



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, April 27, 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* ~

Beautiful One

*Tim Hughes ©2002 ThankYou Music
Praise Team*

Wonderful, so wonderful
is Your unfailing love.
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no heart can fully know
how glorious, how beautiful You are.
*Beautiful One, I love. Beautiful One, I adore.
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.*

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies.
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty
awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous, how wonderful You are.

{Chorus 2x}

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love
cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.
And You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love
because nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.

{Chorus}

My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing.
Beautiful One. *{Repeat section – Chorus 2x}*

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

*Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio ©2006 WorshipTogether.com
Chancel Choir / Praise Team*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures. *{Chorus twice}*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo 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

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Sweet Hour of Prayer

*William Walford, 1845 / William B. Bradbury, 1861
Congregational Hymn*

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

**that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Savior's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.**

**In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

**the joys I feel, the bliss I share
of those whose anxious spirits burn
with strong desires for Thy return!
With such I hasten to the place
where Christ, my Savior, shows His face,
and gladly take my station there,
and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!

**Your wings shall my petition bear
to Christ whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer!**

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We thank you, loving God,
for the vulnerable yet wonderful gift of life.
To be alive and to know it is a unspeakable honor.
We thank you, that from start to finish
our life is precious in your sight.
May we always praise you for it...

Lord, hear our prayer...

We thank you, loving God,
that death is not the final sentence in our life story.
We thank you that by your faithfulness
we are born to a new and living hope
in a future where love will never be terminated
and life will never end.
May we always trust in you...

Lord, hear our prayer...

We thank you, loving God,
for the Spirit that gives us the breath of life.
We praise too for Jesus who, by his own death,
has conquered death for us all
and by his resurrection offers the gift
of eternal glory to all.
May we accept your gift
and walk in obedience to your living word...

Lord, hear our prayer...

We thank, loving God,
that those who believe in Christ Jesus
have already passed from death to life,
and are even now fed with the bread of heaven.
We praise you for the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sin, and the life everlasting.
May we ever proclaim hope to those who despair
and live so that your light
shines in the darkness of our world...

Lord, hear our prayer...

Loving God,
whose touch healed the lame
and whose word raised the dead,
hear our prayers today for those
who are afflicted by sorrow and illness,
by injustice and by despair,
or by fear and weakness.
Breath into their hearts, touch their bodies,
speak their names and bring new life to them.

Lord, hear our prayer...

We ask all this in the name of Christ Jesus,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, both now and forevermore. Amen

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

7th cent. Latin; trans. James M. Neale, 1851 / Henry T. Smart, 1867

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.**

To this temple, where we call You,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With Your faithful loving-kindness
hear Your people as they pray,
and Your fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to our Maker,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

Lesson: *Romans 12:1-8*

Mike Tyler, reader

The New Life in Christ

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

One Faith, One Hope, One Lord

Words and Music by Craig Courtney ©1989

Chancel Choir Anthem

One faith, one hope, one Lord,
one church for which he died,
One voice, one song we lift in praise
to him who was and is and shall be evermore.

There is one body, one spirit,
as you were called to one hope.
One Lord, baptism and faith,
One God and Father of all, who is in you all.

Though we be many people,
diverse with various gifts,
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,
That we grow in the knowledge
of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

Pray for Our Speaker

Mike Tyler

Sermon "Don't Be Yourself" Augie Lankford

Here I Am, Lord

Dan Schutte, 1981

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
Whom shall I send? *{Refrain}*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Every Praise

*Hezekiah Walker & John David Bratton ©2013 Li'l Eva Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Ev'ry praise is to our God,
ev'ry word of worship with one accord.
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.
Sing hallelujah to our God.
Glory hallelujah is due our God.
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God. *{Repeat
section 3x}*

God, my savior. God, my healer.
God, my deliverer. Yes, He is. Yes, He is.
God, my savior. God, my healer.
God, my deliverer. Yes, He is. Yes, He is.
Yes, He is. Yes, He is.

Ev'ry praise is to our God.
Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of April 27, 2025

SYMPATHY

To the world on the death of Pope Francis

CONCERNS

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

John

Sharon

Nicole Anderson

Zach & Emma Anderson

Ashley Angstadt

Cody Angstadt

John Astafan and family

Joey Augustine

*Michael Beigay

David Bendekovits

Melba Bengston, Hospice @ Home

*Cathy Benson

Stacy Benson

Linda Bingnear

*Janine Bond

*Jeff Bond

Walt & Barb Borys

Barbara Bowrin

Mallory Banczar

*Andy Brangenberg ,in Excel (Harbor House)

*Anita Broccolino Family

Diane Bruce

*Kathryn Burwin

Donna Bush

*Tim Bush

David Caffier

Brenda Clarke

Clouspy Family

Mary Jane Colgan

Jose Compos

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

Blaine Fasnacht

*Roni Fiedler

Horst Fischer

Folderaiuer Family

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

Judy Fredrich

Kim Frye

Dayna Fuller

Fran Garside

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Dayna Faller
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont
Jody Good
Sterling Green
Ezra Groff
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Mark Gruber-Lebowitz
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Dahlia Hill
Kathy Hill
Ray Hilt
Barb Hoffman
Bobby Horn
Kate Howells
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Bonnie Hudson
Lorraine Hudson
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*Loretta Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
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Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
*Jan and Marv Malone
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*Irene & Tom Safrit
Kamdyn Schauss
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Donna Shannon

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*Loretta Smith
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Mike Sprague
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Mallory S
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*Mark Thompson
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Mike Tibbetts
Mike & Erin Tibets
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
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Edie Tulumello
Annie Valenti
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

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*Ann Chambers, The Moorings
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Jack Rollison, Comfort Care
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Quinn Smith
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Jamie
Bradley

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Luke Wilson, USCG Key West
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