



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 21, 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* ~

After All

David Crowder, Mark Waldrop, Mike Dodson, & Matt Maher
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can't comprehend
Your infinitely beautiful and perfect love.
Oh, I've dreamed dreams
of majesty as brilliant as a billion stars,
But they're never bright enough after all.
You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh,

I will sing a song for You, my God,
with ev'rything I have in me,
But it's never loud enough after all.
You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy, oh.

Heaven and earth are full,
full of Your glory, Your glory.
My soul, it overflows,
full of Your glory, Your glory.
Oh, blessed is He who reigns,
full of Your glory, Your glory.
My cup it can't contain all
of Your glory, Your glory.
Hosanna, we are found after all.
*You are holy, oh, holy, oh, holy,
oh, holy, oh, holy, oh, holy. Oh.*

I can't comprehend; You're infinitely beautiful.

Indescribable

Laura Story – Additional lyric by Jesse Reeves
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

From the highest of heights
to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall
to the fragrance of Spring,
ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

Indescribable! Uncontainable!
You placed the stars in the sky,
and You know them by name;
You are amazing, God!

All powerful! Untamable!
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
as we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God!

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt
where it should go;
Or seen heavenly storehouses
laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun
and gives source to its light,
yet conceals it to bring us
the coolness of night?
None can fathom: *{Chorus}*
TAG: You are amazing, God!

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

As for Me and My House

Michael Cochren, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Oh, choose you this day who you will serve;
the kingdom of Heav'n or the powers of earth.
Has God not spoken? Have you not heard?
Wait for the voice of God.

The God of Creation set us free;
The Son paid the price for our covenant peace.
Through generations God's mercy speaks;
We will trust in our God.

*As for me and my house,
we will serve, serve the Lord.*

*As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord, our God.*

This house is God's house, and so are we;
may we be holy and faithful to Thee.
Joined by The Spirit the people sing,
"Great is the living God!
Oh, great is the living God" *{Repeat Chorus}*

Oh, praise Jehovah, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit now in us.
Let every heart and every tongue
praise the Lord, our God.
{Repeat last section / Chorus 2x}

Kid's Time

Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here

Brian Wren, 1973 / Henri F. Hemy, 1864

Congregational Hymn

Lord God, your love has called us here,
as we, by love, for love were made;
Your living likeness still we bear,
Though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind,
Your call to hear, Your love to find.

Lord God, in Christ you call our name,
And then receive us as your own;
Not through some merit, right, or claim,
But by Your gracious love alone;
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat,
And find you kneeling at our feet.

Lord God, in Christ you set us free
Your life to live, your joy to share;
Give us Your Spirit's liberty
To turn from guilt and dull despair,
And offer all that faith can do,
While love is making all things new.

Prayers of the People

Lee Ann Walling

Almighty God -

known as wisdom before the dawn of creation,
Lord Jesus Christ – perfect love made flesh,
Holy Spirit of God – ever present,

O Hidden Source of Life wrapped up in perfect Trinity,
we meditate upon the great and gracious plan
which you have brought to pass,
that women and men like us should look beyond creation
to worship you the Creator of all things.

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In the beginning,
You the uncreated moved across the face of deep
and brought out space and time
and then material substance:
The atom and the molecule and the crystalline form:
Then the first germ of life and the long upward striving
of all things: that swim and creep and fly:
And then the miracle of intelligence and consciousness;
The beginning of mystery and the building
of the first altar;
And then the saying of the first prayer;

O hidden love of God,
forgive us for those times when we have taken this mystery for
granted and forgive us all the more for the times when we
thought that we had unravelled the mystery and thought that
we knew it all –
the how, the where and the why.

Almighty God, let us not harbor anything in our hearts
that might spoil our fellowship with you
or with one another;
work with us and within us:

Do what you will with us;
Make of us what you want of us;
Change us as we need changed
Use us as your will requires –
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Lesson: *Genesis 1:26-31*

Roger Truitt, reader

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

God is Great

Words by Marti Lunn Lantz; Music by David Lantz III ©1991
Chancel Choir Anthem

**When I see the mighty ocean
rolling in to meet the shore,
And the windswept sky
paints a picture God creates.
I marvel at the wonders all around us,
and I know God is great.**

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When I see the flowers blooming,
opening up to greet the sun,
And the forests green with trees that touch the sky,
I know that God is with us
in ev'rything we see.

We can know God if we open up our eyes.

God is great, God is great.

Just look around and see what God has made.

God is great, God is great.

Through all creation we see God is great.

When I think of Christ our Savior
as He suffered on the cross;
He was sacrificed for our eternal fate.
I wonder at His love that's never-ending,
And I know God is great.

God is great, God is great.

Just look around and see what God has made.

God is great, God is great.

Through all creation we see God is great.

Prayer for Our Pastor

Roger Truitt

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

This is My Father's World

Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901 / Traditional English melody

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world:

why should my heart be sad?

The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!

God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The River

Jordan Feliz, Joshua Silverberg, & Colby Wedgenorth

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I know a place, where we can go,
to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,
I know a place, where mercy flows,
take the stains, make you whiter than snow.

Like a tide, it is risin' up,
deep inside, a current that moves
and makes it come alive.

Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

We're goin' down to the river,

down to the river, down to the river to pray.

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*Let's get washed by the water,
washed by the water
and rise up in amazing grace.
Let's go down, down, down, to the river.
You will leave changed.
Let's go down, down, down, to the river.
Never the same.*

I've seen it move, in my own life,
took me from dusty roads into paradise.
All of my dirt, all of my shame,
drowned in the streams
that've made me born again.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside,
a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

{Refrain}

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Let's go down. *{Refrain}*

Oh, down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.

Down, down, down to the river.

Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.

Annual Worship Theme September 2025-October 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 21, 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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*Nancy Hecker
*Jimmy/Linda Hess
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Kathy Hill
Ray Hilt
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Wayne Hudson
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Lorraine Hudson
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Marly/Bob Jensey
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Jerry Mahon
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Sean and Adrienne McCullough
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*Nikki Nicholson
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*Chris Porter
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Jana Raup
*Bill Robbins
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Bill Smith
*Loretta Smith
*Chet Sprague and Sue Sprague
Mike Sprague
Mikey Stugard
*Cheryl Tarlecky
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Mike & Erin Tibbetts
Rene Toney
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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

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