



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 5, 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 ~

Pray

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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.

Our God

*Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Matt Redman, & Jonas Myrin
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

**Water You turned into wine,
opened the eyes of the blind.
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness You shine,
out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You.**

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is Healer, awesome in power,
our God, our God.*

**Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise.
There's no one like You, none like You. {Chorus}**

**And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us?
And if our God is with us,
then what could stand against?**

{Repeat Bridge - Chorus twice - Bridge}

**TAG: What could stand against?
What could stand against?**

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

God So Loved

*Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash
& Andrew Bergthold ©2019 We the Kingdom Music*

**Come, all you weary. Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water. Come and thirst no more.**

**Come, all you sinners. Come, find His mercy.
Come to the table. He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness.
Find what you're looking for.**

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*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.*

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come, lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.
See His open arms?

*For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.
The pow'r of hell, forever defeated.
Now it is well; I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.*

Praise God, praise God,
from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
for the wonders of His love.
Praise God, praise God,
from Whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him
for the wonders of His love, His amazing love.
{Repeat Chorus}

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions.
Come, lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.

Kid's Time

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine, 1954
Congregational Hymn

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Your hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Your power throughout the universe displayed.
*Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;
{Refrain}

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!
{Refrain}

Lesson: *Romans 15:1-6*

Cathy Benson, reader

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did not please himself, but, as it is written, "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

The Welcome Table

Incorporating "The Welcome Table" and "Let Us Break Bread"

Arranged by Joel Raney ©2009

Chancel Choir Anthem

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, O Lord,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.
Hallelujah!

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table.
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, one of these days.
And we'll break bread together on our knees.

I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven, O Lord,
I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven
one of these days. Hallelujah!
I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus, O Lord,
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus one of these days.
Hallelujah!
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

And we'll break bread together on our knees.
Yes! We'll break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

O, I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir, O Lord,
I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir
one of these days. Hallelujah!
I'm gonna sing with the heavenly,
with the heavenly choir,
And I'll sit at the welcome table one of these days.
One of these days...
gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

We Pray for Our Pastor

Cathy Benson

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

This is My Song

Jean Sibelius, 1899

Congregational Hymn

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
Still other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth Thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
We could be one all living with each other
and share a world of peace and liberty.

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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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:

International Hymns

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, 1955

Doug Yetter, organ

Let There Be Peace on Earth

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, 1955

Congregational Hymn

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God, Our Creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

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,**

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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 2025-October 2025

Pillars of Ubuntu



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 5, 2025

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Zach & Emma Anderson

Matias Baker

*Cathy Benson

*Jeff Bond

*Tim Bush

David Caffier

Renee Downs

*Jane Drapper

*Jennifer Eden Family

Marion Ford

Sterling Green

*Tom Groff

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

*Jimmy/Linda Hess

Ray Hilt

*George Leet

Debra Leiss

*Donna Lipscomb

Bob Luedel

*Loretta Mahan

Patrick Mahan

Donald Mahon

Jerry Mahon

Larry Mazzoni

Sean and Adrienne McCullough

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Mo Madden

*Marv Malone

Bob Mazur

Josh Mikalowski

*Ron Paxton

*Sandy & Glenn Pierce

Quinn Family

*Janene Riley-Spillane-Surgery

*Bill Robbins

Emmalea Ruff

John Ruff

*John Sadler

Jean Safrit

*Irene & Tom Safrit

*Carl Schloegel

*Fred and Sharyn Smith

*Loretta Smith

Beth Toney

Rene Toney

Lee Ann Walling

Peggy Waltersdorf

Hudson Walton

Donald Walton

*Deb Weber

*Suzanne Weidner

*Tim Whaley

*Tina Whaley

Michael Wills, Sr

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*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake

***Church Members**

Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Homebound, Hospice or in Long Term Care

*Jean Young Palliative Care
Melba Bengston, Hospice @ Home
*Ann Chambers, The Moorings
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont
*Nancy Hecker Hospice
*Debra Leiss -Hospice
Gary Ralph, Polaris Milford
*Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff

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Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska
Hailye Wilson, USCG Mobile, AL
Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula, MS
Zeb Wilson, Travis AFB, CA
Jacob Hudson, USMC Camp Pendleton, CA
Andrew Hudson, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX

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*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
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Epworth Ministry Organization



Staff & Leadership

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