



Sunday, August 31, 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* ~

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth Redman & Matt Redman ©2009 ThankYou Music
Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your name.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

{Refrain}

You bless me ev'ry day, each step along my way.
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name.

{Repeat section - Refrain}

Dream Small

Josh Wilson ©2018 Music of Black River Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

It's a momma singin' songs about the Lord.
It's a daddy spendin' fam'ly time
the world said he cannot afford.
These simple moments change the world.

It's a pastor at a tiny little church.
Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt
These simple moments change the world.

Dream small.

Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.

*Just let Jesus use you where you are,
one day at a time.*

Live well, loving God and others as yourself.

Find little ways where only you can help.

With His great love,

a tiny rock can make a giant fall.

Dream small.

It's visiting the widow down the street
Or dancin' on a Friday
with your friend with special needs.
These simple moments change the world.

Of course,
there's nothin' wrong with bigger dreams;
Just don't miss the minutes
on your way to bigger things.

'Cause these simple moments change the world.

{Repeat Chorus}

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Keep loving, keep serving,
keep list'ning, keep learning,
Keep praying, keep hoping,
keep seeking, keep searching.
Add up the small things
and watch them grow bigger.
The God who does all things
makes oceans from rivers.

So, dream small.

Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.

*Just let Jesus use you where you are,
one day at a time.*

Live well, loving God and others as yourself.

Find little ways where only you can help.

With His great love,

a tiny rock can make a giant fall.

Yeah, five loaves and two fish

could feed them all, so dream small.

Dream small.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Thank You, Lord

*Paul Baloche & Don Moen ©2004 Integrity's Hosanna! Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I come before You today,
and there's just one thing that I want to say;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
For all You've given to me,
for all the blessings that I cannot see:
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;

Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.

Thank You, Lord.

For all You've done in my life,
You took my darkness and gave me Your light;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
You took my sin and my shame,
You took my sickness and healed all my pain;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.

Kid's Time

For the Healing of the Nations

*Fred Kaan, 1965 / Henry T. Smart, 1867
Congregational Hymn*

For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
to a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair Your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.

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Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure Your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
for our growing in Your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find.

Prayers of the People

Mike Tyler

Gracious God of abundance,
you feed the hungry from your hand
and visit us in our storms:

Hear your people as we pray for the whole world, saying:

§ *May we know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge,
so that we may be filled
with all the fullness of God.*

Give to your church, O God,
the power to comprehend the breadth and length
and height and depth of the love of Christ,
that your power at work within us may accomplish
abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine. §R

Let our leaders and all in authority bow their knees
before the Father from whom every family in heaven
and on earth takes its name, that they may use their
power justly, feed the hungry and share your abundance
with all your children. § R

Receive gifts from our children and from the poor in our com-
munity, and from their generosity create a plentitude which
will satisfy the true needs of every person. §R

In every place of hunger, bring food, O God; in every place of
poverty, bring abundance; in every place of terror, bring com-
fort and security. §R

Your people look to you for nurture and healing,
O God: Fill our hungry lives with the abundance of your Spir-
it, that we may be fruitful disciples of the one whose compass-
ion reaches across all boundaries, our Savior Jesus
Christ. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Amazing Abundance

*Laurie Zelman, 2003 / Traditional Irish melody
Congregational Hymn*

Amazing abundance poured out on this land,
the mark of Your gracious and generous hand.
Your blessing is richest on those who will give
with joy and thanksgiving so others may live.

God's spirit is present and felt everywhere

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that hands reach through darkness
and battle despair.

A tapestry woven in bright braided strands.
A banner of freedom made by myriad hands.

We pray for communion, all nations so strong
that difference is honored and all might belong.
Praise God for the nations, O help us to see
the whole world is yours, Lord,
and yearns to be free!

Lesson: *2 Kings 4:42-5:3* Michael Beigay, reader
Elisha Feeds One Hundred Men

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord: They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

The Healing of Naaman

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease." May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life

Rise Up Singing Praise

Dale Wood, 1980

Chancel Choir Anthem

*Rise up singing praise to our God and our King,
With hearts full of gladness for ev'ry good thing!*

The sunshine and rainbow, the river and sea,
The meadow and forest, the blossom and tree,
The field and the harvest, the rainfall and snow;
We thank you, our God, for the gifts you bestow.

The world gives us beauty, but God gave it birth;
In love God created all good things on earth.
How precious the raindrops from mountain to shore;
God's food on the table the crumbs on the floor.

For gifts from God's bounty to us here below,
We can't gather rainbows, but thanks we can show
With lives that are grateful,
from hearts filled with praise,
With love for our God who has blessed all our days.

Prayer for Our Pastor Michael Beigay

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Albert F. Bayly, 1961 / Benjamin Franklin White, 1844
Congregational Hymn

Lord, whose love through humble service

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bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
offered mercy's perfect deed:
we, Your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to Your purpose
every gift that You impart.

Still Your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, Your deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love Your Spirit kindles
still to save and make us whole.

Called by worship to Your service,
forth in Your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged,
love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort,
counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that Your servants, Lord, in freedom
may Your mercy know, and live.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

I'm So Blessed

*Logan Cain, Matthew West, Taylor Matz, Jonathan Smith,
& Madison Cain Johnson ©2023 Logan Cain Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Trouble knocking at my door today,
I ain't gonna let it in.
And worry wanna steal my joy away,
but I ain't gonna let it win.
'Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why.

*I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,
got this heartbeat in my chest.
No, it doesn't matter about the rest,
if I got You Lord, I'm so blessed.*

And when I count the problems that I see,
hope look all but gone.
But when I count the ways You're good to me,
You got me counting all day long. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why. *{repeat section + Chorus}*

Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 31, 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

*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

Ezra Groff

*Tom Groff

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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
Eric Jancheimer
Marly/Bob Jensey
Eric Johnson
Charlene Jones
Matthew Kenworthy
Mary Ellen King
*George Leet
Debra Leiss
*Donna Lipscomb
*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
Larry Mazzoni
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
Jana Raup
*Bill Robbins
Fred Rosado
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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*Fred and Sharyn Smith
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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Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

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Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

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