



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, August 10, 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 ~

Thank God I Do

*Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram, Jeffrey Bhasker, Alecia Moore
& Nathaniel Ruess ©2023 Centricity Songs (BMI)
Praise Team*

I've seen love come and I've seen love walk away.
So many questions. Will anybody stay?
It's been a hard year, so many nights in tears.
All of the darkness, trying to fight my fears alone.
So long alone.

*I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know You.
I'd prob'bly fall off the edge.
I don't know where I'd go if You ever let go,
so keep me held in Your hands.*

I've started breathing. The weight is lifted here.
With You, it's easy. My head is fin'llly clear.
There's nothing missing when You are by my side.
I took the long road, but now I realize I'm home.
With You, I'm home. {Chorus twice}

You're my safe place, my hideaway.
You're my anchor, my saving grace.
You're my constant, my steadiness.
You're my shelter, my oxygen.
I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know You.
Thank God, I do. {Chorus}
TAG: *I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know You.
Thank God, I do.*

The Power of Your Name

*Lincoln Brewster & Mia Fieldes ©2008 Integrity's Hosanna! Music
Praise Team*

Surely children weren't made for the streets,
and fathers were not made to leave.
Surely this isn't how it should be.
Let Your kingdom come.
Surely nations were not made for war,
or the broken meant to be ignored.
Surely this just can't be what you saw.
Let Your kingdom come here in my heart.
*And I will live to carry Your compassion,
to love a world that's broken,
to be Your hands and feet.
And I will give with the life that I've been given,
and go beyond religion
to see the world be changed
by the power of Your name,
the power of Your name.*

Surely life wasn't made to regret,
and the lost were not made to forget.
Surely faith without action is dead.
Let Your kingdom come. Lord, break this heart.
{Repeat Chorus}

Jesus, Your name is a shelter for the hurting,
and Your name is a refuge for the weak.
Only Your name can redeem the undeserving,
Jesus, Your name holds everything I need.
*And I will live to carry Your compassion,
to love a world that's broken,
to be Your hands and feet.
And I will give with the life that I've been given,
and go beyond religion
to see the world be changed*

{by the power of Your name}

*Oh, and I will live to carry Your compassion,
to love a world that's broken,
to be Your hands and feet.
And I will give with the life that I've been given,
and go beyond religion
to see this world be changed
by the power of Your name.*

TAG: *The power of Your name.
The power of Your name.*

Welcome Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

All Things Are Possible

*Darlene Zschech ©1997 Hillsong Publishing
Chancel Choir / Praise Team*

**Almighty God, my Redeemer,
my hiding place, my safe refuge.
No other name like Jesus,
no pow'r can stand against You.**

**My feet are planted on this rock,
and I will not be shaken.
My hope, it comes from You alone,
my Lord and my salvation.**

*Your praise is always on my lips.
Your Word is living in my heart.
And I will praise You with a new song,
my soul will bless You, Lord.
You fill my life with greater joy.
Yes, I delight myself in You.
And I will praise You with a new song,
my soul will bless You, Lord.*

{Repeat V2 / Chorus}

**When I am weak You make me strong.
When I'm poor I know I'm rich.
For in the power of Your name
all things are possible, all things are possible,
all things are possible, all things are possible!
*{Repeat Chorus / Repeat Bridge}***

Kid's Time

All Creatures of Our God and King

Francis of Assisi, c. 1225; trans by William H. Draper, 1925
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, 1623; harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906
Congregational Hymn

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O Brother Sun with golden beam,
O Sister Moon with silver gleam!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear Mother Earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,**

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O praise ye! Alleluia!
Praise the Creator, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers of the People Kristen Weschler

God of joy—we give thanks for a song in our hearts.
Our souls long for You;
Our heart and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.

Hear our prayer, O God!

Behold our shield, O God;
Guide us in times of trouble, through night of sorrow,
and days when deceit lives in our heart
more than love,
and hate for the stranger, more than love.
Speak gently to your anointed ones, that we may hear.

Hear our prayer, O God!

Help us see the stranger,
who comes because Your song is in his heart
and on her tongue, ringing through—
help us to hear, to see, to embrace You—
in him, in her, in you, even, in me—
with outstretched arms and mighty hands.

Hear our prayer, O God!

God of joy—
we give thanks for the song in our hearts! Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

Scottish Psalter, 1650 / J. L. Macbeth Bain (1840-1925)

Congregational Hymn

How lovely is thy dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts, to me!
My thirsty soul desires and longs
within thy courts to be;
my very heart and flesh cry out,
O living God, for Thee.

Beside thine altars, gracious Lord,
the swallows find a nest;
how happy they who dwell with Thee
and praise Thee without rest,
and happy they whose hearts are set
upon the pilgrims' quest.

They who go through the desert vale
will find it filled with springs,
and they shall climb from height to height
till Zion's temple rings
with praise to Thee, in glory throned,
Lord God, great King of kings.

One day within thy courts excels
a thousand spent away;
how happy they who keep thy laws
nor from thy precepts stray,
for Thou shalt surely bless all those
who live the words they pray.

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The Joy of Worship in the Temple

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, indeed it faints,

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

Happy are those who live in your house,

ever singing your praise.

Happy are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

As they go through the valley of Baca,

they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;

the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob!

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed.

For a day in your courts is better

than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper

in the house of my God

than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

he bestows favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold

from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts,

happy is everyone who trusts in you.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

I Will Not Be Shaken

Words and Music by Tommy Walker & Jacob Park

Arranged by Brad Henderson ©2009 Medic Music

Chancel Choir Anthem

- 1) He is my rock, my shield, my fortress.
He's my salvation and my strength.
The cords of death, they were surrounding me,
but He heard my cry for help.
- 2) He is my refuge, my high tower.
He's my deliverer so strong.
The snares of death, they were confronting me,
but He heard my cry for help.
*So, I'll stand and trust. I'll stand in faith.
I will not be shaken.
So, I'll stand and trust. I'll stand in faith.
I will not be shaken. {Repeat V1 / Chorus}*

Our God will not be moved!

Our God will never change!

Our God will reign forevermore! *{Repeat section 3x}*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty.

Early in the morning my song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*So, I'll stand and trust. I'll stand in faith.
I will not be shaken.*

Prayer for Our Pastor

Patricia Truitt

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely

Arlo Duba, 1986 / Hal H. Hopson, 1983

Congregational Hymn

How lovely, Lord, how lovely, is Your abiding place;
My soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon Your grace.
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;
and so Your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

In Your blest courts to worship, O God, a single day
is better than a thousand if I from you should stray.
I'd rather keep the entrance,
and claim you as my Lord
than revel in the riches the ways of sin afford.

A sun and shield forever are you, O Lord Most High;
You shower us with blessings, no good will you deny.
The saints, Your grace receiving,
from strength to strength shall go,
and from their life shall rivers of blessings overflow.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Days of Elijah

Robin Mark ©1996 Daybreak Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

These are the days of Elijah,
declaring the Word of the Lord.
And these are the days of your servant Moses,
righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trials,
of famine and darkness and sword.
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying,
“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.”

*Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
shining like the sun at the trumpet call.
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.*

And these are the days of Ezekiel,
the dry bones becoming as flesh.
And these are the days of Your servant David,
rebuilding a temple of praise.
And these are the days of the harvest;
the fields are as white in Your world.
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard
declaring the Word of the Lord.

{Repeat Chorus}

There's no god like Jehovah,
there's no god like Jehovah, *{Repeat 6x}*
There's no god like Jehovah.

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 3, 2025

SYMPATHY

To Tammy and Pete Zhang, family and friends, on the death of Tammy's Aunt Linda

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

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Fran Garside
Dayna Faller
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
Beth Rinker
Pete Roche
*Gary Ralph
Jana Raup
*Bill Robbins
*Alyse Rogers
Fred Rosado
Emmalea Ruff
John Ruff

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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
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Gary Ralph, Polaris Milford
*Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Jamie
Bradley

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Hailye Wilson, USCG Mobile

Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula

Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB

Jacob Hudson, Quantico

Andrew Hudson, UT ROTC

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*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

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Pastor of Community & Communication:

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