



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, May 25, 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 ~

Love Came Down

Ian McIntosh, Jeremy Edwardson, Brian Johnson, & Jeremy Riddle
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

If my heart is overwhelmed
and I cannot hear Your voice,
I hold on to what is true, though I cannot see.
If the storms of life, they come,
and the road ahead gets steep,
I will lift these hands in faith; I will believe.
I remind myself of all that You've done,
and the life I have because of Your Son.

*Love came down and rescued me,
love came down and set me free.
I am Yours, I am forever Yours.
Mountain high or valley low,
I sing out and remind my soul:
I am Yours, I am forever Yours.*

When my heart is filled with hope,
and ev'ry promise comes my way,
When I feel Your hands of grace rest upon me,
Staying desp'rate for You, God,
staying humbled at Your feet,
I will lift these hands and praise, I will believe.
I remind myself of all that You've done,
and the life I have because of Your Son.

{Repeat Chorus}

I am Yours, I am Yours.
All my days, Jesus, I am Yours.
I am Yours, I am Yours. All my days, I am Yours.

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: *Yeah, yeah. I am Yours, I am Yours,
I am Yours, Jesus, I am Yours.*

Made to Worship

Chris Tomlin, Stephan Sharp, & Ed Cash
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Before the day, before the light,
before the world revolved around the sun.
God on high stepped down into time
and wrote the story of His love for ev'ryone.
He has filled our hearts with wonder
so that we always remember:

*You and I are made to worship,
you and I are called to love;
you and I are forgiven & free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
when you and I choose to believe,
then you and I will see
who we were meant to be.*

All we are and all we have,
is all a gift from God that we receive.
Brought to life, we open up our eyes,
to see the majesty and glory of the King.
He has filled our hearts with wonder
so that we always remember:

{Repeat Chorus}

And even the rocks cry out,
and even the heavens shout
at the sound of His holy name.

So let ev'ry voice sing out
and let ev'ry knee bow down;
He's worthy of all our praise.

*You and I are made to worship,
you and I are called to love;
you and I are forgiven & free.
When you and I embrace surrender,
when you and I choose to believe,
then you and I will see - you and I will see:
{Repeat Chorus}*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

My Jesus

*Matthew West, Anne Wilson, & Jeffrey Pardo
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Are you past the point of weary,
is your burden weighing heavy,
is it all too much to carry?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling,
'cause shame's done all its stealing,
and you're desp'rate for some healing?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*He makes a way where there ain't no way,
rises up from an empty grave,
ain't no sinner that He can't save.
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
His love is strong and His grace is free,
and the good news is I know that He,
can do for you what He's done for me.
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
and let my Jesus change your life.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
amen, amen.*

Who can wipe away the tears,
from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear?
Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
And all the wrong turns that you would,
go and undo if you could.
Who can work it all for your good?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. *{Refrain}*

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,
pay the price for all my guilty,
who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh... *{Refrain}*

TAG: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
and let my Jesus change your life.

Kid's Time

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

*George Askins, 1801 / William Moore, 1825
Congregational Hymn*

Christians, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power,
while we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit
of the Holy One comes down.
Christians, pray, and holy manna

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will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us?
Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners
who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior,
tell them that He will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna
will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely,
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for others,
till our God makes all things new.
Then He'll call us home to heaven,
at His table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird Himself and serve us
with sweet manna all around.

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith
*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: *John 6:53-69* Laura Miller, reader

So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day, for my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Above All

*Lenny LeBlanc & Paul Baloche, 1999 / Arr. by Arnold B. Sherman
Chancel Choir Anthem*

**Above all powers, above all kings,
above all nature and all created things.
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man,
you were here before the world began.**

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones,
above all wonders the world has ever known.
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth,
there's no way to measure what you're worth.

Crucified, laid behind a stone;
you lived to die, rejected and alone;
like a rose, trampled on the ground,
you took the fall and thought of me above all.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Crucified, laid behind a stone;
you lived to die, rejected and alone;
like a rose, trampled on the ground,
you took the fall and thought of me above all.

Like a rose, trampled on the ground,
you took the fall and thought of me above all.

Prayer for Our Pastor Laura Miller

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Blessed Assurance

Fanny J. Crosby, 1873 / Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873
Congregational Hymn

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His love.**

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. {Refrain}**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.
{Refrain}**

Benediction Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Rise Up (Lazarus)

Madison Cain, Logan Cain, Taylor Cain, Ethan Hulse,
& Nick Schwarz ©2020 Be Essential Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**In the dark and all alone, growing comfort'ble.
Are you too scared to move
and walk out of this tomb?
Buried underneath the lies that you believed.
Safe and sound, stuck in the ground,
too lost to be found.
You're just asleep, and it's time to leave.**

*Come on and rise up!
Take a breath; you're alive now.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us*

*out from the grave like Lazarus?
You're brand-new.
The pow'r of death couldn't hold you.
Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
out from the grave like Lazarus?
Rise up! Rise up! Rise up,
out from the grave like Lazarus.*

When He said your name,
the thing that filled your veins was more than
blood.

It's the kind of love that washes sin away.

Now the door is open wide

and the stone's been rolled aside.

The old is gone; the light has come.

So, come on and rise up!

Take a breath; you're alive now!

*Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
out from the grave like Lazarus?*

You're brand-new.

The pow'r of death couldn't hold you.

*Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
out from the grave like Lazarus?*

Rise up! Rise up! Rise up,

out from the grave like Lazarus.

He's calling us to walk out of the dark.

He's giving us new resurrected hearts, oh.

He's calling us to walk out of the dark.

He's giving us new resurrected hearts, oh.

Come on and rise up!

Take a breath; you're alive now.

*Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
out from the grave like Lazarus?*

You're brand-new.

The pow'r of death couldn't hold you.

*Can't you hear the voice of Jesus calling us
out from the grave like Lazarus?*

Rise up! Rise up! Rise up,

out from the grave like Lazarus.

Rise up! Rise up! Rise up,

out from the grave like Lazarus.

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 25, 2025

SYMPATHY

To Roger and Patricia Truitt, family and friends, on the death of Roger's sister Sue Truitt.

To Jamie Forshey, family and friends, on the death of her aunt,
To the families and friends of those who died and families that lost their belongings in the tornado outbreaks.

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

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Luna and Nathan Franco
Judy Fredrich
Kim Frye
Dayna Fuller
Fran Garside
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
Lucas Polsinelli
*Chris Porter
*Dan Potts
*Annette Predeau
Rachel Psaros
Gail Purcell
Constance Quillen
D. Raines
*Frank Riley-Spillane
Beth Rinker
Pete Roche
*Gary Ralph
Jana Raup
*Bill Robbins
*Alyse Rogers
Fred Rosado
Emmalea Ruff
John Ruff
Herb Russell

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*John Sadler
Eddie & Jean Safrit
*Irene & Tom Safrit
Kamdyn Schauss
*Carl Schloegel
Donna Shannon
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
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
Joe Wood
*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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