



Sunday, August 24, 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 ~

At This Table

*Idina Menzel & Jonas Myrin ©2019 Idina Music
Praise Team*

At this table ev'ryone is welcome,
at this table ev'ryone is seen.
At this table ev'rybody matters,
no one falls between.
At this table you can say whatever,
at this table you can speak your mind.
At this table ev'rything's forgiven,
there's enough for ev'ryone.

*So come as you are,
remember that the door is always open.
Yes, come as you are,
the perfect gift that you could bring is your heart.
So come, come as you are.*

At this table there will be no judgements,
at this table mercy has a seat.
At this table we're all sons and daughters,
there's no place I'd rather be.

*So come as you are,
remember that the door is always open.
Yes, come as you are,
the perfect gift that you could bring is your heart.
Come... come as you are, come as you are.*

At this table ev'ryone is welcome,
at this table ev'rybody cares.
At this table ev'rybody matters,
so come, pull up a chair.

Enough

*Chris Tomlin & Louis Giglio ©2002 WorshipTogetherMusic
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

You are my supply, my breath of life,
still more awesome than I know.
You are my reward worth living for;
still more awesome than I know.

*And all of you is more than enough
for all of me, for every thirst and ev'ry need.
You satisfy me with Your love,
and all I have in You is more than enough.*

You're my sacrifice of greatest price;
still more awesome than I know.
You're my coming King, You are everything;
still more awesome than I know. {Refrain 2x}

More than all I want, more than all I need,
You are more than enough for me.
More than all I know, more than all I can see,
You are more than enough. {Refrain}
TAG: *Is more than enough, is more than enough.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Pray

*Darlene Zschech ©2002 Extravagant Worship Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

We call upon Your name,
humble ourselves and pray.

Move in our hearts, move in our land.

Ev'ry nation, tribe and tongue
will proclaim Your Kingdom come.

*We pray, pray,
open the windows of Heaven on us.
Today, we pray,
pour out Your Spirit, Your wonders on earth.*

We come on bended knees; we bring an offering.

Lead us in Your way everlasting.

Ev'ry heart of ev'ryone will pray, "Your will be done."

{Refrain 2x}

*Pray, pray;
humble ourselves, we humble ourselves,
and pray, pray;
humble ourselves, we humble ourselves.
{Refrain 2x}*

TAG: We pray.

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Jesus, You Have Truly Called Us

Daniel Charles Damon, 2019 / Benjamin Franklin White, 1844

Congregational Hymn

Jesus, you have truly called us.

Still, today, we hear Your voice.

Lead us onward, lead us upward,

till all people can rejoice.

*Meet us in our time of trial,
fill us with Your Spirit's power.
As we stand before oppression,
give us courage for this hour.*

Jesus, save us from poor choices.

Hatred, running like a thread

through the fabric of our hist'ry,

mars our faith and leaves us dead. *{Refrain}*

Jesus, save us from our weakness,

from deceit and from despair.

Move us on to new creation

in a world that's free and fair. *{Refrain}*

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 the Poor Ones

J. A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano, 1971

Translation by George Lockwood, 1980

Congregational Hymn

When the poor ones who have nothing

share with strangers,

when the thirsty water give unto us all,

when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,

then we know that God still goes that road with us,

then we know that God still goes that road with

When at last all those who suffer find their comfort,

when they hope

though even hope seems hopelessness,

when we love though hate at times seems

all around us *{Refrain}*

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When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better,
{Refrain}

When our homes are filled with goodness
in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor,
{Refrain}

Lesson: *1Kings 17:8-16*

Aleta Thompson, reader

The Widow of Zarephath

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied, and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

What Will We Promise

Don Besig ©1983

Chancel Choir Anthem

**We are here together this day
among these friends we know,
to thank the Lord for all these gifts we share.
When we're here within this place
where love and friendship grow,
we reach to one another in our prayers.**

*But what will we promise, what will we give
for those outside these walls?*

Will our hearts be open? Will we hear their call?

*Will we reach beyond ourselves,
as He taught us to live?*

What will we promise, what will we give?

**In this warm, familiar place we share the hope
and dream of living in a world of love and peace.
But the things we do each day sometimes
make it seem we have no real concern
for others' needs.**

*So, what will we promise, what will we give
for those outside these walls?*

Will our hearts be open? Will we hear their call?

*Will we reach beyond ourselves,
as He taught us to live?*

What will we promise, what will we give?

What will we promise, what will we give?

Prayer for Our Pastor

Aleta Thompson

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Revive Thy Work, O Lord

Albert Midlane, 1858 / George J. Elvey, 1868

Congregational Hymn

Revive Thy work, O Lord,
Thy mighty arm make bare;
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,
and make Thy people hear.
Revive Thy work, O Lord,
now let us thirst for Thee;
and hung'ring for the bread of life
may all our spirits be.

Revive Thy work, O Lord,
exalt Thy precious name;
and by the Holy Ghost, our love
for Thee and Thine inflame.
Revive Thy work, O Lord,
give pow'r unto Thy Word;
grant that Thy blessed gospel may
in living faith be heard.

Revive Thy work, O Lord,
and give refreshing show'rs;
the glory shall be all Thine own,
the blessing, Lord, be ours!
Revive Thy work, O Lord,
while here to Thee we bow;
descend, O gracious Lord, descend!
O, come and bless us now.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Old Church Choir

Colby Wedgewood, Ethan Hulse, & Zach Williams ©2016 Anthems of Hope

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

There's revival and it's spreading
like a wildfire in my heart.
A Sunday morning, Hallelujah,
and it's lasting all week long.
Can you hear it? Can you feel it?
It's the rhythm of a gospel song.
Oh, once you choose it, you can't lose it.
There ain't nothing,
there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
*I've got an old church choir singing in my soul.
I've got a sweet salvation and it's beautiful.
I've got a heart overflowing
'cause I've been restored.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.*

When the valleys that I wander
turn to mountains that I can't climb,
Oh, You are with me, You never leave me.
Oh, 'cause there ain't nothing,
there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy. *{Refrain}*

Clap your hands and stomp your feet
'til you find that gospel beat
'cause He's all you'll ever need, all you'll ever need.
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'til you find that gospel beat

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No, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.
Oh, there ain't nothing gonna steal my joy.

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 24, 2025

SYMPATHY

To Tom and Irene Safrit, family and friends, on the death of Tom's brother, Eddie.

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

*Jeff 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

Alan Dzilak

Mya Douglas, 14 yr old in hospice

Ayva Dudley

*Jennifer Eden Family

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

Sterling Green

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Ezra Groff
*Tom Groff
Mark Gruber-Lebowitz
*Nancy Hecker
*Jimmy/Linda Hess
Sue Higgs
Dahlia Hill
Kathy Hill
Ray Hilt
Barb Hoffman
Kate Howells
Wayne Hudson
Bonnie Hudson
Lorraine Hudson
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Marly/Bob Jensey
Eric Johnson
Charlene Jones
Matthew Kenworthy
Mary Ellen King
*George Leet
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*Donna Lipscomb
*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
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Sean and Adrienne McCullough
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*Frances Mason
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*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Lucas Polsinelli
*Chris Porter
*Dan Potts
*Annette Predeaux
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Jana Raup
*Bill Robbins
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Emmalea Ruff
John Ruff
Herb Russell
*John Sadler
Jean Safrit
*Irene & Tom Safrit
Mark Saunders
Kamdyn Schauss
*Carl Schloegel
Donna Shannon

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Bill Smith
*Loretta Smith
*Chet Sprague and Sue Sprague
Mike Sprague
Mikey Stugard
*Cheryl Tarlecky
Dean Tibbetts
Mike & Erin Tibbets
Rene Toney
Nancy Trinkley
Annie Valenti
Becky Vye and Family
Lee Ann Walling
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*Deb Weber
*Suzanne Weidner
*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
Joe Wood
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Jean Young
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
Gary Ralph, Polaris Milford
*Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Jamie
Bradley

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

Grant Barrows, UNC Charlotte

Hunter Zhang, UD

Epworth Ministry Organization



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