

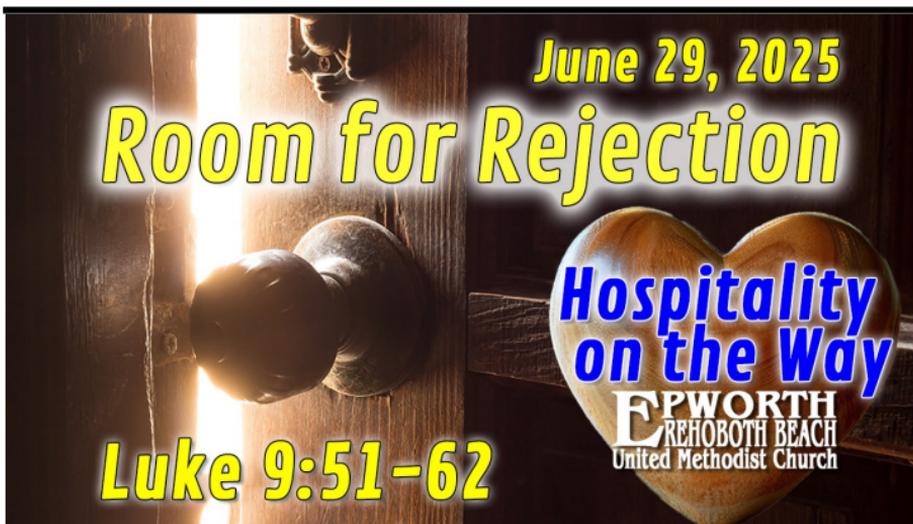


# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, June 29, 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 ~

### I Will Follow

Chris Tomlin, Reuben Morgan, & Jason Ingram  
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Praise Team

Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow. Oh, oh, oh.

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure.  
I will trust in You alone.

Higher than my sight, high above my life,  
I will trust in You alone.

*Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah,  
I will follow You, yeah.*

Light into the world, light into my life,  
I will live for You alone.

You're the one I seek, knowin' I will find  
all I need in You alone, in You alone. {Refrain}

In You there's life everlasting,  
in You there's freedom for my soul.  
In You there's joy, unending joy,  
and I will follow.

*Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow.  
Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.  
If this life I lose, I will follow.*

*Where You go, I'll go. Where You stay, I'll stay.  
When You move, I'll move. I will follow You.  
Who You love, I'll love. How You serve, I'll serve.  
If this life I lose, I will follow You, yeah,  
I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah.  
I will follow You, yeah.*

### No Turning Back

Matt Maher, Chris Tomlin, & Jason Ingram  
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Praise Team

*I will follow you. I will follow you.  
No turning back, no turning back,  
no turning back, no turning back.*

This is my heart cry: though none go with me,  
the cross before me, the world behind me.

This is my heart cry: though none go with me,  
the cross before me, the world behind me.

*I will follow you. (I have decided, I have decid  
ed.)*

*I will follow you. (I have decided.)  
No turning back, no turning back,  
no turning back, no turning back.*

This is my anthem: my life for Your fame,  
my ev'ry move bring glory to Your name.

This is my anthem: my life for Your fame,  
my ev'ry move bring glory to Your name. {Refrain II}

The cross before me, the world behind me;  
I will follow, I will follow. {Repeat section 3x}

No turning back, no turning back,  
no turning back, no turning back.

No turning back, no turning back,  
no turning back, no turning back.

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

**Announcements** Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### **Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

*Text adapted from Psalms 148 & 149;*

*Music by Arnold B. Sherman ©1993*

*Congregational Hymn / Epworth Bell Choir*

**Praise the Lord, you children of God!  
Sing a new song to the Lord on high.  
Praise the Lord, all people on earth!  
Sing a new song to the Lord your God.**

**Come, Christians, join to sing:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise the Lord, you children of God!  
Sing a new song to the Lord on high.  
Praise the Lord, all people on earth!  
Sing to the Lord, sing a new song,  
O sing a new song to the Lord your God!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high:  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
to us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise the Lord, ye heavens above,  
sun, moon, and stars, and angels on high.  
Praise the Lord, all creatures below,  
beasts of the field, and birds of the air;  
All people on earth praise the name of the Lord!**

**Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!  
On Heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
Singing for evermore: Alleluia! Amen! Amen! Amen!  
Amen!**

**Kid's Time** Joy Gordy-Stith

### **O Jesus, I Have Promised**

*John E. Bode, 1866 / Arthur H. Mann, 1881*

*Congregational Hymn*

**O Jesus I have promised to serve You to the end;  
I need You always near me, my Master and my friend.  
I will not fear the battle if You are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.**

**O let me hear You speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, You have promised to all who follow Thee  
that where You are in glory  
there shall Your servant be.**

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**And Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.**

## **Prayers of the People**

David Hagelin

We struggle to manifest the fruits of the Spirit,  
but often find ourselves bound by works of the flesh.  
We know the whole law is summed up  
in the single commandment:  
to love our neighbor as ourselves.  
Yet we create fences around ourselves  
to keep neighbors outside  
and tell ourselves we have no responsibility.  
Even in our own back yard we “bite and devour” one another.  
We wish it were different.  
When Jesus calls us to follow him,  
we find every excuse to instead go home  
or to the workplace  
to finish something more important first.  
Yet we yearn to be more centered on You.

*Silent confession...*

Despite our resistance,  
we can be assured that God’s strong arm redeems the people.  
God calls us back to God’s realm, and encourages us  
with a love we can never lose no matter how hard we push back,  
no matter how often we forget, no matter how far we stray. We  
need but ask and we are forgiven. AMEN

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

### **The Lord’s Prayer**

*Spoken*

### **Bound for the Promised Land**

*Epworth Bell Choir*

**On Jordan's stormy banks I stand  
and cast a wishful eye  
to Canaan's fair and happy Land  
where my possessions lie.**

*I am bound for the promised land  
I am bound for the promised land  
Oh who will come and go with me  
I am bound for the promised land*

**O'er all those wide extended plains  
shines one eternal day;  
there God the Son forever reigns  
and scatters night away. {Repeat Chorus}  
When shall I reach that happy place  
and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face  
and in His bosom rest? {Repeat Chorus}**

**Lesson:** *Luke 9:51-62*

Clella Harp, reader

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” And Jesus said to him, “Foxes

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have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

## **Come, Follow Me**

*Words and Music by Ely and Steve Kupferschmid ©1988*

*Chancel Choir*

**“Come, follow me,” said the Lord.**

**“Be at peace within my care.**

**Be as a child. Show me your need.**

**Take my hand, and I will lead.**

**Come, follow me,” said the Lord.**

**“Leave your worldly cares behind,**

**Free as a bird soaring above,**

**filled with my forgiving love.**

**And share the love you feel this day**

**with all whose hurt you find.**

**If all do so, then love will flow**

**through all humankind.” (repeat section)**

**“Come, follow me,” said the Lord.**

**Prayer for Our Pastor**

**Clella Harp**

**Sermon**

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

## **I Have Decided to Follow Jesus**

*Indian Folk Melody / Paul B. Smith, 1963*

*Congregational Hymn*

**I have decided to follow Jesus,**

**I have decided to follow Jesus,**

**I have decided to follow Jesus,**

**No turning back, no turning back.**

**The world behind me, the cross before me,**

**The world behind me, the cross before me,**

**The world behind me, the cross before me,**

**No turning back, no turning back.**

**Though none go with me, still I will follow,**

**Though none go with me, still I will follow,**

**Though none go with me, still I will follow,**

**No turning back, no turning back.**

**Will you decide now to follow Jesus?**

**Will you decide now to follow Jesus?**

**Will you decide now to follow Jesus?**

**No turning back, no turning back.**

**No turning back, no turning back.**

**Benediction**

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

## **I'm So Blessed**

*Logan Cain, Matthew West, Taylor Matz, Jonathan Smith,*

*& Madison Cain Johnson ©2023 Logan Cain Music*

*Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

**Trouble knocking at my door today,**

**I ain't gonna let it in.**

**And worry wanna steal my joy away,**

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but I ain't gonna let it win.  
'Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God,  
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.  
Oh, every day is a good day,  
and You're the reason why.

*I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,  
got this heartbeat in my chest.  
No, it doesn't matter about the rest,  
if I got You Lord, I'm so blessed.*

And when I count the problems that I see,  
hope look all but gone.  
But when I count the ways You're good to me,  
You got me counting all day long. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,  
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.  
Oh, every day is a good day,  
and You're the reason why. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,  
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.  
Oh, every day is a good day,  
and You're the reason why. *{repeat section + Chorus}*

# Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

## Hospitality



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 29, 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

\*Michael Beigay

David Bendekovits

Melba Bengston, Hospice @ Home

\*Cathy Benson

Stacy Benson

Linda Bingnear

\*Janine Bond

\*Jeff Bond

\*Susie Bond

Barbara Bowrin

Mallory Banczar

\*Anita Broccolino Family

Diane Bruce

\*Kathryn Burwin

Donna Bush

\*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

Darlene Ford

Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

Judy Fredrich

Kim Frye

Dayna Fuller

Fran Garside

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Dayna Faller  
Jaime Freitas  
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont  
Jody Good  
Sterling Green  
Ezra Groff  
\*Tom Groff  
Mark Gruber-Lebowitz  
Linda Hartlove  
\*Nancy Hecker  
\*Jimmy/Linda Hess  
Sue Higgs  
Dahlia Hill  
Kathy Hill  
Ray Hilt  
Barb Hoffman  
Bobby Horn  
Kate Howells  
Wayne Hudson  
Bonnie Hudson  
Lorraine Hudson  
Eric Jancheimer  
Marly/Bob Jensey  
Eric Johnson  
Matthew Kenworthy  
Mary Ellen King  
\*George Leet  
\*Donna Lipscomb  
\*Loretta Mahan  
Patrick Mahan  
Donald Mahon  
Jerry Mahon  
Larry Mazzoni  
Karen McCauley  
Sean and Adrienne McCullough  
Kaitlyn McCutcheon  
\*Marv Malone  
\*Frances Mason  
Bob Mazur  
Michie Mader  
Karen Monahan  
Aviana Aurora Montano  
\*Nikki Nicholson  
Susan Parsons  
\*Bob Paulen  
\*Ron Paxton  
Kevin Pelland  
Wayne Perry  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
Lucas Polsinelli  
\*Chris Porter  
\*Dan Potts  
\*Annette Predeau  
Richard Prichard  
Rachel Psaros  
Gail Purcell  
Constance Quillen  
D. Raines  
Beth Rinker  
Pete Roche  
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Jana Raup  
\*Bill Robbins  
\*Alyse Rogers  
Fred Rosado

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Emmalea Ruff  
John Ruff  
Herb Russell  
\*John Sadler  
Eddie & Jean Safrit  
\*Irene & Tom Safrit  
Mark Saunders  
Kamdyn Schauss  
\*Carl Schloegel  
Donna Shannon  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith  
Bill Smith  
\*Loretta Smith  
\*Chet Sprague and Sue Sprague  
Chet in Excel (Harbor House)  
Mike Sprague  
Mikey Stugard  
Steve  
Mallory S  
\*Cheryl Tarlecky  
\*Mark Thompson  
Dean Tibbetts  
Mike Tibbetts  
Mike & Erin Tibets  
Rene Toney  
Nancy Trinkley  
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**

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Leon Cromer, Harbor Health  
\*Linda Rooney  
Quinn Smith  
Elaine Trexler  
\*Janet Yabroff  
Jamie  
Bradley

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Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska

Hailye Wilson, USCG Mobile

Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula

**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

# Epworth Ministry Organization



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Pastor of Community & Communication:

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

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