



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 8, 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 ~

### Mighty to Save

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2010  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Everyone needs compassion,  
Love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.  
Everyone needs forgiveness,  
the kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

*Savior, He can move the mountains.*

*My God is mighty to save.*

*God is mighty to save.*

*Forever, author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave.*

*Jesus conquered the grave.*

So take me as you find me,  
all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.  
I give my life to follow,  
everything I believe in. Now I surrender.

*{Refrain twice}*

Shine your light, and let the whole world see.  
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.  
Jesus, shine your light,  
and let the whole world see.

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*Savior, He can move the mountains.*

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*He rose and conquered the grave.*

*Jesus conquered the grave.*

*You're my Savior, You can move the mountains.*

*God, You are mighty to save.*

*You are mighty to save.*

*Forever, author of salvation*

*He rose and conquered the grave.*

*Jesus conquered the grave.*

*You are mighty to save.*

### Eye of the Storm

Bryan Fowler & Ryan Stevenson  
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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

*When the solid ground is falling out  
from underneath my feet,  
Between the black skies and my red eyes,  
I can barely see.  
And when I'm feeling like I've been let down  
by my friends and my family,  
I can hear the rain reminding me:*

*In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.*

*In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.*

*You alone are the anchor when my sails are  
torn.*

*Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.*

*When my hopes and dreams are far from me  
and I'm running out of faith,  
I see the future I picture slowly fade away.  
And when the tears of pain and heartache  
are pouring down my face,  
I find my peace in Jesus' name.*

*{Repeat Chorus}*

*When they let me go and I just don't know  
how I'm gonna make ends meet,  
I did my best; now I'm scared to death  
that we might lose ev'rything.  
And when a sickness takes my child away  
and there's nothing I can do,  
My only hope is to trust You. I trust You, Lord.  
In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.  
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.  
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.  
Your love surrounds me...*

*In the eye of the storm, You remain in control.  
In the middle of the war, You guard my soul.  
You alone are the anchor when my sails are torn.  
Your love surrounds me in the eye of the storm.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **Burning In My Soul**

Brett Younker, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, Daniel Caron  
©2013 Worship Together Songs  
Praise Team

There is power, power,  
here in this hour, this hour.  
We're all together, together,  
waiting here as one. *{Repeat}*  
*Whoa, hear the sound from heaven.  
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.  
Whoa. We're calling for revival.  
God, let your fire fall again.  
It's burning in my soul---,  
burning in my soul---*

All your sons and your daughters,  
dreaming the dreams of their father,  
Seeing the signs and the wonders:  
the Kingdom of God. Yeah. *{Repeat Chorus}*

I cannot contain it, this fire inside.  
I cannot contain it, so let it shine.  
I cannot contain it, this light of mine.  
*It's burning in my soul,  
hear the sound from heaven.  
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.  
Whoa. We're calling for revival.  
God, let your fire fall again.  
It's burning in my soul---,  
burning in my soul---,  
it's burning in my soul---,  
It's burning in my soul!*

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### **This Is My Song**

Lloyd Stone, 1934 & Georgia Harkness, 1939 / Jean Sibelius, 1899

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.  
This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
but other hearts in other lands are beating  
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,**

and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
but other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:  
Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.  
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,  
and hearts united learn to live as one.  
O hear my prayer, Thou God of all the nations;  
myself I give Thee; let Thy will be done.

**Prayers of the People**    Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith  
*...and now we sing the prayer that Christ taught us to pray:*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

### **O Church of God United**

Frederick B. Morley, 1953 / Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

**O church of God, united to serve one common Lord,  
proclaim to all one message,  
with hearts in glad accord.**

**Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day  
with strong and eager footsteps  
along the upward way.**

**From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear;  
to serve one valiant leader  
they come from far and near.**

**They chant their one confession,  
they praise one living Lord,  
and place their sure dependence  
upon His saving word.**

**Though creeds and tongues may differ,  
they speak, O Christ, of Thee;  
and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be.  
Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim  
proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.**

**May thy great prayer be answered  
that we may all be one,  
close bound, by love united  
in Thee, God's blessed Son:  
to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright,  
that souls which grope in darkness  
may find the one true light.**

**Lesson:** *Romans 15:1-7*

Teri Moore, reader

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

## A Commission of Faith

Words based on Ephesians / Music by Joseph M. Martin ©2010  
Chancel Choir

May God strengthen you with power.  
May God fill you with His Spirit.  
May Christ dwell in your hearts.  
May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith.

How deep and high the love of Christ!  
How great, how vast the love of Christ!  
O love that will not let us go,  
O love that brings us hope,  
Love greater than our hearts can hold.

And to know this love  
that surpasses all knowledge and understanding;  
That you may be filled to the measure  
of all the fullness of God.

Now unto Christ who is able  
to do more than we ask or imagine;  
To Him be the glory. To Him be the honor.  
To Him be the glory and honor and praise,  
for all generations forever, forevermore! Amen!

**We Pray for Our Pastor**

Teri Moore

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## Together We Serve

Daniel Charles Damon, 1988

Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending Your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn, year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together, by grace, we witness and work,  
remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in Spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## What a Friend

Matt Maher, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker  
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Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.  
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.  
But we can lay our burdens down,  
lay our burdens down.  
*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
east to west my sins are gone.  
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,  
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.  
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.

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But we can lay our burdens down,  
lay our burdens down.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

No more betrayal, for He is faithful,  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,  
how He has proven it over and over.

*{Repeat bridge}*

Over and over.

*{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.

# First Fall Worship Series September 8—October 13, 2024



## Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality  
[Hebrews 13:2](#)



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 8, 2024

## SYMPATHY

### CONCERNS

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Cody Angstadt

\*Miriam Barton

Ann Beigay

\*Michael Beigay

James Belknap

\*Cathy Benson

Linda Bingnear

Gary Bodmer

\*Janine Bond

\*Jeff Bond

Diaz Bonville

\*Andy Brangenberg

Diane Bruce

\*Tim Bush

\*Jennifer Eden Family

David Caffier

Mary Jane Colgan

\*Ruth Ann Curley

Laurene Dalpezzo

Karen Donahoe

Ayva Dudley

Mark Farrell

Blaine Fasnacht

\*Roni Fiedler

Finn

Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

Fran Garside

Linda Fink Gregory

Ezra Groff

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

Linda Hartlove

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

Connie Hoffman

Mickey Hoffman

Kate Howells

\*Sandra Kennedy

Chloe Kincade-Crean

\*Loretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Patrick McManamon

Bob Mazur

Karen Monahan

Aviana&Aurora Montano

Jack O'Day

\*Bob Paulen

\*Ron Paxton

\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce

Richard Pioli

\*Dan Potts

\*Annette Predeaux

Perry Psaros

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Frank Quillen  
Beth Rinker  
Pete Roche  
\*Gary Ralph  
\*Bill Robbins  
\*John Sadler  
\*Irene & Tom Safrit  
\*Carl Schloegel  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith  
\*Loretta Smith  
Ron Soltes  
Ray Sonderfan  
\*Scott Strickler  
\*Mark Thompson  
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Rene Toney  
Nancy Trinkley  
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\*Claire Worrall  
\*Michelle Yates  
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**\*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  
\*Janet Yabroff

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Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska  
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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



## Staff & Leadership

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

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

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(Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice)

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) and [Bob Joynson](#)

### Belonging Leadership Team

(Small Groups, New Members/Belongings, Sunday School, Youth & Adult Groups)

[Gwen Osborne](#), [Linda BenderHilt](#), [Loretta Mahan](#),  
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### Connecting Leadership Team

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