



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, August 25, 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 ~

OUR GOD

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Matt Redman, & Jonas Myrin
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Water You turned into wine,
opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.
*Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer, awesome in power,
our God, our God.*

Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.
{Chorus twice}

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?
{Repeat Bridge - Chorus twice - Bridge twice}

TAG: What could stand against?
What could stand against?

Counting Every Blessing

Gareth Gilkeson & Chris Llewellyn ©2018 Capitol CMG
Praise Team

I was blind, now I'm seeing in color.
I was dead, now I'm living forever.
I had failed, but you were my Redeemer.
I've been blessed beyond all measure.

I was lost, now I'm found by the Father.
I've been changed from a ruin to treasure.
I've been given a hope and a future.
I've been blessed beyond all measure.
*I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing,
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing.
Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.
Oh-You are good to me.
Oh-You are good to me.*

You were there in the valley of shadows.
You were there in the depths of my sorrows.
You're my strength, my hope for tomorrow.
I've been blessed beyond all measure. *{Chorus}*

Surely Your goodness pursues me,
surely Your heart is still for me.
I will remember Your mercies all my days.
Through ev'ry storm and gale,
*I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing,
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing.
Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.*

*I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing,
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing.
Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.*

Welcome

Gwen Osborne

GRACE WINS

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In my weakest moment,
I see You shaking Your head in disgrace.
I can read the disappointment
written all over Your face.
Here come those whispers in my ear,
saying, "Who do you think you are?
Looks like you're on your own from here,
'cause grace could never reach that far."

But in the shadow of that shame,
beat down by all the blame,
I hear You call my name,
saying, "It's not over."
And my heart starts to beat so loud now,
drowning out the doubt.
I'm down, but I'm not out.

*There's a war between guilt and grace,
and they're fighting for a sacred space.
But I'm living proof: grace wins ev'ry time.
No more lying down in death's defeat.
Now I'm rising up in victory, singing:
Hallelujah! Grace wins ev'ry time.*

Words can't describe the way it feels
when mercy floods a thirsty soul,
The broke inside begins to heal
and grace returns what guilty stole.

And in the shadow of my shame,
beat down by all the blame,
I hear You call my name, saying, "It's not over."

And my heart starts to beat so loud now,
drowning out the doubt.
I'm down, but I'm not out. *{Refrain}*

For the prodigal son, ALL: grace wins.
For the woman at the well, grace wins.
For the blind man and the beggar, grace wins.
For always and forever, grace wins.
For the lost out on the street, grace wins.
For the worst part of you and me, grace wins.
For the thief on the cross, grace wins.
For a world that is lost. *{Refrain}*

TAG: *Yeah, I'm living proof: grace wins ev'ry time.*

Kid's Time

Gwen Osborne

OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE

Clara H. Scott, 1895

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth You have for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
that will unclasp and set me free.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Your will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth You send so clear;
and while the wave-notes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Your will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with Your children here to share.

*Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Your will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!*

Prayers of the People

Mike Tyler

Our response today is:

*Lord, give us the gladness of your help
and support us with a willing spirit.*

Lord, you stopped to heal the sick, cure the lame,
and give sight to the blind.

Be our vision that we too may give time to others
and respond to their needs.

*Lord, give us the gladness of your help
and support us with a willing spirit.*

Lord, you said, "The first shall be last and the last first."

Be our vision that we too may work towards your kingdom
when the exalted will be brought low
and the lowly exalted.

*Lord, give us the gladness of your help
and support us with a willing spirit.*

Lord, you ate with tax collectors and sinners
and heard their stories.

Be our vision that we too may listen
to the despised and rejected and value their lives.

*Lord, give us the gladness of your help
and support us with a willing spirit.*

Lord, you took time to pray and time to be silent.
Be our vision that through our prayers,
we too may draw closer to you and find your way.

*Lord, give us the gladness of your help
and support us with a willing spirit.*

Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.
Be our vision that we too may desire peace
where others desire war,
and may work for justice where injustice reigns.

*Lord, give us the gladness of your help
and support us with a willing spirit*

For you are our hope and our salvation. AMEN.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken

GO OUT AND TELL

Words by Herb Frombach; Music by David Lantz III ©2004
Chancel Choir

**Hear the good news. I am the key.
The deaf will hear, and the blind will see.
Jesus said, "Come and follow me."
The deaf can hear, and the blind can see.**

**Hear the good news. I am the key.
The lame will walk, and the demons flee.
Jesus said, "Come and walk with me."
The lame can walk and the demons flee.
*Go out and tell what you see and hear.
When you believe, you need not fear.
Go out and tell what you see and hear.
When you believe, you need not fear, hallelujah!
Go out and tell, you need not fear.
Hallelujah! Go and tell the world!***

**Hear the good news. I am the key.
The dead will rise, and the sick be free.
Jesus said, "Come and be with me."
The dead are raised, and the sick are free.
*Go out and tell what you see and hear.
When you believe, you need not fear.
Go out and tell what you see and hear.
When you believe, you need not fear, hallelujah!
Go out and tell, you need not fear. Hallelujah!
Go and tell the world that you believe!***

Lesson: *John 9:1-17, 24-34* Online Reader

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the

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Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ ...to walk in the way that leads to life.

AMAZING GRACE

John Newton, 1779 / 19th cent USA melody

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Prayer for Our Preacher

Sermon

Doug Yetter

Benediction

Chancel Choir

THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

Words and Music by Peter C. Lutkin

**The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you;
and give you peace.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you. Amen.**

LOOK WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE

Mark David Hanby / Arr. by Bradley Knight ©1974

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Look what the Lord has done.
Look what the Lord has done.
He healed my body, He touched my mind.
He saved me just in time!
Oh, I'm gonna praise His name!
Each day He's just the same.
Come on and praise Him;
Look what the Lord has done.

A lame man was sittin' outside the gate
making alms to those who entered in.
Peter and John came upon him,
the lame man was expecting them.
Peter said, "Silver and gold I have none,
but such as I have I give to them.
That's when the Spirit took the lame man
and he leaped to his feet,
crying "Look what He's done for me!" {Chorus}
I was bound by the chains of darkness and sin,
I had no hope and no peace of mind.
My sins were as scarlet;
He washed them white as snow.
He opened up my blinded eyes.
Now my soul does rejoice,
since I made Him my choice.
I've got love, peace, everything I need.
My names been written down
in the Lamb's book of life.
Can't you see what He's done for me!
Look what the Lord has done.
Look what the Lord has done.
He healed my body, He touched my mind.
He saved me just in time!
Oh, I'm gonna praise His name!
Each day He's just the same.
Come on and praise Him; Look what the Lord
Come on and praise Him; Look what the Lord
Come on and praise Him;
Look what the Lord has done!
Look what the Lord has done!

Second Summer Worship Series July 28—September 1, 2024



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 25, 2024

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