



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, June 22, 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 ~

Healer

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

You hold my ev'ry moment,
You calm my raging seas.
You walk with me through fire
and heal all my disease.

I trust in You, I trust in You.

*I believe you're my healer,
I believe you are all I need. I believe.
I believe you're my portion.
I believe you're more than enough for me.
Jesus, you're all I need. {Repeat to top}*

Nothing is impossible for You.
Nothing is impossible.
Nothing is impossible for You.
You hold my world in your hands.

{Repeat section}

*I believe you're my healer,
I believe You are all I need.
I believe You're my portion.
Lord, I believe
You're more than enough for me.
Jesus, you're all I need.
More than enough for me.
Jesus, you're all I need. You're my healer.*

Grace Wins

Matthew West, 2015 - Chancel Choir / Praise Team

In my weakest moment, I see You
shaking Your head in disgrace.
I can read the disappointment
written all over Your face.
Here come those whispers in my ear,
saying, "Who do you think you are?"
Looks like you're on your own from here,
'cause grace could never reach that far."

But in the shadow of that shame,
beat down by all the blame,
I hear You call my name,
saying, "It's not over."
And my heart starts to beat so loud now,
drowning out the doubt.
I'm down, but I'm not out.

*There's a war between guilt and grace,
and they're fighting for a sacred space.
But I'm living proof: grace wins ev'ry time.
No more lying down in death's defeat.
Now I'm rising up in victory, singing:
Hallelujah! Grace wins ev'ry time.*

Words can't describe the way it feels
when mercy floods a thirsty soul,
The broke inside begins to heal
and grace returns what guilty stole.

And in the shadow of my shame,
beat down by all the blame,
I hear You call my name,
saying, "It's not over."
And my heart starts to beat so loud now,
drowning out the doubt.

I'm down, but I'm not out. *{Refrain}*

For the prodigal son, ALL: grace wins.

For the woman at the well, grace wins.

For the blind man and the beggar, grace wins.

For always and forever, grace wins.

For the lost out on the street, grace wins.

For the worst part of you and me, grace wins.

For the thief on the cross, grace wins.

For a world that is lost. *{Refrain}*

TAG: *Yeah, I'm living proof: grace wins ev'ry time.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

House of the Lord

Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith ©2021 Be Essential Songs

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We worship the God who was.

We worship the God who is.

We worship the God who evermore will be.

You opened the prison doors.

You parted the raging sea.

My God, You hold the victory, yeah.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

Oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals.

We sing to the God who saves.

We sing to the God who always makes a way.

'Cause You hung upon that cross,

then You rose up from that grave.

My God's still rolling stones away.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise. {Repeat Chorus}

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

O Christ, the Healer

Fred Pratt Green, 1967 / William B. Bradbury, 1861

Congregational Hymn

O Christ, the healer, we have come

to pray for health, to plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored

when reached by love that never ends?

From every ailment flesh endures

our bodies clamor to be freed;

yet in our hearts we would confess

that wholeness is our deepest need.

In conflicts that destroy our health

we recognize the world's disease;

our common life declares our ills.

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Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in Your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.

❧ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ❧

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Mike Tyler, Lay Leader *emeritus*: I now present these persons today for reception into Epworth

New Members:

Kathleen Berault-Chmielewski
Mark Corl
Ginny Gouse
Vernte Griffiths
Jack Griffiths
Harry Martens
Gwendolyn Miller
Gregory Miller
Sandi Mosher
Gloria Perry
Jo Pokorny
Helen Quave
Marty Rockey
Emmalea Ruff
Sue Russell
Dean Shearer

To the new members

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin? **§ I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power
God gives you to resist evil, injustice,
and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
§ I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as
our Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races? **§ I do.**

According to the grace given to you,
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **§ I will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your
rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ? **§ We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and life and include these persons now before you
in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness
that they may grow in their trust of God
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Profession of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to be grateful for the Lord's unending love
and, in turn...
to love and serve others unconditionally;
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our redemption, our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us. We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

To the new members Mike Tyler, Lay Leader *emeritus*

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

§ I will.

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully participate in its
ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your
service, and your witness? **§ I will.**

Let's Walk Together

Laurie Zelman & Mark Miller ©2007

**Let's walk together for a while
and ask where we begin
to build a world where love can grow,
and hope can enter in.
To be the hands of healing
and to plant the seeds of peace.**

*Singing welcome, welcome to this place.
You're invited to come and know God's grace.
All are welcome the love of God to share
'cause all of us are welcome here;
All are welcome to this place.*

Prayers of the People Gwen Osborne

Good Shepherd, within your embrace
we are safe and secure.

Within your embrace
we know that we are precious in your sight.

Within your embrace
we feel the warmth of family and belonging.

Within your embrace
we grow and are nurtured together as one flock,
the people of your pasture under your loving care
and protection.

Good Shepherd, within your embrace
we find comfort and healing.

We bring to you those who are weak,
or struggling with physical, mental or spiritual health.

You are the great healer,
and we pray for healing of mind and body
for those we now name in our hearts.

Good Shepherd, within your embrace
we find justice.

We bring to you the brave voices

who cry out for freedom,
those prepared to stand up
and be heard without counting the cost.

We pray for those who have been imprisoned
or tortured for their race, color, or faith.
For all Christians who have taken up the Cross
and know its weight and pain.

Good Shepherd, within your embrace
we find peace.

We bring to you those orphaned, crippled
or dispossessed by war,
for refugees wandering this earth
in search of a home,
for all victims of strife and warfare,
and for all those who have dedicated their lives
for the search for peace and reconciliation.

Let us give thanks to the Good Shepherd,
for that love endures forever. AMEN

And now we sing the prayer that Christ taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Lesson: *Luke 8:26-39*

Rose Verona, reader

Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

What the Lord Has Done in Me

Reuben Morgan; arranged by Lloyd Larson ©1998

Chancel Choir Anthem

Let the weak say, "I am strong."

Let the poor say, "I am rich."

Let the blind say, "I can see."

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It's what the Lord has done in me." *{Repeat section}*
Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.
Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

Into the river I will wade.
There my sins are washed away,
From the heaven's mercy stream
of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep
into the saving arms of God.
I will sing salvation songs:
Jesus Christ has set me free! *{Chorus – Repeat v1}*

Prayer for Our Pastor

Rose Verona

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

Thomas H. Troeger, 1984 / John Hughes, 1902

"Silence, frenzied, unclean spirit!"
cried God's healing Holy One.
"Cease your ranting! Flesh can't bear it.
Flee as night before the sun."
At Christ's words the demon trembled,
from its victim madly rushed,
while the crowd that was assembled
stood in wonder, dazed and hushed.

Lord, the demons still are thriving
in the gray cells of the mind:
tyrant voices, shrill and driving,
twisted thoughts that grip and bind,
doubts that stir the heart to panic,
fears distorting reason's sight,
guilt that makes our loving frantic,
dreams that cloud the soul with fright.

Silence, Lord, the unclean spirit
in our mind and in our heart;
speak Your word that when we hear it,
all our demons shall depart.
Clear our thought and calm our feeling;
still the fractured, warring soul.
By the power of Your healing
make us faithful, true, and whole.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Look What the Lord Has Done

Mark David Hanby / Arr. by Bradley Knight

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Look what the Lord has done.
Look what the Lord has done.
He healed my body, He touched my mind.
He saved me just in time!
Oh, I'm gonna praise His name!
Each day He's just the same.
Come on and praise Him;
Look what the Lord has done.

A lame man was sittin' outside the gate
making alms to those who entered in.
Peter and John came upon him,
the lame man was expecting them.
Peter said, "Silver and gold I have none,
but such as I have I give to them.

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That's when the Spirit took the lame man
and he leaped to his feet,
crying "Look what He's done for me!"

{Repeat Chorus}

I was bound by the chains of darkness and sin,
I had no hope and no peace of mind.
My sins were as scarlet;
He washed them white as snow.
He opened up my blinded eyes.
Now my soul does rejoice,
since I made Him my choice.
I've got love, peace, everything I need.
My names been written down
in the Lamb's book of life.

Can't you see what He's done for me!

Look what the Lord has done.

Look what the Lord has done.

He healed my body, He touched my mind.

He saved me just in time!

Oh, I'm gonna praise His name!

Each day He's just the same.

Come on and praise Him;

Look what the Lord –

Come on and praise Him;

Look what the Lord –

Come on and praise Him;

Look what the Lord has done!

Look what the Lord has done!

*Alter Flowers were donated by Karen McCauley in
Memory of her Mom, Joan Pepper who passed 10
years ago.*

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 22, 2025

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Jackson and family

Sharon

Nicole Anderson

Zach & Emma Anderson

Ashley Angstadt

Cody Angstadt

John Astafan and family

Joey Augustine

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Brenda Clarke

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Jose Compos

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Lou Cox

Angela Cregar

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Fern Dzielak

Karen Donahoe

*Jane Drapper

*Erin Drummond

Alan Dzilak

Mya Douglas, 14 yr old in hospice

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Elizabeth

Katherine Erlanger

Blaine Fasnacht

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Tiffany
Jody
Lynn and her 3 children

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