



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, May 11, 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* ~

Ancient Words

*Lynn Deshaço, ©2001 Integrity's Hosanna! Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,
give us strength, help us cope.
In this world where'er we roam,
ancient words will guide us home.
*Ancient words, ever true,
changing me, and changing you;
We have come with open hearts,
O let the ancient words impart.*

Holy words of our faith
handed down to this age,
came to us through sacrifice;
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;

Holy words long preserved
for our walk in this world.
They resound with God's own heart,
O, let the ancient words impart.
{Repeat Chorus 2x}

TAG: O let the ancient words impart.

O Come to the Altar

*Mack Brock, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, & Wade Joye
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Praise Team*

Are you hurting and broken within,
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.
Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.
*O come to the altar;
he Father's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought
with the precious love of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling.
{Repeat Chorus 2x}

O what a Savior. Isn't he wonderful?
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"
Bow down before Him,
for He is Lord of all.
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" *{repeat section}*
{Repeat Chorus 3x}

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.
Tell the world of the treasure you found.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Lifesong

Mark Hall, ©2005 My Refuge Music
Praise Team

Empty hands held high, such small sacrifice.
If not joined with my life, I sing in vain tonight.
May the words I say and the things I do
make my lifesong sing, bring a smile to You.

Let my lifesong sing to You.

Let my lifesong sing to You.

*I want to sign Your name to the end of this day,
knowin' that my heart was true.*

Let my lifesong sing to You.

Lord, I give my life, a living sacrifice,
to reach a world in need, to be Your hands and feet.
May the words I say and the things I do
make my lifesong sing, bring a smile to You.

{Chorus}

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Let my lifesong sing to You.
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*I want to sign Your name to the end of this day,
knowin' that my heart was true.*

{Repeat section}

TAG: Let my lifesong sing to You.

Kid's Time

Joy Gordy-Stith

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Ray Palmer, 1875 / Lowell Mason, 1831
Congregational Hymn

My faith looks up to Thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.

Prayers of the People

Shawn McHugh

Jesus said, "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." Let us now approach him with confidence.

Risen Lord, you came as a sacrifice for our sin. Give us faith to accept this act of love, so that we turn from all human efforts and drink in the atoning righteousness of your death and resurrection.

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you are the true vine, and we are the branches. By your Spirit, produce the fruit of love, joy, peace, and patience in us for others to taste and enjoy. Keep us from hanging on to love for ourselves. Prune all selfishness from us and fill us with your love.

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, have mercy on your earth and supply its needs. Where people are hungry, give food. Where people are in distress, comfort them. Where people are in trouble, bring order and peace. And turn the whole world to you in faith, repentance and praise.

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, focus our love on people we know with special needs. Heal those who are unwell and others in need whom we now name silently in our hearts... *(brief silence)*

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for hearing us and caring for us in all our needs. Constantly intercede for us before our heavenly Father and open our eyes that we may see him through you. We ask all this in your holy name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

And now with the confidence of the Children of God,

let us sing the prayer Christ taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Matthew 16:24-28* Todd Popham, reader

The Cross and Self-Denial

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Words by Charles William Everest, 1833

Music: BOURBON, from the "Hesperian Harp," 1848

Arranged by David Lantz III (ASCAP)

Chancel Choir Anthem

Take up your cross. Take up your cross.

Take up your cross, the Savior said.

**Take up your cross, the Savior said,
if you would My disciple be;**

**Take up your cross with willing heart,
and humbly follow after Me.**

Take up your cross, let not its weight

fill your weak spirit with alarm;

**Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;**

**The Lord for you accepted death
upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,
and calmly ev'ry danger brave;**

**It guides you to abundant life
and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.**

**Take up your cross. Take up your cross
and humbly follow after Me.**

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Rock of Ages, Cleft for me

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776 / Thomas Hastings, 1830

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on the judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

What a Friend

Matt Maber, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
east to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down.

{Repeat Chorus}

No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
how He has proven it over and over. *{Repeat bridge}*
Over and over.

{Repeat Chorus 2x}

TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.

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

Katherine Erlanger

Blaine Fasnacht

*Roni Fiedler

Horst Fischer

Folderaiuer Family

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

Judy Fredrich

Kim Frye

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Dayna Fuller
Fran Garside
Dayna Faller
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont
Jody Good
Sterling Green
Ezra Groff
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Dahlia Hill
Kathy Hill
Ray Hilt
Barb Hoffman
Bobby Horn
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Wayne Hudson
Bonnie Hudson
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*Loretta Mahan
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*Irene & Tom Safrit
Kamdyn Schauss
*Carl Schloegel

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Bill Smith
*Loretta Smith
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*Chet Sprague
Mike Sprague
Steve
Mallory S
*Cheryl Tarlecky
*Mark Thompson
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Dean Tibbetts
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Mike & Erin Tibets
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
*Susanne Truitt
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

***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

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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, UD

Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech

*Thomas Vyas, UD

Griffin Barrows, Marist

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