

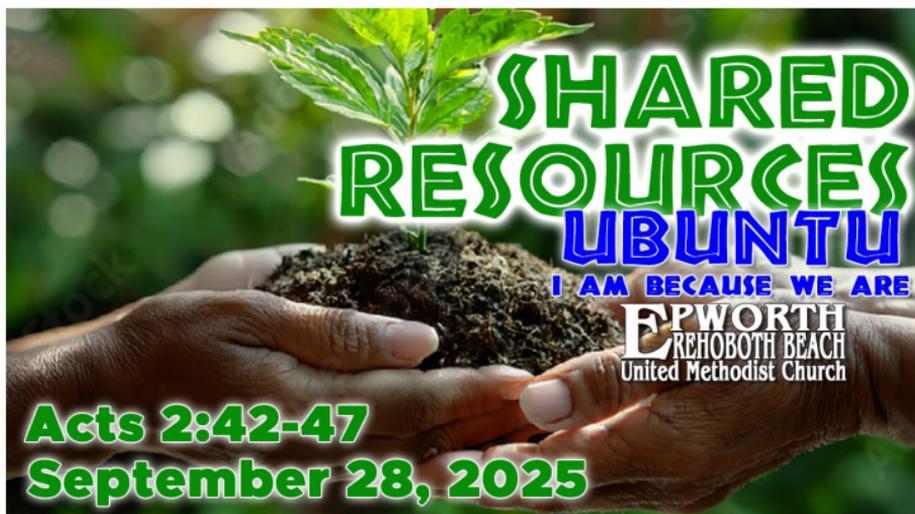


EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 28, 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* ~

Because He Lives

*William & Gloria Gaither, Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,
Matt Maber, & Jason Ingram ©2014 Hanna Street Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

**I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of His love.**

Amen! Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen!

***Let my song join the one that never ends,
because He lives.***

**I was dead in the grave,
I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name.
He rolled the stone away.**

Amen! Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen!

Let my song join the one that never ends,

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.**

Amen! Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen!

Let my song join the one that never ends,

Amen! Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen!

***Let my song join the one that never ends,
because He lives.***

Because He lives. Amen.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

*Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio ©2006 WorshipTogether.com
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.**

**How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.**

My chains are gone, I've been set free.

My God, my Savior has ransomed me.

***And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.***

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures. {Chorus twice}**

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.**

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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Open Up the Heavens

*Jason Ingram, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, James MacDonald,
& Meredith Andrews ©2012 Sony / ATV Music*
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We waited for this day, we're gathered in Your name,
calling out to You.

Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,
will burn our hearts with truth.

You're the reason we're here.

You're the reason we're singing.

Open up the heavens; we want to see You.

Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
flowing from Your heart,
filling ev'ry part of our praise.

Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face,
we're looking to the sky.

Descending like a cloud,

You're standing with us now.

Lord, unveil our eyes.

You're the reason we're here.

You're the reason we're singing.

{Repeat Chorus twice}

Show us, show us Your glory.

Show us, show us Your power.

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. {Repeat section}

We want to see You, we want to see You!

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: We sing, sing!

Kid's Time

In the Name of Christ We Gather

Shirley Erena Murray, 1996 / John Hughes, 1907
Congregational Hymn

In the name of Christ we gather,

in the name of Christ we sing!

Celebrate new vows, new promise
of a life's whole offering.

Here ordained to lead God's people

at the Gospel's beckoning,

at the Gospel's beckoning.

In the ministry of preaching
may the Word spring into life.

In the time of doubt and challenge
may its truth affirm belief.

In the day of pain and darkness

heal the hurt of guilt and grief,

heal the hurt of guilt and grief.

Word of joy, enlivening Spirit,
more than lover, parent, friend.

Born in Jesus, born in Mary,

born in us, that love extend.

Grow within your chosen servant,

life of God that has no end,

life of God that has no end!

Prayers of the People

Linda Kauffman

Holy God,

whose Spirit moved over the waters at the dawn of creation,
hear our prayers for all who thirst today.

We pray for those who are spiritually thirsty,
who long to know Your presence,
but don't know where to find You.
We pray for those who are alone and without hope,
those who long to feel needed and loved,
those who are searching for meaning and purpose.

We pray for all who are physically thirsty,
who don't have enough water to drink, or feed their animals,
whose fields are parched, whose crops have withered;
those who have to walk long distances
to find enough water to survive,
or who have to be content with water that is unclean.

We pray for those whose homes and villages are torn apart
because of drought or famine.

We pray for those who are thirsty for justice,
who long for an equal sharing of resources among peoples
and nations;
those who put their lives at risk to protect streams
and rivers and oceans;
those who are working to find clean water,
and make it available to those who need it.

God, we ask that you would open our hearts
to the needs of all who thirst.

Give us courage to work together for justice,
to stand alongside those who are thirsty,
so that all people, everywhere, may live without want or fear,
and may discover the abundant life You promise to each one.

In the name of Jesus Christ—the source of living water—we
pray. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

The Church's One Foundation

Samuel J. Stone, 1866 / Samuel Sabastian Wesley, 1864

Congregational Hymn

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
we are His new creation by water and the word;
from heaven He came and sought us
that we might ever be
His living servant people, by His own death set free.**

**Called forth from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
our charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
to one hope always pressing,
by Christ's own Spirit led.**

**Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of our war,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.**

Lesson: *Acts 2:42-47*

Kevin Pelland, reader

Life among the Believers

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. All who believed were

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together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Canticle of Fellowship

Craig Courtney ©1990

Chancel Choir

Therefore, as God's chosen people,
holy and dearly loved,
Clothe yourselves with compassion,
kindness, humility, and patience.
Forgive each other as the Lord forgave you.
And over all these virtues put on love.

Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.
Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one.
Our comforts and our cares.
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts,
that binds our hearts in love.

We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.
When we asunder part, it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart,
And hope to meet again.
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts,
that binds our hearts in love.

From sorrow, toil, and pain and sin we shall be free;
And perfect love and joy
shall reign throughout eternity.
Blest be the tie that binds our hearts,
that binds our hearts in love.
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that binds our hearts in love.

Prayer for Our Pastor

Kevin Pelland

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Filled With the Spirit's Power

John R. Peacey, 1969 / Cyril V. Taylor, 1943

Congregational Hymn

Filled with the Spirit's power, with one accord
the infant church confessed its risen Lord.
O Holy Spirit, in the church today
no less Your power of fellowship display.

Now with the mind of Christ set us on fire,
that unity may be our great desire.
Give joy and peace; give faith to hear Your call,
and readiness in each to work for all.

Widen our love, good Spirit, to embrace
on Your strong care all those of every race.
Like wind and fire with life among us move,
till we are known as Christ's and Christians prove.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

God Good Almighty

*David Crowder, Ben Glover, & Jeff Sojka ©2021 9 T One Songs
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.

Annual Worship Theme September 2025-October 2025

Hospitality



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 28, 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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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
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Kaitlyn McCutcheon
*Marv Malone
*Frances Mason
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Mike Sprague
Mikey Stugard
*Cheryl Tarlecky
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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

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

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Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula
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Jacob Hudson, Quantico
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Hunter Zhang, UD

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