



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, July 27, 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 ~

Home

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

This world is not what it was meant to be;
all this pain, all this suffering.
There's a better place waiting for me in heaven.
Ev'ry tear will be wiped away,
ev'ry sorrow and sin erased;
we'll dance on seas of amazing grace in heaven,
in heaven!

*I'm goin' home where the streets are golden,
ev'ry chain is broken.*

*Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home
where ev'ry fear is gone.*

I'm in Your open arms, where I belong, home!

Lay down my burdens, I lay down my past;
I run to Jesus, no turning back.
Thank God Almighty, I'll be free at last in heaven,
in heaven!

*I'm goin' home where the streets are golden,
ev'ry chain is broken.*

*Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home
where ev'ry fear is gone.*

I'm in Your open arms, where I belong...

Blinded eyes will fin'ly see.
The dead will rise on the shores of eternity.
The trumpet will sound, the angels will sing.
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

*I am goin' home where the streets are golden,
ev'ry chain is broken.*

*Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home
where ev'ry fear is gone.*

*I'm in Your open arms, where I belong,
where I belong!*

I'm goin' home! I'm goin' home!

I'm on my way home! I'm goin' home!

Yes, He Can

Madison Johnson, Logan Cain, Taylor Matz, & Jeff Pardo

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Sometimes I wonder: is He faithful?
Does He see me in my trouble?
Does He understand?
Sometimes I question if He's able.
Can He rescue?
Can He save me again and again?
But when I look back:

Did He move ev'ry mountain?

Did He part ev'ry sea?

Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Oh, did He defeat the darkness?

Did He deliver me?

Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Oh, yes, He did, so yes, He can.

'Cause sometimes those voices try to tell me
I'm forgotten and I've fallen
too far from His hands.
But I know what kind of God He is,
and I'm trusting in His promises.
I'm believing and I'm singing: Yes, He can.

{Repeat Chorus}

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'Cause I've seen too much; now I can't deny
He's come through ev'ry single time.
From the beginning until the end,
He did, He will, He can. And now, ooh...

Did He move ev'ry mountain?

Did He part ev'ry sea?

Yes, He did, so yes, He can.

Oh, did He defeat the darkness?

Did He deliver me?

Yes, He did, so yes, He can. {Repeat section}

TAG: *Yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

Yes, He did, yes, He can.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

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}*

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

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: We sing, sing!

Kid's Time

All the Colors of the Rainbow

*Carl P. Dow, 2016 / Weyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813
Congregational Hymn*

All the colors of the rainbow

live unseen in daily light,

but their splendors find expression
when released to human sight.

So the church reveals most beauty
where diversity is real:

breadth of race and class and gender,
room for doubt and space to heal.

All the body's parts are wanted,

nor can one despise the rest:

head and hand must work together,

as must eye and ear and chest.

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So the church needs all its members
for a range of ministries:
varied gifts with one great mission,
“Do this for the least of these.”

Teach us, God, our need of others;
through them help us fully live.
Wean us from our selfish habits;
let us listen, learn, forgive.
May we see Your longed-for image
in each human heart and face,
and behold how those around us
can be channels of Your grace.

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

When I Needed a Neighbor

*Sydney Bertram Carter, ©1965 by Stainer & Bell Ltd
Congregational Hymn*

When I needed a neighbor
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbor were you there?
*And the creed and the color
and the name won't matter, were you there?*

I was hungry and thirsty,
were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there? *{Chorus}*

I was cold, I was naked,
were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there? *{Chorus}*

When I needed a shelter,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there? *{Chorus}*

When I needed a healer,
were you there, were you there?
When I needed a healer, were you there? *{Chorus}*

And wherever you travel,
I'll be there, I'll be there.
And wherever you travel, I'll be there.
*And the creed and the color
and the name won't matter, I'll be there.*

Lesson: *Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18, 33-34*

Rev. Barbara Hoffman, reader

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

“Speak to all the congregation of the Israelites and say to them:
You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to
the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your har-
vest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen
grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the
alien: I am the Lord your God.

You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not
lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name,
profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand idly by when the blood of your neighbor is at stake: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Here in the House of the Lord

*Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music by Don Besig ©2005
Chancel Choir Anthem*

**The light of God is in this place,
clear and warm and bright;
And all who share this time and space
are precious in His sight.
We come to join in worship
and we find an open door;
For we know that all are welcome
here in the house of the Lord.**

**The love of God is in this place,
touching ev'ry soul;
And all who gather in His name
will find their hearts made whole.
We come to seek forgiveness
and we find our hope restored;
For we know that all are welcome
here in the house of the Lord.**

**We have found throughout life's journey,
our God is always near
To challenge us to serve Him
and keep our mission clear.**

**With love for one another,
and help for those in need,
Together we will follow wherever He may lead.**

**The Word of God is in this place,
ever strong and true;
And all who seek God's truth and grace
will find their lives renewed.
We come to lift our voices
and we sing in one accord;
For we know that all are welcome
here in the house of the Lord.**

Prayer for Our Speaker Rev. Barbara Hoffman

Sermon

Sandra Waldee-Warden

Sing a New World Into Being

Words: Mary Louise Bringle, 2006 / Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Congregational Hymn

Sing a new world into being,
sound a bold and hopeful theme.
Find a tune for silent yearnings,
lend Your voice and dare to dream.
Dream a church where all who worship
find their lives and loves belong.
Sing a new world into being:
Sing as Christ inspires Your song!

Sing a new world into being
where each gender, class, and race
brings its rainbow gifts and colors
to God's limitless embrace.
Where the lines that once divided
form instead the ties that bind.
Sing a new world into being:
risk transforming heart and mind!

Sing a new world into being
where the homeless find a home,
where no children ever hunger
but are filled in God's shalom.
Where all people work for justice,
where all hate and vengeance cease.
Sing a new world into being:
raise the harmonies of peace.

Sing a new world into being,
join the ancient prophets' cry
for a time of health and plenty
when all tears have been wiped dry.
When compassion flows like waters,
pouring balm for all who grieve.
Sing a new world into being:
live the promise you believe!

Benediction

Sandra Waldee-Warden

Greater

*Mercy Me ©2014 MERCYME Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Bring your tired and bring your shame,
bring your guilt and bring your pain.
Don't you know that's not your name?
You will always be much more to me.
And ev'ry day I wrestle with the voices
that keep telling me I'm not right,
but that's all right.

*'Cause I hear a voice, and He calls me redeemed
when others say I'll never be enough.
And greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.
In the world... In the world...
and greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.*

Bring your doubts and bring your fears,
bring your hurt, and bring your tears,
there'll be no condemnation here;
you are holy, righteous, and redeemed.
And ev'ry time I fall,
there'll be those who will call me a mistake,
well, that's okay. *{Repeat Chorus}*

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There'll be days I lose the battle;
grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.

(He's greater, He's greater)

I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.

(He's greater, He's greater)

{Repeat Bridge - Repeat Chorus}

There'll be days I lose the battle;
grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.

(He's greater, He's greater)

I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.

God is greater than he who is living in the world.

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 27, 2025

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Jackson and family

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

Jerry DeLair

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

Marion Ford

Luna and Nathan Franco

Judy Fredrich

Kim Frye

Dayna Fuller

Fran Garside

Dayna Faller

Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont

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Ray Hilt
Barb Hoffman
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Lorraine Hudson
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Herb Russell
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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
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*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
Joe Wood
*Charlotte Woods
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*Tom Worrall
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Zopfi family
Tiffany
Jody
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