



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, June 1, 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 ~

Same Power

Jeremy Camp & Jason Ingram
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can see the waters raging at my feet.
I can feel the breath of those surrounding me.
I can hear the sound of nations rising up.
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome.
I can walk down this dark and painful road.
I can face ev'ry fear of the unknown.
I can hear all God's children singing out.
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome.
*The same power that rose Jesus from the grave,
The same power that commands the dead to
wake
lives in us, lives in us.
The same power
that moves mountains when He speaks,
The same power that can calm a raging sea
lives in us, lives in us.
He lives in us, lives in us.*

We have hope that His promises are true.
In His strength, there is nothing we can't do.
Yes, we know there are greater things in store.
We will not be overtaken, we will not be overcome.
{Chorus}

Greater is He that is living in me;
He's conquered our enemy.
No power of darkness, no weapon prevails;
We stand here in victory, oh.
Greater is He that is living in me;
He's conquered our enemy.
No power of darkness, no weapon prevails;
we stand here in victory, oh, in victory. Yeah!
{Chorus}

TAG: He lives in us.

Open Up the Heavens

Jason Ingram, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, James MacDonald,
& Meredith Andrews ©2012 Sony / ATV Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name,
calling out to You.
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,
will burn our hearts with truth.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.
*Open up the heavens; we want to see You.
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
flowing from Your heart,
filling ev'ry part of our praise.*

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
we're looking to the sky.
Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now.
Lord, unveil our eyes.
You're the reason we're here.
You're the reason we're singing.
{Repeat Chorus twice}

Show us, show us Your glory.
Show us, show us Your power.
Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. *{Repeat section}*

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We want to see You, we want to see You!

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: We sing, sing!

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887 / Anthony J. Showalter, 1887

Bill Withers, 1972

Praise Team

What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms

*Leaning, I'm leaning, safe and secure from all
alarm.*

*Leaning, I'm leaning, leaning on the everlasting
arms.*

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *{Chorus}*

You just call on me brother, when you need a hand,
We all need somebody to lean on.

I just might have a problem that you'll understand,
We all need somebody to lean on.

You just call on me sister, when you need a hand,
We all need somebody to lean on.

I just might have a problem that you'll understand,
We all need somebody to lean on.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms. *{Chorus}*

TAG: I'm leaning on the everlasting arms.

Kid's Time

You Are Called to Tell the Story

Ruth Duck, 1987 / Henry T. Smart, 1867

Congregational Hymn

You are called to tell the story,
passing words of life along,
then to blend your voice with others
as you sing the sacred song.
Christ be known in all our singing,
Filling all with songs of love.

You are called to teach the rhythm
of the dance that never ends,
then to move within the circle,
hand in hand with strangers, friends.
Christ be known in all our dancing,
touching all with hands of love.

You are called to set the table,
blessing bread as Jesus blessed,
then to come with thirst and hunger,
needing care like all the rest.
Christ be known in all our sharing,
feeding all with signs of love.

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May the One whose love is broader
than the measure of all space
give us words to sing the story,
move among us in this place.
Christ be known in all our living,
filling all with gifts of love.

Lesson: *Hebrews 13:1-3*

David Streit, reader

Service Well-Pleasing to God

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

I Have Felt the Hand of God

*Words by Pamela Martin; Music by Craig Courtney ©1997
Chancel Choir Anthem*

I have felt the hand of God in your hand.
Holding me, you gave me strength to stand.
When I was all alone, you came and met my need.
And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead.
Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me.
I have felt the hand of God in your hand.

I have heard the voice of God in your voice,
Singing praise, you taught me to rejoice.
Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end.
And when my faith was gone,
you called me home again,
When you spoke, God's voice called out to me.
I have heard the voice of God in your voice.

I have seen the face of God in your face.
Giving all, you shared with me God's grace.
And you were faithful to guide me as I grew.
I saw your love for God and I saw God in you.
When you smiled, God's love surrounded me.
I have seen the face of God,
I have heard the voice of God,
I have felt the hand of God through you.

We Pray for Our Pastor

David Streit

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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,

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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:

I Come With Joy

*Lyric by Brian Wren; Traditional American melody;
arranged by Mary Marcus ©1971, 1995
Chancel Choir Anthem*

*I come with joy, a child of God
forgiven, loved and free,
The life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.*

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
The new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud divisions ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
Is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here, alive among us here.

Together met, together bound,
by all that God has done,
We'll go with joy to give the world
the love that makes us one,
the love that makes us one.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Feet Are On the Rock

*Josh Bronleewe, Abbie Parker, Lindsey Sweat & Matthew Hein
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I can see the clouds roll in,
I can feel the winds they try to shake me.
I will not be moved,
my feet are on the Rock.
I can feel the waters rise,
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me.
Fear won't hold me now,
my feet are on the Rock.

When I feel my hope about to break,

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*I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
My feet are on the Rock.*

I can see the morning light,
I can feel the joy on the horizon.
Here my faith is found.
I stand on solid ground.

{Repeat Chorus}

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
So stomp your feet and clap your hands,
our feet are on the Rock.

{Repeat Bridge 2x}

*When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
My feet are on the Rock.
My feet are on the Rock.
My feet are on the Rock.*

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 1, 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 ,

*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

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Dayna Faller
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont
Jody Good
Sterling Green
Ezra Groff
*Tom Groff
Mark Gruber-Lebowitz
Linda Hartlove
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
*George Leet
*Donna Lipscomb
*Loretta Mahan
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Jerry Mahon
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Kaitlyn McCutcheon
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Lucas Polsinelli
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Pete Roche
*Gary Ralph
Jana Raup
*Bill Robbins
*Alyse Rogers
Fred Rosado
Emmalea Ruff
John Ruff
Herb Russell
*John Sadler
Eddie & Jean Safrit
*Irene & Tom Safrit

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*Carl Schloegel
Donna Shannon
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
Bill Smith
*Loretta Smith
Ron Soltes
*Chet Sprague and Sue Sprague
Chet in Excel (Harbor House)
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
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Jean Young
*Tammy Zhang and family
Tiffany
Jody
Lynn and her 3 children

***Church Members**

**Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Homebound, Hospice
or in Long Term Care**

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*Ann Chambers, The Moorings
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health
*Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Jamie
Bradley

Servicemen/Women:

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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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Cole Thomas Juliano, UD

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