



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 6, 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 ~

### Dream Small

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

It's a momma singin' songs about the Lord.  
It's a daddy spendin' fam'ly time  
the world said he cannot afford.  
These simple moments change the world.

It's a pastor at a tiny little church.  
Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt  
These simple moments change the world.

*Dream small.*

*Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.  
Just let Jesus use you where you are,  
one day at a time.*

*Live well, loving God and others as yourself.  
Find little ways where only you can help.  
With His great love,  
a tiny rock can make a giant fall.  
Dream small.*

It's visiting the widow down the street  
Or dancin' on a Friday  
with your friend with special needs.  
These simple moments change the world.

Of course, there's nothin' wrong with bigger dreams;  
Just don't miss the minutes  
on your way to bigger things.  
'Cause these simple moments change the world.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Keep loving, keep serving,  
keep list'ning, keep learning,  
Keep praying, keep hoping,  
keep seeking, keep searching.  
Add up the small things  
and watch them grow bigger.  
The God who does all things  
makes oceans from rivers.

*So, dream small.*

*Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.  
Just let Jesus use you where you are,  
one day at a time.*

*Live well, loving God and others as yourself.  
Find little ways where only you can help.  
With His great love,  
a tiny rock can make a giant fall.  
Yeah, five loaves and two fish  
could feed them all, so dream small.  
Dream small.*

### Child of God

Mark A. Miller ©2004

No matter what people say,  
say or think about me,  
I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what people say,  
say or think about you,  
you are a child, you are a child of God.

No matter what the world says,  
says or thinks about me,  
I am a child, I am a child of God.

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No matter what the church says,  
decisions, pronouncements on you,  
you are a child, you are a child of God.

And there is no thing, no one who can separate,  
they can't separate you from the truth  
that you're someone, you are family,  
you are meant to be, a child, a child of God!  
You are a child, a child of God!

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### **Praise the One**

Rusty Edwards ©1987 / Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824  
Congregational Hymn

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;**

**Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.**

**Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
healing every dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children  
with a strong, yet gentle word;**

**Praise the One who drove out demons  
with a piercing two-edged sword.**

**Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water  
quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate:**

**Christ who suffered in our place;**

**Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.**

**Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.**

**Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.**

**Kid's Time**

Joy Gordy-Stith

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### **Make a Joyful Sound**

Epworth Bell Choir

**Lesson:** *Matthew 15:32-38*

Sterling Green, reader

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for the crowd because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat, and I do not want to send them away hungry, for they might faint on the way." The disciples said to him, "Where are we to get enough bread in the desert to feed so great a crowd?" Jesus asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven, and a few small fish." Then ordering the crowd to sit down on the ground, he took the seven loaves and the fish, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all of them ate and were filled, and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. Those who had eaten were four thousand men, besides women and children.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

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## They Came, a Milling Crowd

Congregational Hymn

They came, a milling crowd,  
they hungered and were fed;  
from offered loaves He blessed and broke  
and made their living bread.  
How great the mystery!  
The loaves were multiplied,  
and still we feed upon the crumbs  
and still are satisfied!

Once more, O Christ, we come,  
a restless, hungering throng,  
to hear Your Word and taste Your bread  
and sing salvation's song.  
All praise to You, O Christ,  
by whom we now are fed.  
Our Host, again You share with us  
Yourself, the living bread.

Prayer for Our Pastor

Sterling Green

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### For Everyone Born

Bryan Jeffery Leech; arranged by Roland Tabell ©1984  
Chancel Choir Anthem

For everyone born, a place at the table.  
For everyone born, clean water and bread.  
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead.

*And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice  
and joy---, compassion and peace:  
Yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

For young and for old, a place at the table.  
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.  
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong.  
*{Repeat Chorus}*

For gay and for straight, a place at the table.  
A covenant shared, a welcoming space.  
A rainbow of race and gender and color.  
For gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.  
*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

**TAG: Of justice, justice and joy!  
Of justice, justice and joy!  
Of justice, justice and joy!**

## Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven

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we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**  
**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed are those who come**  
**in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;**  
**Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Spoken*

~ Music during Communion ~

### It Is Well

Epworth Bell Choir

*It is well with my soul,*  
*it is well, it is well with my soul.*

When peace, like a river, attends me on my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll.

Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul." *{Refrain}*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *{Refrain}*

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith will be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll.  
The trumpet will sound, and the Lord will descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul. *{Refrain}*

## **Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### All the People Said Amen

Matt Maher, Paul Moak, & Trevor Morgan ©2013 ThankYou Music  
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}*

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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.

# Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

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



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 6, 2024

## SYMPATHY

To Cheryl Tarlecky, family, friends and Epworth United Methodist Church Community on the death of her wife, Bernadette (Bunny) Maher

To friends and family upon the death of Diaz Bonville

## CONCERNS

**All those effected by the devastation of Hurricane Helene**

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

\*Andy Brangenberg

Diane Bruce

\*Tim Bush

David Caffier

Mary Jane Colgan

\*Ruth Ann Curley

Laurene Dalpezzo

Karen Donahoe

Alan Dzilak

Mya Douglas

Ayva Dudley

\*Jennifer Eden Family

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

Marth Kotch

\*Loretta Mahan

Jerry Mahon

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Patrick McManamon

Jan Malone

Bob Mazur

Karen Monahan

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Jack O'Day  
\*Bob Paulen  
\*Ron Paxton  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
Richard Pioli  
\*Dan Potts  
\*Annette Predeaux  
Perry Psaros To friends an  
Constance Quillen  
Frank Quillen  
Beth Rinker  
Pete Roche  
\*Gary Ralph  
Judy Reich  
\*Bill Robbins  
\*Alyse Rogers  
\*John Sadler  
\*Irene & Tom Safrit  
\*Carl Schloegel  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith  
\*Loretta Smith  
Ron Soltes  
Ray Sonderfan  
\*Scott Strickler  
\*Mark Thompson  
Ryan Talumello  
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Donald Walton  
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\*Tina Whaley  
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\*Charlotte Woods  
\*Claire Worrall  
\*Michelle Yates  
\*Jean Young

**\*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  
Jaimie Bradley

**SERVICEMEN/Women:**

Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska  
Hailye Wilson, USCG Key West  
Luke Wilson, USCG Key West  
Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB  
Jacob Hudson, Quantico

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Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

**College/Grad Students**

\*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

# Epworth Ministry Organization



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

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

[Cathie Lewis](#) and [Teri Moore](#)

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### Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

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