



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 22, 2024

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2 Corinthians 5:16-20

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God's



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*

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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 ~

### O Come to the Altar

Mack Brock, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, & Wade Joye

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Praise Team

Are you hurting and broken within,  
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling.

*O come to the altar;  
the Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought  
with the precious love of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.  
Come today; there's no reason to wait.  
Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.  
From the ashes a new life is born.  
Jesus is calling.

*{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

O what a Savior. Isn't he wonderful?  
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"  
Bow down before Him,  
for He is Lord of all.  
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" *{repeat section}*  
*{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.  
Tell the world of the treasure you found.

### My Lighthouse

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures, You won't walk out.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.  
In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
Your great love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse –  
shining in the darkness, I will follow you!  
Oh my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
My God's love will lead me through;  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
*{Repeat Chorus}*

Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
You will lead us through the storms.  
*{Repeat section 3x - Repeat Chorus}*

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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!*

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Charles Wesley, 1747 / John Zundel, 1870

Congregational Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us Your humble dwelling;  
all Your faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, You are all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with Your salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Your loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in You inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all Your life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
nevermore Your temples leave.  
You we would be always blessing,  
serve You as Your hosts above,  
pray and praise You without ceasing,  
glory in Your perfect love.

Finish, then, Your new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see Your great salvation  
perfectly restored in Thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before You,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## Prayers of the People

Chet Sprague

Our response today is: *Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.*

Let us go to God in prayer: O Lord, you are indeed the healer of all our ills. We bring to you, Lord, our bodies, minds and spirits hurting and broken by the violence, ills, trauma and cares of a world separated from you. Come to us now with your healing powers.

Give us the strength, health, wisdom and knowledge found only through you. Send your life-giving Spirit so that we may live our lives with courage in the profound peace of your love. Come to us now with your healing powers.

*Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.*

O God, we ask that you sustain those who seek to alleviate the pain and suffering of this world. Give strength, courage, wisdom and knowledge to all medical care givers, volunteers and professionals. Send your life-giving Spirit so that their ministries may bring healing and promote health. Come to us now with your healing powers.

*Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.*

Be also with those who work to heal the wounds of societies and nations. Guide, protect and strengthen our judges and police, chaplains and pastors, healthcare and social workers, politicians, military, diplomats and all others who work for economic and social reform. Send your life-giving Spirit that they may promote your love and grace, bringing healing to those in conflict and stability to those who are vulnerable. Come to us now with your healing powers.

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*Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.*

God so loved this world and this people that God sent Christ to suffer and die for us. Let us accept that gift and know that we are forgiven, reconciled, accepted and loved.

*Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole. Amen.*

And now with the confidence of the children of God,  
we pray the prayer Christ taught us:

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Spoken*

### **Breathe on Me, Breath of God**

Edwin Hatch, 1878 / Robert Jackson, 1888

Congregational Hymn

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what You would love  
and do what You would do.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, until my heart is pure,  
until with You I will one will, to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with Your fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I never die,  
but live with You the perfect life of Your eternity.**

**Lesson:** *2 Corinthians 5:16-20* Barbara Simpson, reader

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we no longer know him in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; look, new things have come into being!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God.

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

### **A Celebration of Light**

Dale Wood; ©1984 - Chancel Choir Anthem

**In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
In him was life, and the life was the light for all.  
The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness has not overcome it.**

**Again Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
“I am the light of the world;  
He who follows me will not walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.  
For I am the light of the world.”**

**Therefore, if we are in Christ,  
we become a new creation;  
Behold, the old has passed away,  
with the new comes celebration.  
We are ambassadors, ministers for Christ;  
Join the celebration!  
All of this is from our God,  
who unites this congregation.  
“I am the light of the world, the light of the world.”**

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## Since Jesus Came Into My Heart

R. H. McDaniel / Charles H. Gabriel

What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought  
since Jesus came into my heart!

I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
since Jesus came into my heart!

*Since Jesus came into my heart,  
since Jesus came into my heart,  
floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll,  
since Jesus came into my heart.*

I have ceased from my wandering and going astray,  
since Jesus came into my heart!

And my sins, which were many, are all washed away,  
since Jesus came into my heart! *{Refrain}*

I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure,  
since Jesus came into my heart!

And no dark clouds of doubt  
now my pathway obscure,  
since Jesus came into my heart! *{Refrain}*

There's a light in the valley of death now for me,  
since Jesus came into my heart!

And the gates of the City beyond I can see,  
since Jesus came into my heart! *{Refrain}*

I shall go there to dwell in that City, I know,  
since Jesus came into my heart!

And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go,  
since Jesus came into my heart! *{Refrain}*

## Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### The River

Jordan Feliz, Joshua Silverberg, & Colby Wedgeworth

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I know a place, where we can go,  
to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,  
I know a place, where mercy flows,  
take the stains, make you whiter than snow.

Like a tide, it is risin' up,  
deep inside, a current that moves  
and makes it come alive.

Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

*We're goin' down to the river,  
down to the river, down to the river to pray.*

*Let's get washed by the water,  
washed by the water*

*and rise up in amazing grace.*

*Let's go down, down, down, to the river.*

*You will leave changed.*

*Let's go down, down, down, to the river.*

*Never the same.*

I've seen it move, in my own life,  
took me from dusty roads into paradise.

All of my dirt, all of my shame,  
drowned in the streams  
that've made me born again.

Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside,  
a current that moves and makes it come alive.

Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

*{Refrain}*

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Let's go down. *{Refrain}*

Oh, down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Gotta go, gotta go,

gotta go down in amazing grace.

Down, down, down to the river.

Gotta go, gotta go,

gotta go down in amazing grace.

# Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

## Hospitality [Hebrews 13:2](#)





# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 22, 2024

## SYMPATHY

To Karen McCauley, family and friends, on the death of her friend , Denise Mosley

To Diaz Bonneville, his family, friends, and Rehoboth Beach community on his death yesterday

To Nancy Hewish, family and friends, on the death of her wife, Vicki Martina

## CONCERNS

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Celia Auchenbach

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

\*Linda Kauffman

\*Sandra Kennedy

Chloe Kincade-Crean

\*Val Lindar

\*Loretta Mahan

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Patrick McManamon

Bob Mazur

Karen Monahan

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\*Ron Paxton  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
Richard Pioli  
\*Dan Potts  
\*Annette Predeaux  
Perry Psaros  
Constance Quillen  
Frank Quillen  
Beth Rinker  
Pete Roche  
\*Gary Ralph  
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\*Bill Robbins  
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\*John Sadler  
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\*Carl Schloegel  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith  
\*Loretta Smith  
Ron Soltes  
Ray Sonderfan  
\*Scott Strickler  
\*Mark Thompson  
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Nancy Trinkley  
\*Susanne Truitt  
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\*Peggy Waltersdorf  
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\*Charlotte Woods  
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**Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Homebound, Hospice or in Long Term Care**

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\*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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Hailye Wilson, USCG Key West  
Luke Wilson, USCG Key West  
Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB  
Jacob Hudson, Quantico  
Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

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\*Autumn Reynolds-Grad Student Cedar Crest College

\*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U

Callie Juliano, U Conn

Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon

Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech

\*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech

Griffin Barrows, Marist

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