



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 15, 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 ~

Thank God I Do

Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram, Jeffrey Bhasker, Alecia Moore
& Nathaniel Ruess ©2023 Centricity Songs (BMI)
Praise Team

I've seen love come and I've seen love walk away.
So many questions. Will anybody stay?
It's been a hard year, so many nights in tears.
All of the darkness, trying to fight my fears alone.
So long alone.

*I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know You.
I'd prob'bly fall off the edge.
I don't know where I'd go if You ever let go,
so keep me held in Your hands.*

I've started breathing. The weight is lifted here.
With You, it's easy. My head is fin'ly clear.
There's nothing missing when You are by my side.
I took the long road, but now I realize I'm home.
With You, I'm home. {Chorus twice}

You're my safe place, my hideaway.
You're my anchor, my saving grace.
You're my constant, my steadiness.
You're my shelter, my oxygen.

TAG: *I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know
You.*

Thank God, I do. {Chorus}

All Good Gifts

Stephen Schwartz ©1971 Valando Music
Praise Team

We plow the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above.
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord for endless love.*

We thank you then, Creator,
for all things bright and good.
The seed time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all Your love imparts.
But that which you desire
our humble thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above.
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord for endless love.*

*I really want to thank you, Lord!
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above.*

I want to thank you, Lord,

I want to thank You.

Oh, thank You, Lord! {Thank You, Lord!}

Thank You, Lord! {Thank You, Lord!}

Thank You, Lord!

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Love the Lord

Lincoln Brewster ©2005 Intergrity's Praise! Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength. *{Repeat section}*

With all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, with all your strength.
Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind,
and with all my strength. *{Repeat section}*

With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength.
I will serve the Lord with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind,
and with all my strength.

I will love you, *(ALL: echo)*
I will praise you; *(echo)*
I will serve you, *(echo)* I will trust you. *(echo)*

With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength.
With all my heart, with all my soul,
with all my mind, with all my strength.

I will love you, Lord, with all my heart,
with all my soul, with all my mind,
and with all my strength. *{Repeat section 2x}*

Kid's Time

Mickie McManamon

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

A Charge to Keep I Have

Charles Wesley, 1762 / Aaron Williams, 1770

**A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
a never-dying soul to save and fit it for the sky.**

**To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill,
O may it all my pow'rs engage to do my Master's will.**

**Arm me with jealous care, as in your sight to live;
and O your servant, Lord, prepare
the strict account to give.**

**Help me to watch and pray and on yourself rely,
assured, if I my trust betray, I shall forever die.**

Prayers of the People

Rose Verona

Let us go to God in prayer:

Everlasting God, in the beauty of your holiness we
have gathered to worship you, to praise you for your
goodness and mercy; and for the way that here especially,

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we can be aware and know your holy presence. We come together into this - our beloved place of prayer and praise, where we are not only surrounded by the signs and symbols of your presence, but also of the memories of people, who in the past, have inspired us with their faith and their nurture of us; but who have also pointed to us towards the only way forward for our life's faith journey.

Welcoming God, we come as your children to worship you, to offer ourselves to you with all our frailties and faults; and all our struggles with life's complexities, because you open your arms with love and compassion to all in need of your generous love and support. As the wise Psalmist wrote: "Even the sparrow finds a home there, and the swallow builds her nest and raises her young near your altar." We come together today, to gain strength, hope and encouragement for life's journey from the Source of all power and strength – our God.

God of grace and God of glory, you are our Light and our Protector — the God in whom we trust, regardless of our worldly status or influence over others. We come in humility, before such a Forgiving God as is our God, and acknowledge that it is only in your presence that we can find life's balance and perspective; and that only in your holy presence, we can know true acceptance and our true home. Amen.

And now we pray the prayer that Christ taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart, 1663 / Johann Crüger, 1647

Congregational Hymn

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
Our Maker now be given;
To Christ, and Him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Lesson: *Deuteronomy 10:12-22* Jamie Forshey, reader

“So now, O Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? Only to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord and his decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own well-being. Although heaven and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth with all that is in it, yet the Lord set his heart in love on your ancestors alone and chose you, their descendants after them, out of all the peoples, as it is today.

Circumcise, then, the foreskin of your heart, and do not be stubborn any longer. For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him you shall serve; to him you shall hold fast; and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen. Your ancestors went down to Egypt seventy persons, and now the Lord your God has made you as numerous as the stars in heaven.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Keep My Commandments

Kenney Potter, 2002 Hinshaw Music Inc.

Chancel Choir

**God said, “Keep my commandments,
children of Israel.”**

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children of Israel.”**

**God sent Moses down from the mountain
so that all the world would hear,
“Abide by my commandments,
and you’ll have nothing to fear.”**

**Daniel, David, Elijah;
yes, they did believe in God Almighty, the crea-
tor,
Whose blessings they’d receive.**

**BASS: Moses went up to the mountain,
he brought down Ten Commandments.**

**TENOR: David slew Goliath with one stone.
He would rule the land of Israel.**

ALTO: Daniel was delivered from the lions’ den.

**SOPRANO: Elijah was taken up to heaven
by the chariots and the whirlwind.**

**God said, “Keep my commandments,
children of Israel.”**

**God said, “Keep my commandments,
children, children, children, of Israel.”**

Prayer for Our Pastor

Jamie Forshey

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

We, Thy People, Praise Thee

Kate Stearns Page, 1932 / Franz Josef Haydn, 1780

We, Thy people, praise Thee,
praise Thee, God of every nation!
We, Thy people, praise Thee,
praise Thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

Days of wonder, days of beauty,
days of rapture filled with light
tell Thy goodness, tell Thy mercies,
tell Thy glorious might.

We, Thy people, praise Thee,
praise Thee, praise Thee evermore!

We, Thy people, praise Thee,
praise Thee, God of every nation!

We, Thy people, praise Thee,
praise Thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

For Thy blessings, for Thy bounty,
joyful songs to Thee we sing,
songs of glory, songs of triumph
to our God and King.

We, Thy people, praise Thee,
praise Thee, praise Thee evermore!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

All Things Are Possible

Darlene Zschech ©1997 Hillsong Publishing

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Almighty God, my Redeemer,
my hiding place, my safe refuge.
No other name like Jesus,
no pow'r can stand against You.

My feet are planted on this rock,
and I will not be shaken.

My hope, it comes from You alone,
my Lord and my salvation.

Your praise is always on my lips.

Your Word is living in my heart.

*And I will praise You with a new song,
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

You fill my life with greater joy.

Yes, I delight myself in You.

*And I will praise You with a new song,
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

{Repeat V2 / Chorus}

When I am weak You make me strong.

When I'm poor I know I'm rich.

For in the power of Your name
all things are possible, all things are possible,
all things are possible, all things are possible!

{Repeat Chorus / Repeat Bridge}

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 15, 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
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*Mark Thompson
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*Claire Worrall
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*Jean Young

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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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Luke Wilson, USCG Key West
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Jacob Hudson, Quantico
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

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*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U
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Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech
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