



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

[Epworth.faith](http://Epworth.faith)

Sunday, May 18, 2025



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

**10 am [Blended Worship Order](#)**  
**[Calendar](#) & [Announcements](#)**  
**[Prayer List](#)**  
**[Staff & Leadership](#)**

***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.



19285 Holland Glade Rd.  
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971  
302-227-7743 [Epworth.faith](http://Epworth.faith)



~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

**Chain Breaker**

*Mia Fieldes, Jonathan Smith, & Zach Williams*

©2015 *Anthems of Hope Publishing*

If you've been walking the same old road  
for miles and miles,  
If you've been hearing the same old voice  
tell the same old lies,  
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside,  
there's a better life, there's a better life.

*If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.*

*If you feel lost, He's a way maker.*

*If you need freedom or saving,*

*He's a prison-shaking savior.*

*If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.*

We've all searched for the light of day  
in the dead of night.

We've all found ourselves worn out  
from the same old fight.

And we've all run to things  
we know just ain't right.

And there's a better life, there's a better life.

*{Refrain}*

If you believe it, if you receive it,  
if you can feel it, somebody testify.

If you believe it, if you receive it,  
if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.

If you believe it, if you receive it,  
if you can feel it, somebody testify. *{Refrain}*

**TAG:** Oh, if you need freedom or saving,

He's a prison-shaking savior.

If you've got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker.

**Alive and Breathing**

*Ellie Limebear & Matt Maber ©2020 I Am A Pilgrim Music*

*Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?

What matters come to mind?

The cares you keep, the thoughts you think,  
it's not all wasted time.

Seek and you will find.

*Joy still comes in the morning,  
hope still walks with the hurting.*

*If you're still alive and breathing,  
praise the Lord!*

*Don't stop dancing and dreaming.*

*There's still good news worth repeating.*

*So, lift your head and keep singing,*

*"Praise the Lord!"*

The years roll by. We wonder why  
we lost our way from home.

Our Father finds the child inside  
we left for growing old.

Awake, awake, awake, my soul!

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Let everything, let everything,  
let everything praise the Lord.

In the working, in the waiting,  
let it praise the Lord.

In the blessing, in the breaking,  
come on, praise the Lord.

In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord.

Let it praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### Confidence

*Matt Armstrong, Chris Rohman, Dustin Lolli, & Ethan Hulse*

©2018 Be Essential Music Publishing LLC

*Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose.  
I feel unqualified for what You're callin' me to.  
But Lord, with Your strength, I've got no excuse,  
'cause broken people are exactly who You use.  
*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,  
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.  
Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my de-  
fense,  
so I can face my giants with confidence.*

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king,  
so I'm gonna trust You and give You ev'rything.  
I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me;  
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory. *{Refrain}*

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.  
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.  
Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus,  
Jesus  
I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.  
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.  
Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus.

*{Refrain}*

*Yeah, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's  
den,  
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.  
Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my de-  
fense,  
so I can face my giants with confidence.  
I'll face my giants with confidence.*

Kid's Time

Gwen Osborne

### Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824 / Arr. by Cathy Mocklebust*

*Epworth Bell Choir*

Prayers of the People

Scott Button

Beloved Creator, teach us to open our shuttered hearts  
and our portioned and boarded-up spirits  
with bold generosity and courageous hospitality.  
Estranged and alienated so often and from so much,  
sustain us in making circles of welcome  
out of gatherings of strangers.  
Around the table of wonder, meet us in abundance,  
drawing out our stories  
and showing us how to weave together community  
with steadfast love.  
The wells of life are our responsibilities.  
Teach us to care for them together,  
with forbearance, forgiveness, gratitude, and rejoicing.  
When we are cast out and wandering,  
may we find welcome and compassion  
that calls us back into accountable relationship,  
into the ways of healing, into the ways of peace.

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

Generation after generation has wrestled for acceptance,  
or were exiled or dispossessed.

Generation after generation has learned anew  
how to make welcome,  
how to make home wherever they are, however they are,  
and how to welcome You, Beloved,  
in welcoming enemies, strangers, and exiles  
into a life of transforming love. Amen.

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Spoken*

### **Gather Us In**

*Marty Haugen ©1982 GLA Publications, Inc.  
Congregational Hymn*

**Here in this place a new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
Here you shall call Your sons & Your daughters  
call us anew to be salt for the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light-years away,  
But here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us Your own;  
Gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

**Lesson:** *I Samuel 16:1-13*

Rick Buske, reader

### **David Anointed as King**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before

Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

## **Little David, Play on Your Harp**

*Afro-American Spiritual / Arr by Rollo Dilworth, 2009  
Chancel Choir Anthem*

***Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu, Hallelu!***

***Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu.***

***Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu, Hallelu!***

***Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu.***

Little David was a shepherd boy,  
He killed Goliath and he shouted for joy.  
Little David was a shepherd boy,  
He killed Goliath and he shouted for joy. *{Chorus}*

Op' Joshua was the son of Nun,  
He never would quit 'till his work was done.  
Op' Joshua was the son of Nun,  
He never would quit 'till his work was done.

David played, he danced and sang  
All day long 'till the heavens rang.  
Singin' songs of joy and praise,  
David played his harp for the rest of his days.

***Little David, play on your harp. (Repeat 8x total)***

***Little David, play on your harp, Hallelu!***

**Prayer for Our Pastor** Rick Buske

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

## **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

*Epworth Bell Choir*

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

## **That's Who I Praise**

*Michael Lake, Benjamin Hastings, Zachary Lawson,  
Steven Furtick, & Micah David Nichols  
©2024 Brandon Lake Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I wanna dance like David, I wanna faith like Paul,  
I wanna sing like Silas, tearin' down those prison walls.  
I wanna face that fire. It won't burn me, though.  
God's got my back, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego.  
I wanna walk like Moses, right through the waves.  
One day I'll see that promised land, no longer slaves.  
Though the fear is talkin', no, it can't take out my faith.  
***I'm gonna praise, I'm gonna praise.  
I praise the mountain movin',***

*body raisin', breaker of chains.  
Gonna praise, I'm gonna praise.  
I praise the Heaven seated,  
undefeated, highest of names.  
That's who I praise!  
Hey, that's who I praise, that's who I praise!*

I wanna gift like Mary. I wanna break my vase.  
I wanna sleep like Daniel, even in a lion's cave.  
I'm gonna get that promise, just like Jericho.  
Yeah, I know what'll make it fall.

*I'm gonna praise, I'm gonna praise.  
I praise the mountain movin',  
body raisin', breaker of chains.  
Gonna praise, I'm gonna praise.  
I praise the Heaven seated,  
undefeated, highest of names.  
That's who I praise!  
Hey, I praise the God that's proven  
He can do impossible things.  
That's who I praise, hey, that's who I praise.  
That's who I praise.*

He is the Lion of Judah, He is the Lamb that was slain.

The only One who's worthy, worthy,  
worthy of all of His names. That's who I praise!  
He is the risen Messiah, He is the Ancient of Days.  
The only One who's worthy, worthy,  
worthy of all of His names.  
That's who I praise!

*So, I'm gonna praise!  
I praise the mountain movin',  
body raisin', breaker of chains.  
Gonna praise, I'm gonna praise!  
I praise the Heaven seated,  
undefeated, highest of names.  
That's who I praise, hey,  
I praise the God that's proven  
He can do impossible things.  
That's who I praise, hey, that's who I praise.  
That's who I praise! That's who I praise!  
That's who I praise!*

I wanna love like Jesus, that kind of grace.  
I wanna live like I've got no more precious time to waste.  
I'm gonna give Him glory with all my thanks.  
'Cause there's no greater, stronger, higher name.  
And that's who I praise.

# Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

## Hospitality



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 18, 2025

## SYMPATHY

## 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

Dayna Fuller

Fran Garside

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

Dayna Faller  
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont  
Jody Good  
Sterling Green  
Ezra Groff  
\*Tom Groff  
Mark Gruber-Lebowitz  
Sue Higgs  
Dahlia Hill  
Kathy Hill  
Ray Hilt  
Barb Hoffman  
Bobby Horn  
Kate Howells  
Wayne Hudson  
Bonnie Hudson  
Lorraine Hudson  
Eric Jancheimer  
Eric Johnson  
Matthew Kenworthy  
Mary Ellen King  
\*Donna Lipscomb  
\*Loretta Mahan  
Donald Mahon  
Jerry Mahon  
Larry Mazzoni  
Karen McCauley  
Sean and Adrienne McCullough  
Kaitlyn McCutcheon  
\*Marv Malone  
\*Frances Mason  
Bob Mazur  
Michie Mader  
Jeff Miller  
Karen Monahan  
Aviana Aurora Montano  
\*Nikki Nicholson  
\*Ron Paxton  
Kevin Pelland  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
Richard Pioli  
\*Chris Porter  
\*Dan Potts  
\*Annette Predeau  
Gail Purcell  
Constance Quillen  
Frank Quillen  
D. Raines  
\*Frank Riley-Spillane  
Beth Rinker  
Pete Roche  
\*Gary Ralph  
Jana Raup  
\*Bill Robbins  
\*Alyse Rogers  
Fred Rosado  
John Ruff  
Herb Russell  
\*John Sadler  
Eddie & Jean Safrit  
\*Irene & Tom Safrit  
Kamdyn Schauss  
\*Carl Schloegel  
Donna Shannon  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

Bill Smith  
\*Loretta Smith  
Ron Soltes  
\*Chet Sprague and Sue 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  
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

**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, UD

Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech

\*Thomas Vyas, UD

Griffin Barrows, Marist

# Epworth Ministry Organization



## Staff & Leadership

Church Office: 302-227-7743 (plus extension)

Lead Pastor: [Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith](#) (x102)

Pastor of Community & Communication:

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) (x103)

Minister of Music: [Doug Yetter](#) (x106)

Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

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

Office Manager: [Tammy Zhang](#) (x100)

Bookkeeper: [Bryan Warner](#) (x105)

Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

Kitchen Sexton: [Maureen Knesel](#)

Preschool Director: [Betsy Plowman](#) (x107)

Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

Governing Board Chair—[Linda Kauffman](#)

Lay Leader—[Todd Popham](#)

Finance Chair—[David Hagelin](#)

Staff-Parish Relations Chair—[Sandy Pierce](#)

Board of Trustees Chair—[Tom Lewis](#)

Scheduling/Rentals & DOVs: [Susan Jimenez](#)

### Inviting Leadership Team

(Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice)

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) and [Mike Tyler](#)

### Belonging Leadership Team

(Small Groups, New Members/Belongings, Sunday School, Youth & Adult Groups)

[Gwen Osborne](#), [Linda BenderHilt](#), [Loretta Mahan](#),  
[Cathie Lewis](#) and [Teri Moore](#)

### Connecting Leadership Team

(Worship, Music, Arts)

[Doug Yetter](#) and [Murray Archibald](#)

### Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

[Mickie McManamon](#), [Dee Speck](#) and [Holly Reynolds](#)