



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

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Sunday, August 18, 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 ~

I WILL FOLLOW

Chris Tomlin, Reuben Morgan, & Jason Ingram ©2010 Shout! Publishing
Praise Team

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.
When You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure.

I will trust in You alone.

Higher than my sight, high above my life,

I will trust in You alone.

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.

When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.

If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah,

I will follow You, yeah.

Light into the world, light into my life,

I will live for You alone.

You're the one I seek, knowin' I will find

all I need in You alone, in You alone. *{Refrain}*

In You there's life everlastin',

in You there's freedom for my soul.

In You there's joy, unendin' joy, and I will follow.

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.

When You move, I'll move. I will follow.

Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.

If this life I lose, I will follow.

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.

When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.

Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.

If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah,

I will follow You, yeah. I will follow You, yeah.

I will follow You, yeah.

LEAD ME, LORD

Wayne & Elizabeth Goodine ©1994 New Spring

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

It's hard to take the first step

when I don't know the way.

Each turn is so uncertain,

I learn to walk by faith.

But You gave me a promise

that You would never leave.

You will lead and guide me.

Oh, Lord, I do believe.

Lead me, Lord, I will follow.

Lead me, Lord, I will go.

You have called me, I will answer.

Lead me, Lord, I will go.

Your plans for me are perfect

I never need to fear.

For though at times I feel alone,

I know that You are near.

My heart just wants to follow,

I'm willing to obey.

Take my hand and lead me,

I'll follow all the way. *{Refrain twice}*

TAG: You have called me, I will answer.

Lead me, Lord, I will go.

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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,
we shout out Your praise.*

We shout out Your praise!

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE

Philip P. Bliss, 1874

Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life;
 let me more of their beauty see,
 wonderful words of life;
 words of life and beauty teach me faith and duty.

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,
 wonderful words of life.*

*Beautiful words, wonderful words,
 wonderful words of life.*

Christ, the blessed one,
 gives to all wonderful words of life;
 sinner, list to the loving call, wonderful words of life;
 all so freely given, wooing us to heaven. *{Refrain}*

Sweetly echo the gospel call, wonderful words of life;
 offer pardon and peace to all, wonderful words of
 life;

Jesus, only Savior, sanctify forever. *{Refrain}*

Prayers of the People

Doug Yetter

The compassion of the Spirit of God within our hearts
 compels us to reach out in prayer to other people. Let us
 pray.

From around the world we hear many children crying,
 crying for food and drink and someone to enfold
 them in loving arms.

*Hear their prayers, dear Lord,
 and make us instruments of your peace.*

We see the desolate eyes of refugees,
 plodding along war devastated roads,
 or looking from transit camps,
 and from behind barbed wire,
 for glimmers of hope.

*Hear their prayers, dear Lord,
 and make us the instruments of your peace.*

We read about the abused sisters and brothers,
 cringing from family violence,
 or suffering in paddy-wagons and jails,
 or assaulted in their own homes by strangers.

*Hear their prayers, dear Lord,
 and make us the instruments of your peace.*

We hear the sobbing of the broken hearted,
 betrayed by spouse or lover,
 deserted by parents,
 watching at the bed of the dying,
 or mourning a death.

*Hear their prayers, dear Lord,
 and make us the instruments of your peace.*

We know about the disasters that afflict others,
 the bodies mangled in road accidents;
 those devastated by disease or war,
 and the minds that have cracked under pressure.

*Hear their prayers, dear Lord,
 and make us the instruments of your peace.*

We read about your church,
in some places overcrowding its buildings,
in others battling to maintain services,
or somewhere meeting secretly
behind locked doors.

*Hear their prayers, dear Lord,
and make us the instruments of your peace.*

We look on the faces of both friends and enemies,
Some of our friends are doing it hard,
while enemies seem to be getting it easy;
yet all are souls for whom Christ died.

*Hear their prayers, dear Lord,
and make us the instruments of your peace.*

Holy Friend, while we have been praying,
you have been busy answering our petitions
with perfect wisdom and indefatigable love.

Thank you.

Through Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen!

...And now we pray as Christ taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken

Lesson: *John 6:51-69*

Tim Bush, reader

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever, and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

SATISFIED

Words by Clara T. Williams; Music by Tom Matsumura ©1988
Chancel Choir

All my life long I had panted
for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning
of the thirst I felt within.

Feeding on the husks around me
till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better,
only still to hunger on.

*Hallelujah! I have found Him,
Whom my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies my longings;
through His blood I now am saved.*

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
something that would satisfy;
But the dust I gathered 'round me
only mocked my soul's sad cry. *{Refrain}*

Well of water, ever springing,
bread of life, so rich and free.
Untold wealth that never faileth,
My Redeemer is to me. *{Refrain}*

Prayer for Our Pastor & Church Tim Bush

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

. HawAnnie Sks, 1872 / Robert Lowry, 1873

I need Thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

*I need Thee, O I need Thee;
every hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

I need Thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
{Refrain}

I need Thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain. *{Refrain}*

I need Thee every hour; teach me thy will;
and thy rich promises in me fulfill. *{Refrain}*

I need Thee every hour; most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed, thou blessed Son. *{Refrain}*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN

Matt Maher, Paul Moak, & Trevor Morgan

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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.

Second Summer Worship Series July 28—September 1, 2024



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 18, 2024

Sympathy

CONCERNS

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Cody Angstadt

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