



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, June 8, 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* ~

Holy Spirit

*Katie Torwalt & Bryan Torwalt ©2011 Jesus Culture Music
Chancel Choir / Praise Team*

There's nothing worth more
that could ever come close.
No thing can compare;
You're our living hope. Your presence, Lord.
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone. Your presence, Lord.
Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord.
Your presence, Lord.

{Repeat Verse & Chorus}

Let us become more aware of Your presence.
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.
{Repeat 3x - Repeat Chorus}

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

*Russell Frager ©1997 Hillsong Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
O comforter and friend,
how we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
come and change our hearts
as we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down. {Repeat section}

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind can know what God has in store,
So open up heaven, open it wide,
over Your church and over our lives.
{Repeat opening section}

TAG: Rain down, rain down,
Rain down, rain down. Rain.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Burning in My Soul

*Brett Younker, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, Daniel Caron
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

There is power, power,
here in this hour, this hour.
We're all together, together,
waiting here as one. {Repeat}
*Whoa, hear the sound from heaven.
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.
Whoa. We're calling for revival.
God, let your fire fall again.
It's burning in my soul---,
burning in my soul---*

All your sons and your daughters,
dreaming the dreams of their father,
Seeing the signs and the wonders:
the Kingdom of God. Yeah. {Repeat Chorus}

I cannot contain it, this fire inside.
I cannot contain it, so let it shine.
I cannot contain it, this light of mine.
*It's burning in my soul,
hear the sound from heaven.
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.
Whoa. We're calling for revival.
God, let your fire fall again.
It's burning in my soul---,
burning in my soul---,
it's burning in my soul---,
It's burning in my soul.*

Kid's Time

Holy Spirit, Come Confirm Us

Brian Foley, 1971 / V. Earle Copes, 1960

Congregational Hymn

**Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through Your helping gifts alone.**

**Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as advocate to plead;
loving Spirit, our Creator,
grant in Christ the help we need.**

**Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through Your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.**

**Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One,
Holy Spirit of Jehovah,
Holy Spirit of the Son.**

Prayers of the People

Jane Okma

Great God, you wrap us round with love,
like a mighty, gentle mother,
and you carry us like a strong and tender father,
setting us on our feet
to be your free, mature and joyful daughters and sons.

Now, in our weakness, we pray to you
because we cannot come through life's troubles unscathed;
and, with souls and bodies stressed and strained,
we cannot meet each other's needs without your Holy Spirit.

§ *Holy Spirit, fill us with God's love.*

Great God, we come to you with the resurrected Christ,
who bore the weight of humanity to Calvary,
for your love's sake;
and even now, as conqueror of death,
he pleads with you for all your suffering children.

§ *Holy Spirit, fill us with God's love.*

We join our prayers to the prayers of Christ
for those we know who are ill or troubled,
and for all your suffering children
who are beyond our reach of mind:
we know that all are brought home to your heart
in the prayers of Christ
and in the silent intercessions of your Spirit,
who comes from your deep heart to ours,
and returns again to you with all our deepest longings.

§ *Holy Spirit, fill us with God's love.*

Heal us and help us, comfort and strengthen us,
deepen our joy.

Let our love reflect your might tenderness
and serve you healing gentleness.

§ *Holy Spirit, fill us with God's love.*

Eternal God, there is great longing in the world;
people are desperate because of the suffering they endure.
Earth cries out for peace; oppressed people cry for justice;
women, men and children weep in sorrow and pain.

How can we have any hope for the world,
unless you are with us?

Through all the mystery of pain, sorrow and human vulnerability,
we dare to believe that you are on our side,
that your love for us is greater than ours for you or for each other.
Call us, then, to prophesy!

By the lives we live, by our patience, by our compassion,
by our belief in the future you will make for us,
let your Church proclaim the great things you are doing,
with hope for the nations of the world,
for every person born, and every living creature.

§ *Holy Spirit, fill us with God's love.*

So, Living God, let praise begin, here and now with us,
welling up from our hearts, rising towards the skies,
until praise fills the universe and joy is unconfined:
as you delight in us and we delight in you, for evermore.

AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Acts 2:1-18*

Barbara Simpson / Sandy Roca, reader

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that each of us hear them speaking about God's deeds of power in our own native languages?"

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

May this scripture inspire us all...

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§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual

Chancel Choir Anthem

*Ev'ry time I feel the spirit
movin' in my heart I will pray.
Ev'ry time I feel the spirit
movin' in my heart I will pray.*

The Jordan River is chilly and cold.
Chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train upon the track.
It runs to heaven and then right back. {Chorus}

[Additive section – Chorus twice]

Prayer for Our Pastor

Barbara Simpson

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Revive in Us

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, 2021 / William B. Bradbury, 1863

Congregational Hymn

When that great day arrived at last,
the Spirit blew in wild and fast,
as tongues aflame filled up that space
and fell on ev'ry gathered race.
And on that charismatic morn
the church of Jesus Christ was born,
that day the Christian church was born.

It wasn't earthly wine that day
that caused them all to praise and pray,
but Ruah sent to flood the air
and fill believers ev'rywhere.
The advocate of Christ the Lord,
sent as companion and reward;
Christ's presence in their midst restored.

But as the Church of Christ today,
from Pentecost we've gone astray.
From raucous praise do we abstain,
and fiery tongues do we disdain?
Lord, on this day of Pentecost
revive the zeal for You we've lost;
revive in us the zeal we've lost.

Then as true praise becomes our choice,
may those who hear us find their voice
until the church at last will be
one Spirit-filled faith family.
With hearts and voices lifted high,
glad hallelujahs we will cry
to fill the earth and sea and sky!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Soul on Fire

Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark Lee, David Carr,

Brenton Brown & Matt Maber

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*God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways,
I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire,
Till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat section}*

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Lord, restore the joy I had.
I have a-wandered bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through
until all I see is You, yeah! {Repeat Chorus}
Till I am a soul on fire.

Lord, let me burn for You again.
Let me return to You again.
And lord, let me burn for You again!
And let me return to You again! {Repeat Chorus}

*TAG: God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.
Till I am a soul on fire. Till I am a soul on fire.*

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 8, 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

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*Anita Broccolino Family

Diane Bruce

*Kathryn Burwin

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*Tim Bush

David Caffier

Brenda Clarke

Clouspy Family

Mary Jane Colgan

Jose Compos

Ian Cooper

Paula Cosatanzo

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

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Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

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Dayna Fuller

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Dean Tibbetts
Mike Tibbetts
Mike & Erin Tibets
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Nancy Trinkley
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Edie Tulumello
Annie Valenti
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Lee Ann Walling
*Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
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*Charlotte Woods
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Jody
Lynn and her 3 children

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