



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, July 20, 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* ~

Shout to the Lord

*Darlene Zschech, ©1993 Hillsong Australia
Chancel Choir / Praise Team*

My Jesus, my Savior,
Lord, there is none like You;
All of my days I want to praise
the wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
tower of refuge and strength,
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!
{Repeat to top}*

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name. {key change}
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in...
nothing compares to the promise I have in...
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You!*

As for Me and My House

*Michael Cochren, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Oh, choose you this day whom you will serve;
the kingdom of Heav'n or the powers of earth.
Has God not spoken? Have you not heard?
Wait for the voice of God.

The God of our fathers set us free;
The Son paid the price for our covenant peace.
Through generations God's mercy speaks;
We will trust in our God.

*As for me and my house,
we will serve, serve the Lord.
As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord our God.*

This is God's house, and so are we;
may we be holy and faithful to Thee.
Joined by The Spirit the people sing,
"Great is the living God!
Oh, great is the living God" *{Repeat Chorus}*

Oh, praise Jehovah, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit now in us.
Let every heart and every tongue
praise the living God.
{Repeat section / Chorus 2x}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Alive & Breathing

*Ellie Limebear & Matt Maher ©2020 I Am a Pilgrim Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

What holds your heart? What stirs your soul?
What matters come to mind?
The cares you keep, the thoughts you think,
it's not all wasted time.
Seek and you will find.

*Joy still comes in the morning,
hope still walks with the hurting.
If you're still alive and breathing,
praise the Lord!
Don't stop dancing and dreaming.
There's still good news worth repeating.
So, lift your head and keep singing,
"Praise the Lord!"*

The years roll by. We wonder why
we lost our way from home.
Our Father finds the child inside
we left for growing old.
Awake, awake, awake, my soul!
{Repeat Chorus}

Let everything, let everything,
let everything praise the Lord.
In the working, in the waiting,
let it praise the Lord.
In the blessing, in the breaking,
come on, praise the Lord.
In the dying, the rising, let it praise the Lord.
Let it praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!
{Repeat Chorus twice}

Kid's Time

Mickie McManamon

Lo! I Come with Joy

*Charles Wesley, 1747 / Anonymous Welsh tune, 1839
Congregational Hymn*

Lo! I come with joy to do
the Master's blessed will;
Him in outward works pursue,
and serve his pleasure still.
Faithful to my Lord's commands,
I still would choose the better part,
serve with Martha's careful hands
and Mary's loving heart.

Careful without care I am,
nor feel my happy toil;
Kept in peace by Jesus' name,
supported by his smile;
Joyful this my faith to show,
I find his service my reward;
ev'ry work I do below,
I do it to the Lord.

Now, O Lord, in tender love
You all my burdens bear
lift my heart to things above,
and fix it ever there.
Calm on tumult's wheel I sit,
'mid busy multitudes alone,
sweetly waiting at your feet,
till all your will be done.

Oh, that all might know the art

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of living life for You!
Find their Heav'n begun below,
and here your glory view!
Walk in all the works prepared
by you to exercise their grace,
till they gain their full reward
and see your glorious face!

Prayers of the People

Bob Thoman

Creator God, we give you thanks:

For those who have gone before us and from whose questions,
struggles to know and wisdom we benefit.

Thank you for the Mary's and Martha's of our life
and our church.

For the gifts of new possibilities that await ...
in spite of our distraction

For those who see things we cannot
because of our fear, our experience, our knowing ...

For those who wonder in ways that surprise us,
invite us and challenge us

For those who work so hard and continue to do so
even when we take them for granted,
when we betray them,
when we neglect to treat them with justice or respect,
when we assume and presume
and then are shocked at their rebellion

Our God, we give you thanks that it is not all about us,
that you continue to care and to love
and to create possibilities of redemption
and new life not only here among us
but throughout your world.

Help us get over ourselves enough
to be able to sit in your presence, like Mary

Help us to have the humility and the courage to wonder,
if only for a moment,
if you are about something game changing

Help us to carry that same spirit or curiosity and discovery
beyond these walls into the world in which we serve
and which you love.

So let us, in your name, dare to hope -
Let us dare to hope:

For peace in our world,
That no child will go to sleep hungry
Or need to find shelter under a piece of cardboard
That violence will be absent from families.

Let us dare to hope that you have not forgotten even us,
even at this place and time in our lives.

Make us a dangerous people – for once not to each other
but to all those resentments, preconceptions
and reasons why your future should not be the future,
for your church AND for your creation.

We only dare such to hope and dream
because we sit in the presence of One
whose prayer we now sing.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

While Mary Listened to the Lord

Jane Marshall, 2003 / The Southern Harmony, 1835

Congregational Hymn

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While Mary listened to the Lord,
absorbing all he said,
her sister rushed to set the board
and ready cup and bread,
and ready cup and bread.

One part of hospitality is visiting in some;
In others, most of us agree,
it's feeding those who come,
it's feeding those who come.

But when Christ calls with heav'nly food,
he says the better part's
to drop our chores, as Mary would,
and fill our hungry hearts,
and fill our hungry hearts.

A gift life often will bestow
is that of choice to make
between two goods, God, help us know
the better good to take,
the better good to take.

Lesson: *Luke 10:38-42* RuthAnn Barnes, reader

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Order My Steps

*Words and Music by Glenn Burleigh
Arranged by Jack Schrader ©1991 / 2000
Chancel Choir Anthem*

**Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord,
Lead me, guide me, every day.
Send your anointing, Father, I pray.
Order my steps in your Word,
please order my steps in your Word.**

**Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will,
While You are working, help me be still.
Though Satan is busy, God is real!
Order my steps in your Word,
please, order my steps in your Word!**

**I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord,
and I'll do your blessed will.
The world is ever changing,
but You are still the same.
If You order my steps, I'll praise your name.**

**Order my steps in your Word,
Order my tongue in your Word;
Guide my feet in your Word,
Wash my heart in your Word.**

**Show me how to walk in your Word,
Show me how to talk in your Word.
When I need a brand-new song to sing,**

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Show me how to let your praises ring,
In your Word, your Word, in your Word, your Word!
Please order my steps in your Word.

Prayer for Our Pastor RuthAnn Barnes

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

For All the Faithful Women

Herman G. Stuempfle, 1983
Congregational Hymn

For all the faithful women
who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
proclaimed your pow'r to save.

We sing of busy Martha,
who toiled with pot and pan,
while Mary sat in silence
to hear the word again.

Christ, keep our hearts attentive
to truth that You declare,
and strengthen us for service
when work becomes our prayer.

O God, for saints and servants -
those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
Your light of glory shone.
We offer glad thanksgiving,
and fervent prayer we raise
that, faithful in your service
our lives may sing your praise.

Benediction Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus

Dennis Jernigan ©1993 Shepherd's Heart Music, Inc.
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I'd like to say, Lord, from the start
Thank You for breaking through my heart.
Thank You for tearing ev'ry chain apart.
When I was lost You made a way,
You turned the darkest night to day.
You are my joy and Lord, I'd like to say: That...

Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!
Nobody thrills me like You do!
Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!
Nobody, Lord, but You!
Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!
Nobody thrills me like You do!
Nobody fills my heart like Jesus!
Nobody, Lord, but You!
Nobody but You!

When I am weak, my Lord, You're strong,
loving me even when I'm wrong.
Lord, You are my salvation and my song.
Every day I'll make the choice.
Listening, following Your voice.
Being with You, I can't help but rejoice. For...

{Repeat Chorus}

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Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 20, 2025

SYMPATHY

To Glenn and Carole Kohr, family and friends, on the death of Glenn's mother, Roney.

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

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

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Fran Garside
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
Charlene Jones
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 Predeaux
Richard Prichard
Gail Purcell
Constance Quillen
D. Raines
Beth Rinker
Pete Roche
*Gary Ralph
Jana Raup
*Bill Robbins
*Alyse Rogers

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Fred Rosado
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
Mary 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
Zopfi family
Tiffany
Jody
Lynn and her 3 children

***Church Members**

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

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

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Servicemen/Women:

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

College/Grad Students

*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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Bookkeeper: [Bryan Warner](#) (x105)

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