



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 13, 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* ~

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Russell Fragar ©1997 Hillsongs Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
O comforter and friend,
How we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
Come and change our hearts
as we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down. *{Repeat section}*

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind can know what God has in store,
So open up heaven, open it wide,
over Your church and over our lives.

{Repeat opening section}

TAG: Rain down, rain down, Rain.

Pray

Darlene Zschech ©2002 Extravagant Worship Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We call upon Your name,
humble ourselves and pray.
Move in our hearts, move in our land.
Ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue
will proclaim Your Kingdom come.

*We pray, pray,
open the windows of Heaven on us.
Today, we pray,
pour out Your Spirit, Your wonders on earth.*

We come on bended knees; we bring an offering.
Lead us in Your way everlasting.
Ev'ry heart of ev'ryone will pray, "Your will be done."

{Refrain 2x}

*Pray, pray;
humble ourselves, we humble ourselves,
and pray, pray;
humble ourselves, we humble ourselves.*

{Refrain 2x}

TAG: We pray.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

What Faith Can Do

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Everybody falls sometimes.
Gotta find the strength to rise from the ashes,
and make a new beginning.
Anyone can feel the ache.
You think it's more than you can take,
but you're stronger, stronger than you know.
Don't you give up now;
the sun will soon be shining.
You gotta face the clouds
to find the silver lining.

*I've seen dreams that move the mountains,
hope that doesn't ever end
even when the sky is falling.
I've seen miracles just happen,
silent prayers get answered,*

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broken hearts become brand new,
that's what faith can do.

It doesn't matter what you've heard,
"Impossible" is not a word,
it's just a reason for someone not to try.
Ev'rybody's scared to death
when they decide to take
that step out on the water,
but it'll be alright.
Life is so much more
than what your eyes are seeing.
You will find your way if you keep believing.
{Repeat Chorus}

Overcome the odds, you don't have a chance.
But when the world says you can't,
it'll tell you that you can. {Repeat Chorus}

TAG: *That's what faith can do.*
Even if you fall sometimes,
you will have the strength to rise

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Come and Find the Quiet Center

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992 / Attr. to B. F. White

Come and find the quiet center
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare.

❧ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ❧

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Gwen Osborne, Lay Leader *Emerita*: I now present these persons
today for reception into Epworth

New Members:

To the new members

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin? **§ I do.**

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Do you accept the freedom and power
God gives you to resist evil, injustice,
and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? § **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as
our Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races? § **I do.**

According to the grace given to you,
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? § **I will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your
rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? § **We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and life and include these persons now before you
in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness
that they may grow in their trust of God
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Profession of Faith

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to be grateful for the Lord's unending love
and, in turn...

to love and serve others unconditionally;

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our redemption, our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

To the new members

Gwen Osborne

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

§ **I will.**

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully participate in its
ministries by your prayers, your presence, your witness, your
gifts, your service, and your witness? § **I will.**

He Touched Me

William J. Gaither, 1963

Congregational Hymn

**Shackled by a heavy burden,
'neath a load of guilt and shame,
then the hand of Jesus touched me,**

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and now I am no longer the same.
*He touched me, O He touched me,
and O the joy that floods my soul!
Something happened, and now I know,
He touched me and made me whole.*

Since I met this blessed Savior,
since He cleansed and made me whole,
I will never cease to praise Him;
I'll shout it while eternity rolls. *{Refrain 2x}*

Prayers of the People

Linda Kauffman

Creator God,

We pray for justice and kindness,
that we may have the tools for making peace,
for healing the hurts in ourselves,
our relationships, and in the world.

We pray for the many people around us
and in this world who suffer deprivation
and persecution.

Help us prevent suffering where we can
and in ways that show your love for all creation.

Help us to care for those who suffer.

We pray for those around us and in this world
who experience hurt, grief, brokenness,
and sorrow.

Help us to recognize when we are part
of what brings pain, grief, and brokenness
to others.

Help us to act in healthy and loving ways
toward our friends and neighbors,
toward strangers and enemies.

Help us to love others as ourselves.

Help us to love ourselves as you love us.

We pray for those around us and in this world
who are silent victims and unable
to bring about healing
for themselves and their loved ones.

Sustaining God,

Help us to speak the truth with love and humility.

Help us to advocate for justice for those unable
to speak for themselves.

Guide us as we seek ways to bring healing
for others in a world filled with sickness
and destruction.

Sustain us with your love and bless us with hope
for times when we feel the job is too big
and the work is never done.

Loving God,

If justice and kindness are the tools
for making peace and healing,
let it begin with me. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Matthew 8:14-17*

Sandy Pierce, reader

When Jesus entered Peter's house, he saw his mother-in-law lying in bed with a fever; he touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she got up and began to serve him. That evening they brought to him many who were possessed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and cured all who were sick. This was to

fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah, “He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Ain't Got Time to Die

Words and Music by Hall Johnson ©1955

Miles Slatcher, soloist

**Oh, I keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
keep so busy praisin' my Jesus,
keep so busy praisin' my Jesus, ain't got time to die.**

**'Cause when I'm healin' the sick,
I'm praisin' my Jesus,
when I'm healin' the sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,
when I'm healin' the sick, I'm praisin' my Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.**

**'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus,
All of my time to praise my Lord.
If I don't praise You the rocks are gonna cry out,
“Glory and honor, glory and honor!”
Ain't got time to die.**

**Oh, I keep so busy singin' for my Jesus,
keep so busy singin' for my Jesus,
keep so busy singin' for my Jesus,
ain't got time to die.**

**'Cause when I'm feedin' the poor,
I'm workin' for Jesus,
When I'm feedin' the poor, I'm workin' for Jesus,
When I'm feedin' the poor, I'm workin' for Jesus,
ain't got time to die.**

**'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus,
All of my time to praise my God.
If I don't praise You the rocks are gonna cry out,
“Glory and honor, glory and honor!”
Ain't got time to die.**

**Lord, I keep so busy servin' my Jesus,
keep so busy servin' my Jesus,
keep so busy servin' my Jesus, ain't got time to die.**

**'Cause when I'm givin' my all, I do it for Jesus,
When I'm givin' my all, I do it for Jesus,
When I'm givin' my all, I do it for Jesus,
Ain't got time to die.**

**'Cause it takes all of my time to praise my Jesus,
All of my time to praise my Lord.
If I don't praise Him the rocks gonna cry out,
“Glory and honor, glory and honor!”
Ain't got time to die.**

**Now, won't you get out of my way,
Let me praise my Jesus?
Out of my way! Let me praise my God.
If I don't praise You the rocks are gonna cry out,
“Glory and honor, glory and honor!”
Ain't got time to die.**

Prayer for Our Pastor

Sandy Pierce

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964 / Welsh folk tune (The Ash Grove)

Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With Your grace you feed us, with Your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Good God Almighty

David Crowder, Ben Glover, & Jeff Sojka ©2021 9 T One Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can't count the times I've called
Your name some broken night.
And You showed up and patched me up
like You do every time.
I get amnesia, I forget that You keep coming
around.
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.
*Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me,
praising Your name, no matter what comes.
'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy,
so I keep praising Your name
at the top of my lungs.
Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)
Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)
He is Good God Almighty.*

You say Your love goes on forever,
that Your mercy never stops.
So why would I assume You'd be
somebody that You're not?
Like sun in the morning,
I know You're gonna be there every day.
So what on earth could make me be afraid?

{Refrain}

Praise Him in the morning,
praise Him in the noontime,
praise Him when the sun goes down.
Love Him in the morning,
love Him in the noontime,
love Him when the sun goes down.

{Refrain}

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality [Hebrews 13:2](#)



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 13, 2024

SYMPATHY

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

*Max Dick

Karen Donahoe

*Jane Drapper

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

*Tom Groff

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

*Clella Harp

Linda Hartlove

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

Connie Hoffman

Mickey Hoffman

Kate Howells

*Sandra Kennedy

Chloe Kincade-Crean

Marth Kotch

*Loretta Mahan

Donald Mahon

Jerry Mahon

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Patrick McManamon

Jan Malone

Bob Mazur

Michie Mader

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Karen Monahan
Aviana&Aurora Montano
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 Ruff
*John Sadler
*Irene & Tom Safrit
*Carl Schloegel
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
*Loretta Smith
Ron Soltes
Ray Sonderfan
*Scott Strickler
*Cheryl Tarlecky
*Mark Thompson
Ryan Talumello
Dean Tibbetts
Mike & Erin Tibets
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
*Susanne Truitt
*Mike Tyler
Lee Ann Walling
*Peggy Waltersdorf
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Donald Walton
Debbie Webber
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*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

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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
Callie Juliano, U Conn
Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon
Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech
*Thomas Vyas, Delaware Tech
Griffin Barrows, Marist

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