



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 20, 2024

October 20, 2024 **Jesus-style**
Hospitality
Service First
to All
at
EPWORTH
REHOBOTH BEACH
United Methodist Church
October 22 -
November 26, 2024
Mark 10:35-45



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* ~

No Turning Back

Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher, & Jason Ingram

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Praise Team

*I will follow you. I will follow you.
No turning back, no turning back,
no turning back, no turning back.*

This is my heart cry: though none go with me,
the cross before me, the world behind me.

This is my heart cry: though none go with me,
the cross before me, the world behind me.

I will follow you. *(I have decided, I have decided.)*

I will follow you. *(I have decided.)*

No turning back, no turning back,
no turning back, no turning back.

This is my anthem: my life for Your fame,
my ev'ry move bring glory to Your name.

This is my anthem: my life for Your fame,
my ev'ry move bring glory to Your name. *{Refrain II}*

The cross before me, the world behind me;

I will follow, I will follow. *{Repeat section 3x}*

No turning back, no turning back,
no turning back, no turning back.

No turning back, no turning back,
no turning back, no turning back.

Living Hope

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

How great the chasm that lay between us,
how high the mountain I could not climb.

In desperation I turned to heaven
and spoke Your name into the night.

Then through the darkness Your loving kindness
tore through the shadows of my soul.

The work is finished, the end is written.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy?

What heart could fathom such boundless grace?

The God of Ages stepped down from glory
to wear my sin and bear my shame.

The cross has spoken; I am forgiven.

The King of kings calls me His own.

Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever.

Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free!

Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!

You have broken ev'ry chain.

There's salvation in Your name.

Jesus Christ, my living hope. {Repeat Chorus}

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the roaring lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise,
Your buried body began to breathe.

Out of the silence, the roaring lion
declared the grave has no claim on me.

Jesus, Yours is the victory! Whoa!

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{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: Jesus Christ, my living hope.

O God, You are my living hope.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Goodness of God

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& Ben Fielding ©2019 Shout Music Publishing

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.

All my days I've been held in Your hands.

From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head

oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful.

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able,

oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.

And in darkest nights You are close like no other.

I've known You as Jehovah,

I've known You as a friend.

And I have lived in the goodness of God.

And all my life You have been faithful.

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able,

oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,

it's a-running after me.

And Your goodness is a-running after,

it's a-running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,

I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after, *

it's a-running after me. {Repeat Section}

*** it keeps running after me.**

And all my life You have been faithful.

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able,

oh, I gonna sing of the goodness of God.

I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing!

Oh, yes, 'cause all my life You have been faithful.

And all my life You have been so, so good.

With every breath that I am able,

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Are You Able

Earl Marlatt, 1926 / Harry S. Mason, 1924

Congregational Hymn

"Are you able," said the Master,

"to be crucified with me?"

"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,

"to the death we follow Thee."

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are Thine.

Remold them, make us, like Thee, divine.

Thy guiding radiance above us shall be

a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are you able to remember,

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when a thief lifts up His eyes,
that His pardoned soul is worthy
of a place in paradise? *{Refrain}*

Are you able when the shadows
close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs,
to commend Your soul to God? *{Refrain}*

Are you able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.
{Refrain}

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-
Stith

And now we pray the prayer that Christ taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

James and John Once Came to Jesus

Paul O. Davidson, 2006 / Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813
Congregational Hymn

James and John once came to Jesus,
with their mother made request;
bowing low as if in worship,
she then asked what pleased them best.

“Jesus, give my children power;
Jesus, give them pride of place;
at your left and at your right hand
let them share your kingdom's grace.”

“What you've asked exceeds your knowing,”
Jesus answered in reply.

“Death-filled cup that I'll be drinking,
Can you drink it as will I?”

“We are able; we can drink it,”

James and John this promise gave.

“You will drink it; but I tell you,
God controls those seats you crave.”

“Worldly leaders wield their power;
others bow before their face;

but for you to be the greatest
you must take the servant's place.”

For the Son of Man came humbly,
not His own life to preserve,
but to give His life in ransom,
not to be served but to serve.

Lesson: *Mark 10:35-45* Bob Thoman, reader

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be baptized, but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over

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them. But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

The Servant Song

Based on Mark 9:35 by David Gillard

Arranged by David Schwoebel ©2007

Chancel Choir Anthem

**If anyone would be first, they shall be the last of all,
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;
be the servant of all.**

**We are travelers on a journey,
fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant, too.**

**If anyone would be first,
they shall be the last of all,
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;
be the servant of all.**

**I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.
When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony.
Born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**If anyone would be first,
they shall be the last of all,
They shall be the last, they shall be the last;
be the servant of all.**

Prayer for Our Pastor

Bob Thoman

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

I Love to Tell the Story

Katherine Hankey, 1868 / William G. Fischer, 1869

Congregational Hymn

**I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.
*I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.***

I love to tell the story, it's pleasant to repeat

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what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

{Refrain}

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the
rest.

And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
it is the old, old story that I have loved so long.

{Refrain}

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Yes He Can

Madison Johnson, Logan Cain, Taylor Matz, & Jeff Pardo

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Sometimes I wonder: is He faithful?

Does He see me in my trouble?

Does He understand?

Sometimes I question if He's able.

Can He rescue?

Can He save me again and again?

But when I look back:

Did He move ev'ry mountain?

Did He part ev'ry sea?

Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Oh, did He defeat the darkness?

Did He deliver me?

Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Oh, yes, He did, so yes, He can.

**'Cause sometimes those voices try to tell me
I'm forgotten and I've fallen
too far from His hands.**

**But I know what kind of God He is,
and I'm trusting in His promises.**

I'm believing and I'm singing: Yes, He can.

{Repeat Chorus}

**'Cause I've seen too much; now I can't deny
He's come through ev'ry single time.**

**From the beginning until the end,
He did, He will, He can. And now, ooh...**

Did He move ev'ry mountain?

Did He part ev'ry sea?

Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Oh, did He defeat the darkness?

Did He deliver me?

Yes, He did, so yes, He can. {Repeat section}

TAG: Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Yes, He did, yes, He can.

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 20, 2024

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

David Bendekovits

*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

*Charles LoPresto

*Loretta Mahan

Donald Mahon

Jerry Mahon

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Patrick McManamon

Jan Malone

Bob Mazur

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Michie Mader
Karen Monahan
Aviana&Aurora Montano
Jack O'Day
*Bob Paulen
*Ron Paxton
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Richard Pioli
*Dan Potts
*Annette Predeaux
Perry PsarosTo 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
Steve
*Scott Strickler
*Cheryl Tarlecky
*Mark Thompson
Ryan Talumello
Dean Tibbetts
Mike & Erin Tibets
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
*Susanne Truitt
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*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**

Dottie

*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
Jamie
Bradley

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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

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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