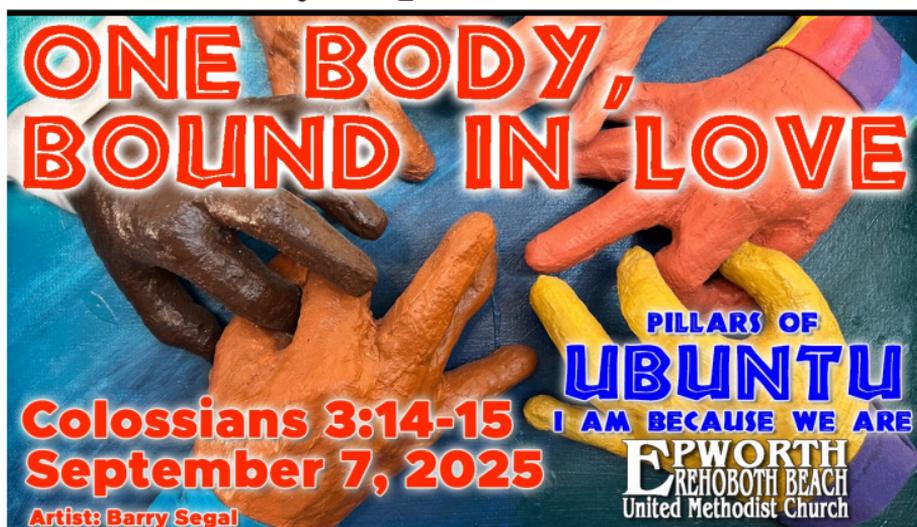




Sunday, September 7, 2025



**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* ~

**10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)**

*Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman ©2011 Shout! Publishing*  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;  
Worship His holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up; it's a new day dawning.  
It's time to sing Your song again.  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.  
{Repeat Chorus}

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.  
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing;  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.  
{Repeat Chorus}  
~Instrumental~

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
The end draws near, and my time has come,  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending;  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore!  
{Repeat Chorus twice - Instrumental}

TAG: Sing like never before, O my soul;  
I'll worship Your holy name.  
Worship Your holy name.  
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.

**Beautiful One**

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Wonderful, so wonderful  
is Your unfailing love.  
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.  
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,  
no heart can fully know  
how glorious, how beautiful You are.  
*Beautiful One, I love. Beautiful One, I adore.*  
*Beautiful One, my soul must sing.*

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies.  
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.  
The beauty of Your majesty  
awakes my heart to sing  
How marvelous, how wonderful You are. {Chorus}

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,  
You captured my heart with this love  
cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.  
And You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,  
You captured my heart with this love  
because nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.  
{Chorus}

My soul, my soul must sing.  
My soul, my soul must sing.  
My soul, my soul must sing.  
Beautiful One. {Repeat section - Chorus 2x}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## Good God Almighty

David Crowder, Ben Glover, & Jeff Sojka

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can't count the times I've called  
Your name some broken night.  
And You showed up and patched me up  
like You do every time.  
I get amnesia,  
I forget that You keep coming around.  
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.  
*Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me,  
praising Your name, no matter what comes.  
'Cause I know where I'd be  
without Your mercy,  
so I keep praising Your name  
at the top of my lungs.  
Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)  
Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)  
He is Good God Almighty.*

You say Your love goes on forever,  
that Your mercy never stops.  
So why would I assume You'd be  
somebody that You're not?  
Like sun in the morning,  
I know You're gonna be there every day.  
So what on earth could make me be afraid?  
*{Refrain}*

Praise Him in the morning,  
praise Him in the noontime,  
praise Him when the sun goes down.  
Love Him in the morning,  
love Him in the noontime,  
love Him when the sun goes down.  
*{Refrain}*

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,  
Jesus when the sun goes down.  
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,  
Jesus when the sun goes down.

## Kid's Time

### Awake, O Sleeper

F. Bland Tucker, 1980 / USA Folk Melody

Congregational Hymn

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light;  
so learn His love, its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth Christ came to bring  
from sin and fear release,  
to give the Spirit's unity,  
the very bond of peace.

There is one body and one hope,  
one Spirit and one call,  
one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,  
one God to love us all.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
who died that He might save;  
with kind and gentle hearts forgive  
as God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us He died,  
and conquered in the strife.  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
and Christ shall give you life.

**Lesson:** *Colossians 3:14-15*      David Hagelin, reader

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

May this scripture inspire us all...

**§ to walk in the way that leads to life.**

## **One Faith, One Hope, One Lord**

*Words and Music by Craig Courtney ©1989*

*Brian Flint, Guest Director*

Chancel Choir Anthem

**One faith, one hope, one Lord,  
one church for which he died,  
One voice, one song we lift in praise  
to him who was and is and shall be evermore.**

**There is one body, one spirit,  
as you were called to one hope.  
One Lord, baptism and faith,  
One God and Father of all, who is in you all.**

**Though we be many people,  
diverse with various gifts,  
We are given to each other for the unity of faith,  
that we grow in the knowledge  
of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.**

**We Pray for Our Pastor**      David Hagelin

**Sermon**      Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**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:*

### Let it Be Said of Us

*Steve Fry, ©1994 Marantha Praise, Inc.*

Let it be said of us that the Lord was our passion,  
that with gladness we bore ev'ry cross we were given;  
That we fought the good fight,  
that we finished the course  
knowing within us the pow'r of the risen Lord.

*Let the cross be our glory  
and the Lord be our song,  
by mercy made holy, by the spirit made strong.  
Let the cross be our glory  
and the Lord be our song  
'til the likeness of Jesus  
be through us made known.  
Let the cross be our glory  
and the Lord be our song.*

Let it be said of us: We were marked by forgiveness,  
We were known by our love  
and delighted in meekness.

We were ruled by his peace, heeding unity's call,  
Joined as one body that Christ would be seen by all.

{Refrain 2x}

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### What a Friend

*Matt Maber, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker*

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.  
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.  
But we can lay our burdens down,  
lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus,  
east to west my sins are gone.  
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,  
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.  
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.  
But we can lay our burdens down,  
lay our burdens down.

{Repeat Chorus}

No more betrayal, for He is faithful,  
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.  
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,  
how He has proven it over and over.

{Repeat bridge}

Over and over. {Repeat Chorus 2x}

TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.

# Annual Worship Theme September 2024—August 2025

## Hospitality



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 7, 2025

## SYMPATHY

## CONCERNS

Those impacted by the school shooting.  
People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip  
People of Ukraine  
Deaf People of Ukraine  
Jackson and family  
Jeanne and family  
Nicole Anderson  
Zach & Emma Anderson  
Ashley Angstadt  
Cody Angstadt  
John Astafan and family  
Joey Augustine  
Matias Baker  
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  
Deb Failor  
Blaine Fasnacht  
\*Roni Fiedler  
Michael Finley  
Horst Fischer  
Folderaiuer Family  
Marion Ford  
Luna and Nathan Franco  
Judy Fredrich  
Kim Frye  
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Fran Garside  
Dayna Faller  
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont

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\*Loretta Smith  
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Mike Sprague  
Mikey Stugard  
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Mike & Erin Tibbetts  
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Rene Toney  
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Annie Valenti  
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\*Tom Worrall  
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\*Jean Young  
Zopfi family  
Tiffany  
Jody  
Lynn and her 3 children

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Elaine Trexler  
\*Janet Yabroff  
Jamie  
Bradley

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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

Grant Barrows, UNC Charlotte

Hunter Zhang, UD

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