.  
Walking down these desert roads,  
water for my thirsty soul.  
I need You, oh, I need You.  
Your forgiveness  
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,  
like holy water on my skin.

Dead man walking, slave to sin.  
I want to know about being born again.  
I need You, oh, God, I need You.  
So take me to the riverside;  
take me under, baptize.  
I need You, oh, God, I need You. {Refrain}  
On my skin.

I don't want to abuse Your grace.  
God, I need it ev'ry day.  
It's the only thing that ever really  
makes me want to change. {Repeat section 3x}  
Your forgiveness  
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony  
to my ears, like holy water.  
Your forgiveness  
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,  
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,  
like holy water on my skin.  
Yeah, it's like holy water on my skin.  
Oh, it's like holy water.

Kid's Time

Gwen Osborne

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## Down to the River to Pray

Traditional Spiritual / Arranged by Sheldon Curry, 2002  
Chancel Choir

*As I went down to the river to pray,  
studyin' about that good ol' way  
and who shall wear the starry crown.  
Good Lord, show me the way.*

O sisters, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
O sisters, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray. {Refrain}

O brothers, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
Come on, brothers, let's go down,

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down to the river to pray. {Refrain}

O fathers, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
O fathers, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray. {Refrain}

O mothers, let's go down,  
come on down, don'tcha wanna go down.  
Come on mothers, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray. {Refrain}

O sinners, let's go down,  
let's go down, come on down.  
O sinners, let's go down,  
down to the river to pray. {Refrain}

## **Lesson:** John 3:22-30

Rob Linder, reader

After this Jesus and his disciples went into the region of Judea, and he spent some time there with them and baptized. John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim because water was abundant there, and people kept coming and were being baptized. (John, of course, had not yet been thrown into prison.)

Now a discussion about purification arose between John's disciples and a Jew. They came to John and said to him, "Rabbi, the one who was with you across the Jordan, to whom you testified, here he is baptizing, and all are going to him." John answered, "No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven. You yourselves are my witnesses that I said, 'I am not the Messiah, but I have been sent ahead of him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom. The friend of the bridegroom who stands and hears him rejoices greatly at the bridegroom's voice. For this reason my joy has been fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

## **Here is Water, Lord**

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin ©1995

Chancel Choir Anthem

**Here is water, Lord, here is water, Lord.  
With this sign we show our heart,  
with this seal we're set apart.  
Gentle Spirit, holy Dove,  
bring Your blessing from above.**

**Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod?  
With its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?  
Shall we gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.**

**Here is water, Lord.  
We commit our lives to you.  
Wash us clean and make us new.**

**We Pray for Our Pastor**

Rob Linder

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

### The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
We lift them up to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed are those who come  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

### Music during Communion:

#### Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Jeffrey Rowthorn, 1978 / Attributed to B. F. White, 1844  
Chancel Choir / Congregation

Lord, you give the great commission:  
"Heal the sick and preach the word."  
Lest the church neglect its mission,  
and the gospel go unheard.  
Help us witness to Your purpose  
with renewed integrity.  
With the spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you call us to Your service:  
"In my name baptize and teach."  
That the world may trust Your promise,  
life abundant meant for each,  
give us all new fervor, draw us  
closer in community.  
With the spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you make the common holy:  
"This my body, this my blood."  
Let us all, for earths' true glory,  
daily lift life heavenward,

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asking that the world around us  
share Your children's liberty.  
With the spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you show us love's true measure:  
"Father, what they do, forgive."  
Yet we hoard as private treasure  
all that you so freely give.  
May Your care and mercy lead us  
to a just society.  
With the spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

Lord, you bless with words assuring:  
"I am with you to the end."  
Faith and hope and love restoring,  
may we serve as you intend  
and, amid the cares that claim us,  
hold in mind eternity.  
With the spirit's gifts empower us  
for the work of ministry.

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

### I'm So Blessed

Logan Cain, Matthew West, Taylor Matz, Jonathan Smith,  
& Madison Cain Johnson ©2023 Logan Cain Music

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 looks 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}

# Second Summer worship Series July 28—September 1, 2024



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

## Sympathy

To Glen and Sandy Pierce, family and friends, on the death of G  
mother.

### 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

Linda Bingnear

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

**Luna and Nathan Franco**

Fran Garside

Linda Fink Gregory

**Mark Gruber-Lebowitz**

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

Kate Howells

\*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

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\*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  
\*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

**\*Church Members**

**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

# Epworth Ministry Organization



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Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

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

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

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