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Sunday, August 3, 2025



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Sunday 10 am
in-person and online

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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 ~

Live Like That

David Frey, Ben McDonald, & Ben Glover

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Praise Team

Sometimes I think, "What will people say of me
when I'm only just a memory,
When I'm home where my soul belongs?
Was I "love" when no one else would show up?
Was I Jesus to the least of us?
Was my worship more than just a song?"

*I want to live like that and give it all I have
so that everything I say and do points to You.
If love is who I am then this is where I stand:
recklessly abandoned, never holding back.
I want to live like that, yeah,
I want to live like that.*

Am I proof that You are who You say You are,
that grace can really change a heart?
Do I live like Your love is true?
People pass, and even if they don't know my name,
is there evidence that I've been changed?
When they see me, do they see You? {Refrain}

I want to show the world the love You gave for me.
I'm longing for the world to know
the glory of the King. {Refrain}

TAG: I want to live like that.

I Am

David Crowder & Ed Cash, 2013

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

*There's no space that his love can't reach.
There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to amazing grace.
Take me in with your arms spread wide.
Take me in like an orphaned child.
Never let go, never leave my side.
I am holding on to you.
I am holding on to you.
In the middle of the storm,
I am holding on, I am.*

*Love like this, oh, my God, to find.
I am overwhelmed; what a joy divine.
Love like this sets our hearts on fire. {Chorus}*

*This is my resurrection song.
This is my "Hallelujah, come!"
This is why it's to You I run.
This is my resurrection song.
This is my "Hallelujah, come!"
This is why it's to You I run.*

*There's no space that his love can't reach.
There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to amazing grace...
I am holding on to you.
I am holding on to you.
In the middle of the storm,
I am holding on,
I am holding on to you.
I am holding on to you.
In the middle of the storm,
I am holding on,*

*I am holding on to you.
I am holding on to you.
In the middle of the storm,
I am holding on, I am. (Oh, oh.)
I am. (Oh, oh.)
In the middle of the storm,
I am holding on, I am.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

My Jesus

*Matthew West, Anne Wilson, & Jeffrey Pardo
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Are you past the point of weary,
is your burden weighing heavy,
is it all too much to carry?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
Do you feel that empty feeling,
'cause shame's done all its stealing,
and you're desp'rate for some healing?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
*He makes a way where there ain't no way,
rises up from an empty grave,
ain't no sinner that He can't save.
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
His love is strong and His grace is free,
and the good news is I know that He,
can do for you what He's done for me.
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
and let my Jesus change your life.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
amen, amen.*

Who can wipe away the tears,
from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear?
Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.
And all the wrong turns that you would,
go and undo if you could.
Who can work it all for your good?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. *{Refrain}*

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,
pay the price for all my guilty,
who would care that much about me?
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh... *{Refrain}*

TAG: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
and let my Jesus change your life.

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

To Abraham and Sarah

*Judith Fetter, 1984 / Melchoir Teschner, 1615
Congregational Hymn*

To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear:
"Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word:
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God."

From Abraham and Sarah

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arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace.
And in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
"That you shall be my people
and I will be your God."

We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid!
Rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
"That you shall be my people
and I will be your God."

Lesson: *Genesis 18:1-15*

Laurie Kuebler, reader

A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh." May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Take Time to Be Holy

Irish Folk Melody; arranged by Tom Fettke ©2003

Chancel Choir Anthem

**Take time to be holy, speak often with God;
Find rest in Him always and feed on His Word.
Make friends of God's children; help those who are weak.
Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.**

**Take time to be holy, the world rushes on;
Much time spend in secret with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus, like Him you shall be;
And friends through your conduct His likeness shall see.**

**Take time to be holy, let Him be your guide,
And run not before Him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow your Lord.
And looking to Jesus still trust in His Word.**

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New Every Morning is the Love

John Keble, 1822 / William B. Bradbury, 1861

Congregational Hymn

New ev'ry morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and pow'r and thought.
New mercies, each returning day,
surround us always while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiv'n,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heav'n.

If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still of countless price,
God will provide for sacrifice.
Old friends, old scenes will lovelier be,
as more of heav'n in each we see;
some soft'ning gleam of love and prayer
shall dawn on ev'ry cross and care.

The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
Room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.
O Lord, we live in Thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and ev'ry day,
to live more faithfully as we pray.

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are those who come
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,

now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Music during Communion:

Communion Meditation

Nancy Price & Don Besig, 1991

Chancel Choir Anthem

The table is spread, the meal is now prepared.
The Lord bids us come to join Him there.
We know we are not worthy, but still He will forgive
For He died that all of us might live.

Come break the bread, come take the cup.
Receive the promise of God's great love.

Savior, like a shepherd lead us
as Your blessing now we share.
With Your blood and body feed us,
keep us in Your tender care.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
with Your kindness we are filled.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
You have loved us, love us still.

Now we are fed, our hearts are joined as one.
The work of the Lord must now be done.
As we go forth to serve Him,
He guides us with His truth;
And our faith is strengthened and renewed.

We share the bread, we share the cup,
we share the promise of God's great love.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

My Feet Are On the Rock

Josh Bronleewe, Abbie Parker, Lindsey Sweat & Matthew Hein

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can see the clouds roll in,
I can feel the winds they try to shake me.
I will not be moved,
my feet are on the Rock.
I can feel the waters rise,
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me.
Fear won't hold me now,
my feet are on the Rock.

*When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
My feet are on the Rock.*

I can see the morning light,
I can feel the joy on the horizon.
Here my faith is found.
I stand on solid ground. *{Repeat Chorus}*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
So stomp your feet and clap your hands,
our feet are on the Rock.
{Repeat Bridge 3x}

*When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,*

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*I'll be dancing in the rain.
When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
My feet are on the Rock.
My feet are on the Rock.
My feet are on the Rock.*

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 3, 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

Matias Baker

*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

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Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont
Jody Good
Sterling Green
Ezra Groff
*Tom Groff
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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
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Kaitlyn McCutcheon
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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
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Gail Purcell
Constance Quillen
Beth Rinker
Pete Roche
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Jana Raup
*Bill Robbins
*Alyse Rogers
Fred Rosado
Emmalea Ruff
John Ruff
Herb Russell
*John Sadler

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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

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

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Leon Cromer, Harbor Health
Gary Ralph, Polaris Milford
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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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Callie Juliano, U Conn

Cole Thomas Juliano, UD

Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech

*Thomas Vyas, UD

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