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Sunday, April 20, 2025



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Sunday Sunrise 6 am and
10 am in-person and online

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***VISION: Explore Faith,
Embrace Community***

***MISSION: Inviting, Belonging,
Connecting, Caring***

All Means All

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Rehoboth Beach Bandstand – – Sunday, April 20, 2025
5:50 AM

MAN OF SORROWS

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Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked and scorned.
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns
*Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation, where Your love
poured out over me.*
*Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah! Praise and honor
unto Thee!"*

Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem
and reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.
{Refrain}

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full by the precious
blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me. Whom the Son
sets free, oh, is free indeed.
{Repeat verse – Refrain}

See the stone is rolled away. Behold, the empty tomb.
Hallelujah! God be praised! He's risen from the grave.
{Refrain}

TAG: Praise and honor unto Thee!

BEAUTIFUL TERRIBLE CROSS

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There is a beautiful, terrible cross where, though You committed
no sin, Savior, You suffered the most wicked fate on the
cruellest creation of man.

Yet, on that beautiful, terrible cross You did what only You
could: turning that dark inspired evil of hell into our soul's
greatest good.

*We see the love that You showed us, we see the life
that You lost.*

*We bow in wonder and praise You for the beautiful,
terrible cross.*

There on that beautiful, terrible cross, though darkness was
strong on that hill,
You remained sov'reign, Lord, still in control as Your perfect
plan was fulfilled. {Refrain}

*Oh, we gained the riches of heaven. Jesus, You paid
the horrible cost.*

*We stand forgiven and praise You for the beautiful,
terrible cross, for the beautiful, terrible cross.*

In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever.
'Til my raptured soul shall find peace beyond the river.
Beautiful cross, terrible cross. Beautiful cross, terrible cross.

KING OF KINGS

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In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light,
'til from heaven You came running; there was mercy in Your
eyes.

To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word,
from a throne of endless glory to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise Jehovah, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit, Three in
One.*

God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of kings.

To reveal the kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the
cross.

For even in your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus, for our sake You
died. *{Repeat Chorus}*

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath,
'til that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had con-
quered death.

And the dead rose from their tombs and the angels stood in
awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to Jehovah are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the
flame.

Now this gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name, in his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ, who has resurrected me.

*Oh, Praise Jehovah, Praise the Son, Praise the Spir-
it, Three in One.*

*God of glory, Majesty, praise forever to the King of
kings.*

Praise forever to the King of kings.

Greeting and Welcome:

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith, Epworth UMC

Call to Worship

Leader: Out of the darkness of grief and despair comes a message
of hope. Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We run to the tomb to see for ourselves. And it is true.
Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

Leader: We hear a voice call our name, and we know our risen
Lord is with us now and always.

People: Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed.

Thanks be to God.

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!

Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!

Invocation

We are not eyewitnesses to an event, as were Mary and the disci-
ples; we have not journeyed through a dangerous city to seek an-
swers or consolation; we have not seen angels gathering at the rim
of this day, or wept in the garden this morning because we could
not find Him.

But we are here to attest to a story that has not lost its power
during twenty centuries of change and conflict.

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We are here because those before us carried this story as if it were precious gold; cherished it as if it were the key to a hidden wisdom.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, take your places here today in celebration and in awe.

What you are about to hear again, has the capacity to change the world.

Your very presence attests to the rising up of life from the tomb of despair, and to the uncontrollable power of God.

It is Easter morning again: and we will celebrate.

CHRIST IS RISEN

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days.

Christ is risen! Hush in wonder; all creation is amazed. In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.

Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise Your spirits from the caverns of despair.

Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.

Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend; Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.

Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.

Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"

God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna everyone!

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 24:1-12* **The Resurrection of Jesus**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

HE LIVES

**I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today
I know that He is living, whatever foes may say
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer
And just the time I need Him He's always near**

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Christ Jesus
lives today

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow
way

He lives (He lives), He lives (He lives), Salvation to
impart

You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my
heart

In all the world around me I see His loving care

And though my heart grows weary I never will despair

I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast

The day of His appearing will come at last. *{Refrain}*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian Lift up your voice and sing

Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King

The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find

None other is so loving, so good and kind. *{Refrain}*

~ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~

God of the bright and morning star, God of the rising sun, God
of darkness banished, we praise and worship you!

For empty tombs: We thank you!

For disciples running with good news: We thank you!

For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected: We thank you!

We celebrate your victory over death, over all the powers that
would defeat us.

Help us to grasp resurrection; to understand its power, to see its
force at work in our world, overturning evil, changing the hatred
within us, moving the world slowly, forcefully, bending us to-
wards love and truth.

On this day of great gladness empower us to be your ambassa-
dors, proclaiming good news.

Good news in our kitchens and living rooms, good news in the
offices and workshops good news in the fields and factories.

Help us to be that good news, walking softly on this good earth
caring gently for all people, living hopefully into your kingdom.

Let us raise the names of all who are grieving, *[Pause]*

and for the sick and dying...*[Pause]*

for countries torn by war and bloodshed...*[Pause]*

for those who lack adequate food and clean water...

for the stranger who finds no welcome...

We are an Easter People living in a Good Friday world, though
today we see a glimpse of your kingdom come,
in the person of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in us forev-
er. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

IN THE GARDEN

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the
roses,

and the voice I hear falling on my ear, the Son of God
discloses.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me, and
He tells me I am His own;*

*And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other
has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the
birds hush their singing, and the melody that He gave
to me within my heart is ringing. *{Refrain}*

Gospel Lesson (cont) Luke 24:13-35 The Walk to Emmaus

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith, Epworth UMC

Leader: Go forth as God's chosen witnesses, to proclaim all you have heard and seen and experienced.

People: We go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

Leader: Go forth sustained by God's steadfast love.

People: We go forth transformed and transforming.

Leader: Go forth with shouts of joy.

People: Christ is risen, indeed.

MY REDEEMER LIVES

I know He rescued my soul, His blood, has covered my sin, I believe, I believe.

My shame, He's taken away, My pain is healed in His name, I believe, I believe.

I'll raise a banner; my Lord has conquered the grave!

My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! My Redeemer lives! (repeat all)

You lift my burden, I rise with You.

I'm dancing on this mountain top to see Your kingdom
come. (*refrain 2x*)

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Christ, we come to the empty tomb, we see our own death,
we see our own tomb, we see our own emptiness.
And we remember how we have treated other people—
members of our family, friends and neighbors.

Lord we come to your tomb, we see a hungry world before
us, the pain of starving children, the guilt of war on our
hands, and we know that collectively we share in those
injustices.

Lord we come to the empty tomb, we search within
ourselves and we cannot escape what we are, people caught
up in the pain of our own wrong doing, for some a deep
sense of loneliness and a frustration of what we would be
but are not.

Lord when we come to the empty tomb, we lay before you
our pain, our emptiness and look to you for hope.

We ask why we seek the living among the dead in an empty
tomb?

Are we afraid, are we uncertain, and are we uncomfortable
here?

God, our wounds are deep, for we have turned away from
that man, we have broken with him and long for his
fellowship.

But we will not dwell on our wounds any longer
for he has risen to heal us,
he has risen to forgive us;
he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.
Christ has risen to forgive us.
Thanks be to God.

EASTER WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Epworth UMC Sanctuary – Sunday, April 20, 2025
9:50 AM

~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

Man of Sorrows

Brooke Ligertwood & Matt Crocker ©2013 Hillsong Publishing

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,
by His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God
has been on Jesus laid.
Silent as He stood accused,
beaten, mocked and scorned.
Bowling to the Father's will,
He took a crown of thorns

*Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah!
Praise and honor unto Thee!"*

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who nailed Him to that tree. *{Refrain}*

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by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
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He's risen from the grave. *{Refrain}*

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Praise Team

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be my glory ever.
'Til my raptured soul shall find
peace beyond the river.
Beautiful cross, terrible cross.
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King of Kings

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

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To fulfill the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word,
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Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Lesson: *Luke 24:1-12*

Jamie Forshey, reader

The Resurrection of Jesus

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Words: Charles Wesley; Arranged by Hal H. Hopson ©1983

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Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
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**Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! AMEN.**

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Christ Is Risen

Brian Wren, 1984 / Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

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Celebrate this day of days.
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see, a spreading tree has grown.
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Jesus Is Alive!

Ron Kenoly ©1987 Integrity's Hosanna! Music

Hallelujah! Jesus is alive!

Death has lost its vict'ry

and the grave has been denied.

Jesus lives forever – He's alive, He's alive!

He's the alpha and omega,

the first and last is He;

The curse of sin is broken

and we have perfect liberty.

The Lamb of God has risen,

He's alive! He's alive! {Repeat to top}

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the first and last is He;
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Hallelujah, Jesus is alive!
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Jesus lives forever –
He's alive, Hallelujah! Jesus is alive!

Prayers of the People

Marti Garrett

God of the bright and morning star,
God of the rising sun,
God of darkness banished,
we praise and worship you!
For empty tombs: We thank you!
For disciples running with good news: We thank you!
For your presence, alive, powerful, resurrected:
We thank you!
We celebrate your victory over death,
over all the powers that would defeat us.

Help us to grasp resurrection;
to understand its power,
to see its force at work in our world,
overturning evil,
changing the hatred within us,
moving the world slowly, forcefully,
bending us towards love and truth.

On this day of great gladness
empower us to be your ambassadors,
proclaiming good news.
Good news in our kitchens and living rooms,
good news in the offices and workshops
good news in the fields and factories
Help us to be that good news,
walking softly on this good earth
caring gently for all people,
living hopefully into your kingdom.

Let us raise the names of all who are grieving, [Pause]
and for the sick and dying...[Pause]
for countries torn by war and bloodshed...[Pause]
for those who lack adequate food and clean water...
for the stranger who finds no welcome...

We are an Easter People living in a Good Friday world,
though today see a glimpse of your kingdom come,
in the person of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns in us forever. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

In Christ Alone

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Chancel Choir*

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.**

My comforter, my all in all.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh.
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save
When on that cross as Jesus died
the sting of death was then defied.
For every sin on him was laid,
here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand.
'Til he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

We Pray for Our Pastor Jamie Forshey

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Redeemer Lives

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I know He rescued my soul,
His blood, He covered my sin,
I believe, I believe.
My shame, He's taken away,
my pain is healed in His name,
I believe, I believe.
I'll raise a banner:
My Lord has conquered the grave!
My redeemer lives! My redeemer lives!
My redeemer lives! My redeemer lives!
{Repeat to top – Chorus 2x}

You lift my burden, I rise with you.
I'm dancing on this mountain top
to see Your kingdom come. *{Chorus 2x}*

Benediction Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The Hallelujah Chorus

Chancel Choir

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of April 20, 2025

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

California Fire Victims
People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip
People of Ukraine
Deaf People of Ukraine
John
Sharon
Nicole Anderson
Zach & Emma Anderson
Cody Angstadt
Joey Augustine
*Michael Beigay
David Bendekovits
*Cathy Benson
Stacy Benson
Linda Bingnear
*Janine Bond
*Jeff Bond
Mallory Banczar
*Andy Brangenberg ,in BB Hos.
*Anita Broccolino Family
Diane Bruce
*Kathryn Burwin
Donna Bush
*Tim Bush
David Caffier
Brenda Clarke
Mary Jane Colgan
Ian Cooper
Lou Cox
Angela Cregar
Laurene Dalpezzo
Fern Dzielak
Karen Donahoe
*Jane Drapper
*Erin Drummond
Alan Dzilak
Mya Douglas, 14 yr old in hospice
Ayva Dudley
*Jennifer Eden Family
Elizabeth
Vicki Farrell
Blaine Fasnacht
*Roni Fiedler
Horst Fischer
Folderaiuer Family
Marion Ford
Luna and Nathan Franco
Judy Fredrich
Kim Frye
Dayna Fuller
Fran Garside
Dayna Faller
Ezra Groff
*Tom Groff
Mark Gruber-Lebowitz
Sue Higgs
Dahlia Hill
Kathy Hill

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Ray Hilt
Barb Hoffman
Bobby Horn
Kate Howells
Wayne Hudson
Bonnie Hudson
Lorraine Hudson
Eric Jancheimer
Eric Johnson
*Sandra Kennedy
Matthew Kenworthy
Mary Ellen King
*Donna Lipscomb
*Charles LoPresto
*Loretta Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
*Janet Malone
Larry Mazzoni
Karen McCauley
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
*Jan and Marv Malone
*Frances Mason
Bob Mazur
Michie Mader
Jeff Miller
Karen Monahan
Aviana Aurora Montano
*Nikki Nicholson
*Ron Paxton
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Richard Pioli
*Chris Porter
*Dan Potts
*Annette Predeaux
Rachel Psaros
Constance Quillen
Frank Quillen
D. Raines
*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
Kamdyn Schauss
*Carl Schloegel
Donna Shannn
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
*Loretta Smith
Ron Soltes
Ray Sonderfan
*Chet Sprague
Mike Sprague
Steve
Mallory S
*Cheryl Tarlecky
*Mark Thompson

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Ryan Talumello
Dean Tibbetts
Mike Tibbetts
Mike & Erin Tibets
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
*Susanne Truitt
Edie Tulumello
Annie Valenti
Wendy Votta
Becky Vye and Family
Lee Ann Walling
*Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*Deb Weber
*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Jean Young
Tiffany
Jody
Lynn and her 3 children

***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
Jack Rollison, Comfort Care
*Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Jamie
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
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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