



Sunday, January 12, 2025



**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 ~

At the Cross

*Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,  
& Matt Armstrong ©2014 ThankYou Music*

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.  
There's a place where streams of grace  
flow deep and wide.

Where all the love I've ever found  
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.*

*I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.*

*Where Your love ran red  
and my sin washed white,*

*I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,  
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,  
Where all the love I've ever felt  
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.*

*I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.*

*Where Your love ran red  
and my sin washed white,*

*I owe all to You, I owe all to You.*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.  
Here I bow down, here I bow down.  
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life.  
Here I bow down, here I bow.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.*

*I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.*

*Where Your love ran red  
and my sin washed white,*

*I owe all to You, I owe all to You,*

*I owe all to You, I owe all to You,*

*Jesus, Savior of the world.*

*Jesus, Savior of the world.*

*Jesus, Savior of the world.*

*Jesus.*

The God Who Stays

*Matthew West, Jonathan Smith, & AJ Prius  
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Chancel Choir / Praise Team*

If I were You, I would've given up on me by now.  
I would've labeled me a lost cause,  
'cause I feel just like a lost cause.

If I were You,

I would've turned around and walked away.

I would've labeled me beyond repair,

'cause I feel like I'm beyond repair.

Oh, but somehow You don't see me like I do.

Somehow, You're still here.

*You're the God who stays,*

*You're the God who stays.*

*You're the one who runs in my direction  
when the whole world walks away.*

*You're the God who stands*

*with wide open arms,*

*and You tell me nothing I have ever done  
could separate my heart*

*from the God who stays.*

I used to hide

ev'ry time I thought I let You down.

Always thought I had to earn my way,

but I'm learning You don't work that way.

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'cause somehow You don't see me like I do.  
Somehow, You're still here. *{Repeat Chorus}*

My shame can't separate, my guilt can't separate,  
my past can't separate; I'm Yours forever.  
My sin can't separate, my scars can't separate,  
my failures can't separate; I'm Yours forever.  
No enemy can separate,  
no pow'r of hell can take away.  
Your love for me will never change.  
I'm Yours forever. 'cause *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Because He Lives, Amen

*William & Gloria Gaither, Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,  
Matt Maher, & Jason Ingram ©2014 Hanna Street Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One.  
I believe I overcome by the power of His love.  
*Amen! Amen!*  
*I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.*  
*Amen! Amen!*  
*Let my song join the one that never ends,  
because He lives.*

I was dead in the grave,  
I was covered in sin and shame.  
I heard mercy call my name.  
He rolled the stone away.  
*Amen! Amen!*  
*I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.*  
*Amen! Amen!*  
*Let my song join the one that never ends,*

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.  
Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone.  
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.  
*Amen! Amen!*  
*I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.*  
*Amen! Amen!*  
*Let my song join the one that never ends.*  
  
*Amen! Amen!*  
*I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.*  
*Amen! Amen!*  
*Let my song join the one that never ends,  
because He lives.*  
*Because He lives. Amen.*

Kid's Time

Recognition of the Belonging Ministry

### This is My Father's World

*Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 / Traditional English melody*  
*This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.*  
*This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
God's hand the wonders wrought.*  
  
*This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,*

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*declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
God shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear Him pass;  
God speaks to me everywhere.*

**This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!**

**Announcements**                      Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

**Prayers of the People**                      David Streit

Creator God,

At the dawn of this new year,  
we come to welcome hope for a new world.

Let the darkness lift, to welcome a dawn of plenty,  
with enough for everyone and people ready to share.

Let the day begin, with new energy for the struggle  
to protect our children and to care for the vulnerable.

Let the light shine, to open a path to safety  
for all who are seeking home and longing for life.

Let the sun rise on new talks and new resolve  
to end the bombing and the terror  
and to find solutions that will last.

At the dawn of a new year we come to declare our hope  
and to welcome a new world.

*And now with the confidence of the Children of God,  
let us sing the prayer Christ taught us:*

**The Lord's Prayer - *Sung Responsively***

**We Pray for Our Pastor**                      Tim Bush

**Lesson:** *Genesis 3:1-10*                      Rose Verona, reader

The First Sin and Its Punishment

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die, for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked, and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the

garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”  
May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

## I Am Not Afraid

*Words by Pamela Martin; Music by Lloyd Larson; ©2009  
Chancel Choir Anthem*

In the emptiness of silence  
when the world has turned away;  
Beneath the weight of sorrow when I can no longer pray;  
In the wilderness of worry, in the desert of despair;  
In the never-ending darkness  
when it seems that no one cares,  
*I am not afraid, I am not alone.  
You hold me in Your hands and will not let me go.  
Though the waters rise  
and though the winds may blow,  
I will not be afraid, for I am not alone.*

When there are no words of comfort  
that can stem the flow of tears;  
When I'm stranded at the center of a rising tide of fear;  
When there is no path before me,  
when my feet have lost their way,  
I remember You are with me and I am not afraid!  
*{Refrain}*

**Prayer for Our Pastor** Rose Verona

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## Standing on the Promises

*R. Kelso Carter, 1886*

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
through eternal ages let His praises ring.  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
standing on the promises of God.  
*Standing, standing,  
standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
by the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
standing on the promises of God. *{Refrain}*

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
standing on the promises of God. *{Refrain}*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
listening every moment to the Spirit's call,  
resting in my Savior as my all in all,  
standing on the promises of God. *{Refrain}*

**Benediction** Rev. Dr. Vicky Gordy-Stith

## My Jesus

*Matthew West, Anne Wilson, & Jeffrey Pardo  
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Are you past the point of weary,  
is your burden weighing heavy,  
is it all too much to carry?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Do you feel that empty feeling,  
'cause shame's done all its stealing,  
and you're desp'rate for some healing?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*He makes a way where there ain't no way,  
rises up from an empty grave,  
ain't no sinner that He can't save.*

*Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.*

*His love is strong and His grace is free,  
and the good news is I know that He,  
can do for you what He's done for me.*

*Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
and let my Jesus change your life.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
amen, amen.*

Who can wipe away the tears,  
from broken dreams and wasted years,  
and tell the past to disappear?  
Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
And all the wrong turns that you would,  
go and undo if you could.  
Who can work it all for your good?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. *{Refrain}*

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,  
pay the price for all my guilty,  
who would care that much about me?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh... *{Refrain}*

**TAG:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
and let my Jesus change your life.

# Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

## Hospitality



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of January 12, 2025

## SYMPATHY

## CONCERNS

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Nicole Anderson

Zach & Emma Anderson

Cody Angstadt

Joey Augustine

\*Michael Beigay

David Bendekovits

\*Cathy Benson

Linda Bingnear

Gary Bodmer

Robert Bodner

\*Janine Bond

\*Jeff Bond

Mallory Banczar

\*Andy Brangenberg

Sue Brenton

Diane Bruce

\*Tim Bush

David Caffier

Colson Cleaver

Mary Jane Colgan

Ian Cooper

Cathy Crawford

Angela Cregar

Laurene Dalpezzo

Karen Donahoe

\*Jane Drapper

Erin Drummond

Alan Dzilak

Mya Douglas

Ginny Downs

Ayva Dudley

\*Jennifer Eden Family

Blaine Fasnacht

\*Roni Fiedler

Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

Dayna Fuller

Fran Garside

Linda Fink Gregory

Dayna Faller

Ezra Groff

\*Tom Groff

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

\*David Hagalin

\*Clella Harp

Linda Hartlove

Sue Higgs

Dahlia Hill

Kathy Hill

Ray Hilt

Barb Hoffman

Connie Hoffman

Mickey Hoffman

Bobby Horn

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Wayne Hudson  
Bonnie Hudson  
Lorraine Hudson  
Eric Jancheimer  
\*Susan Jimenez  
Eric Johnson  
\*Sandra Kennedy  
Matthew Kenworthy  
Mary Ellen King  
Martha Kotch  
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\*Nikki Nicholson  
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\*Ron Paxton  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
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Frank Quillen  
\*Frank Riley-Spillane  
Beth Rinker  
Pete Roche  
\*Gary Ralph  
Jana Raup  
Judy Reich  
\*Bill Robbins  
\*Alyse Rogers  
John Ruff  
Herb Russell  
\*John Sadler  
\*Irene & Tom Safrit  
\*Carl Schloegel  
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\*Loretta Smith  
Ron Soltes  
Ray Sonderfan  
\*Chet Sprague  
Mike Sprague  
Steve  
Mallory S  
\*Cheryl Tarlecky  
\*Mark Thompson  
Ryan Talumello  
Dean Tibbetts  
Mike Tibbetts  
Mike & Erin Tibets  
Rene Toney  
Nancy Trinkley  
\*Susanne Truitt  
Becky Vye and Family

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\*Peggy Waltersdorf  
Hudson Walton  
Donald Walton  
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\*Tina Whaley  
Michael Wills, Sr  
\*Carol Woodcock  
\*Charlotte Woods  
\*Claire Worrall  
\*Michelle Yates  
\*Jean Young

**\*Church Members**

**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  
\*Linda Rooney  
Quinn Smith  
Elaine Trexler  
\*Dan Wine  
\*Janet Yabroff  
Jamie Bradley

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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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\*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U  
Callie Juliano, U Conn  
Cole Thomas Juliano, Elon  
Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech  
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Griffin Barrows, Marist

# Epworth Ministry Organization



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Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

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