

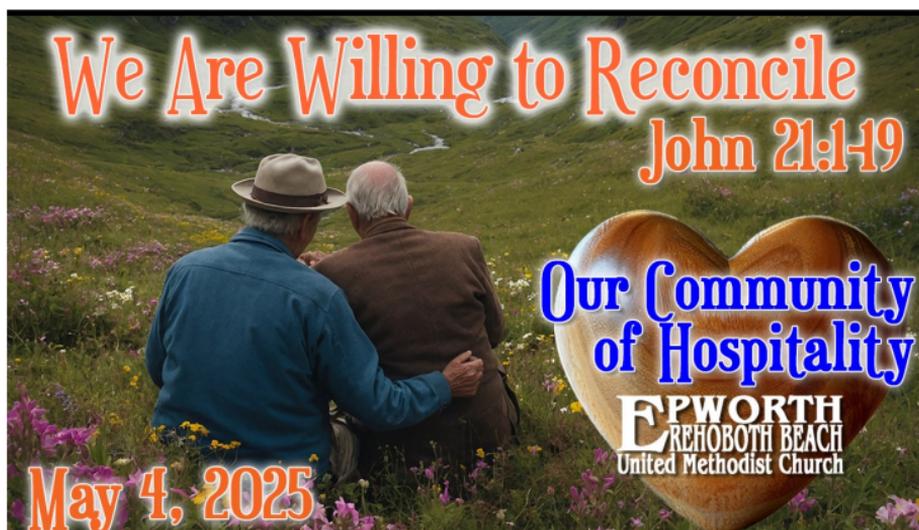


# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, May 4, 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* ~

## The Reconciliation Song

*Morris Chapman, Buddy Owens, & Clair Cloninger*

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*Praise Team*

Oh, let us be the generation  
of reconciliation and peace,  
and let us be a holy nation  
where pride and prejudice shall cease.

Let us speak the truth in love  
to the lost and least of these.

Let us serve the Lord in unity  
so others will believe.

Let us be the generation  
of reconciliation and peace.

Oh, let us be the generation  
of reconciliation and peace,  
and let us build on one foundation  
'til He comes and the wars of men shall cease.

Let us share the love of Jesus without hypocrisy.

Let mercy and forgiveness begin with you and me.

Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

Have we not one Father? Have we not one faith?  
Have we not one calling to become one holy race?

Oh, let us be the generation  
of reconciliation and peace.

And let us pray for restoration  
and seek the Lord together on our knees.

Let us keep our hearts from evil  
and cling to what is good.

Let us honor one another and love the brotherhood.

Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

## Jesus Does

*Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold, Kyle Briskin, Ed Cash,*

*& Frances Cash ©2022 EMI CMG Music*

*Praise Team*

Who tells the sun to rise ev'ry morning,  
colors the sky with the shades of His glory,  
wakes us with mercy and love? Jesus does.

Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow,  
cries for injustice, with the feels ev'ry sorrow,  
carries the pain of His children? Jesus does.

*So we sing praise to Jehovah who gave us the  
Son,*

*praise to the Spirit who's living in us.*

*When I was a sinner, He saved me from  
who I was, 'cause that's what Jesus does.*

Who understands the heart of the sinner,  
showers His grace over all our mistakes,  
washes us clean with His love? Jesus does.

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness?  
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave?  
Who has the power to save? Jesus does. {Chorus}

Oh, what a Friend! Oh, what a Savior!  
He's always been good, He's always been faithful.  
He came to my rescue when I needed Him most  
and saved my soul.

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So we sing praise to Jehovah who gave us the  
Son,  
praise to the Spirit who's living in us.  
When I was a sinner, He saved me from  
who I was. {Chorus}

TAG: Woh, woh, woh. That's what Jesus does.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### God So Loved

*Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash & Andrew Bergthold*

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*Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Come, all you weary. Come all you thirsty.  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more.

Come, all you sinners. Come, find His mercy.  
Come to the table. He will satisfy.  
Taste of His goodness.  
Find what you're looking for.

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.*

*Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come, lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.  
See His open arms?

*For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.*

*Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

*The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.*

*Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.*

*For God so loved, God so loved the world.*

Praise God, praise God,  
from Whom all blessings flow.  
Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His  
love.

Praise God, praise God,  
from Whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, praise Him  
for the wonders of His love, His amazing love.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.  
Come, lay them down at the foot of the cross.  
Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

### Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

*Cesareo Gabarain, 1979 / Translation by Gertrude C. Suppe, 1989*

*Congregational Hymn*

Lord, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.

*O Lord, with Your eyes you have searched me,  
and while smiling have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by Your side I will seek other seas.*

You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;

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you will find there my nets and labor. *{Refrain}*

You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labors to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. *{Refrain}*

You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. *{Refrain}*

**Lesson:** *John 21:1-19*

Gary Ralph, reader

## **Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them, and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

May this scripture inspire us all...

**§ to walk in the way that leads to life.**

## **Feed My Sheep**

*Words by Jonellen Heckler; Music by Loonis McGlohon;*

*Arr. Robert Sterling ©1983*

*Chancel Choir Anthem*

**I am going away.**

**If you love me, please hear what I say.**

**Be they sister or brother, love and keep one another.**

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Feed my sheep, feed my sheep.

I am going away. If you love me, please do what I say.  
Lose no soul to the cold night.  
Use your deep love to hold tight.  
Feed my sheep, feed my sheep.

Follow me where I go. Follow me and you'll know  
How to give, how to grow, how to love others so.

I am going away.  
If you love me, please hear what I say.  
Ev'ry man is your brother.  
Love and keep one another.  
Feed my sheep, feed my sheep.

Follow me where I go. Follow me and you'll know  
How to give, how to grow, how to love others so.

I am going away. If you love me, please do what I say.  
Lose no soul to the cold night.  
Use your deep love to hold tight.  
Feed my sheep, now go and feed my sheep.  
Feed my sheep, my children, feed my sheep.

**We Pray for Our Pastor**

Gary Ralph

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### **Peter Said, I'm Going Fishing**

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2009 / Charles C. Converse, 1868*

Peter said, "I'm going fishing,"  
so his friends went out with him.  
Through the night, they labored, watching,  
hauling empty nets back in.  
In the grey of early morning,  
Jesus, you came walking by.  
From the beach you called a greeting,  
"Cast out on the other side!"

Soon their nets were filled to brimming;  
someone cried, "It is the Lord!"  
Jumping in, he started swimming;  
Christ, you met him on the shore.  
Guiding them to better waters,  
eating fish and sharing bread -  
you showed Peter and the others:  
You were risen from the dead!

Risen Christ, you send us fishing!  
God's great sea is everywhere.  
You have guided us in mission,  
you have given love to share.  
Through the years, our church has heard you,  
we have answered your great call:  
"Cast your nets where I have told you.  
Bring my Word of love to all!"

Lord, be with this congregation;  
by your Spirit, send us forth!  
May we care for your creation;  
may we work for peace on earth.  
In our worship, in our giving,  
in our serving those in need,  
may we know, Lord; you are living,  
guiding us in ministry.

# Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven  
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed are those who come  
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice,  
in union with Christ's offering for us,  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died; Christ is risen;  
Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,  
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,  
now and forever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer Spoken

### *Music during Communion:*

#### One Bread, One Body

*John B. Foley; arranged by Mark Hayes ©1978*

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.***

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
Woman or man, no more. *{Refrain}*

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *{Refrain}*

**TAG: We are one body in this one Lord.  
We are all one body in the Lord.**

## Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### All the People Said Amen

*Matt Maher, Paul Moak, & Trevor Morgan ©2013 ThankYou Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy,  
to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you get to lean on,  
but thank God, it's all you need.  
***And all the people said Amen.  
And all the people said Amen.***

*Give thanks to the Lord,  
for His love never ends.  
And all the people said Amen.*

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong,  
you know love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall,  
and God so loved the world,  
He sent His Son to save us all.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,  
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

TAG: And all the people said Amen.

# Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

## Hospitality



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 4, 2025

## **SYMPATHY**

To the family and friends of Judy Reich who passed away last week.

## **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

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Dayna Faller  
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont  
Jody Good  
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Dahlia Hill  
Kathy Hill  
Ray Hilt  
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Bobby Horn  
Kate Howells  
Wayne Hudson  
Bonnie Hudson  
Lorraine Hudson  
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Eric Johnson  
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Dean Tibbetts  
Mike Tibbetts  
Mike & Erin Tibets  
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Nancy Trinkley  
\*Susanne Truitt  
Edie Tulumello  
Annie Valenti  
Becky Vye and Family  
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\*Peggy Waltersdorf  
Hudson Walton  
Donald Walton  
\*Deb Weber  
\*Tim Whaley  
\*Tina Whaley  
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\*Charlotte Woods  
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\*Jean Young  
Tiffany  
Jody  
Lynn and her 3 children

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Quinn Smith  
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