



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 19, 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* ~

Counting Every Blessing

*Gareth Gilkeson & Chris Llevellyn ©2018 Capitol CMG
Praise Team*

I was blind, now I'm seeing in color.
I was dead, now I'm living forever.
I had failed, but you were my Redeemer.
I've been blessed beyond all measure.

I was lost, now I'm found by the Father.
I've been changed from a ruin to treasure.
I've been given a hope and a future.
I've been blessed beyond all measure.
*I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing,
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing.
Surely ev'ry season You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.*

You were there in the valley of shadows.
You were there in the depths of my sorrows.
You're my strength, my hope for tomorrow.
I've been blessed beyond all measure. *{Chorus}*

Surely Your goodness pursues me,
surely Your heart is still for me.
I will remember Your mercies all my days.
Through ev'ry storm and gale,
*I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing,
Letting go and trusting when I cannot see.
I am counting ev'ry blessing,
counting ev'ry blessing.
Surely ev'ry season You are good to me. {Chorus}*
TAG: *Oh--- You are good to me.
Oh--- You are good to me.*

Bleed the Same

*Chris Stevens, Bryan Fowler, Toby McKeehan & Mandisa Hundley
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Praise Team*

*We all bleed the same.
We're more beautiful when we come together.
We all bleed the same.
So, tell me why, tell me why we're divided.*

Woke up today; another headline,
another innocent life is taken in the name of hatred.
So hard to take, and if we think that it's all good,
then we're mistaken, 'cause my heart is breaking.

Are you left? Are you right?
Pointing fingers, taking sides.
When are we gonna realize... *{Chorus}*

If we're gonna fight, let's fight for each other.
If we're gonna shout, let love be the cry.
We all bleed the same.
So, tell me why, tell me why we're divided.

Tell me, who are we to judge someone
by the kind of clothes they're wearing
or the color of their skin?
Are you black? Are you white?

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Aren't we all the same inside?
Father, open our eyes to see *{Chorus}*

If we're gonna fight, let's fight for each other.
If we're gonna shout, let love be the cry.
We all bleed the same.
So, tell me why, tell me why we're divided.

Only love can drive out all the darkness.
What are we fighting for?
We were made to carry one another;
we were made for more. *{Repeat section - Chorus}*

If we're gonna fight, let's fight for each other.
If we're gonna shout, let love be the cry.
We all bleed the same.
Let's stand united, let's stand united.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Goodness of God

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.
*And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
And in darkest nights You are close like no other.
I've known You as Jehovah,
I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God. *{Refrain}*

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.
And Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything.
'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me. *{Repeat section - Refrain}*
*I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing!
Oh, yes, 'cause all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.*

Kid's Time

To God Be the Glory

*Fanny J. Crosby, 1875 / William H. Doane, 1875
Congregational Hymn*

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
He so loved the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,

*let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

Great things He has taught us,
great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

{Refrain}

Prayers of the People

Carol Lynch

Gracious eternal God, the ancient words of Paul to the people of Thessalonica echo in our souls this day. We find our needs aren't so different from people who lived 2,000 years ago.

We want to have glimpses of the future
so that we might know that we are secure.
We want to have the security to know
that tomorrow will be alright.
We want to have life all buttoned down
and figured out so there will be no surprises.
We want you to rid us of all anxiety and worry and fear.
We want to know that when the great call comes for us
we will be safe.
We want all darkness and all uncertainty removed
from our lives.

Become alive for us again in these quiet moments.
We pray that in this teachable moment you would again
open to us your powerful and grace-filled presence.
Lead our spirits to find the courage to say,
"All will be well because we are yours."
Lead our spirits to find the ability to live
one moment and one day at a time.
Lead our spirits to serenity and a peace
which the world cannot give.
Lead our spirits to know that with your power
we can cope with any surprises life presents to us.
Lead our spirits to know that we are destined
"not for wrath" but for your redeeming.
And lead our spirits to know that
whether we are wake or asleep, living or dying,
we are yours into eternity. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Trust in God

Norman MacLeod, 1857 / Charles C. Converse, 1868
Congregational Hymn

**Courage, brother! do not stumble,
though your path be dark as night;
there's a star to guide the humble:
trust in God and live for right.**
**Let the road be rough and dreary,
and its end far out of sight;
foot it bravely; strong or weary,
trust in God and live for right.**

Perish policy and cunning,

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perish all that fears the light!
Whether losing, whether winning,
trust in God and live for right.
Some will hate you, some will love you,
some will flatter, some will slight;
heed them not, and look above you:
trust in God and live for right.

Simple rule and safest guiding,
inward peace, and inward might,
star upon our path abiding,
trust in God and live for right.
Courage, sister! do not stumble,
though your path be dark as night;
there's a star to guide the humble:
trust in God and live for right.

Lesson: *I Thessalonians 5:12-28* Marti Garrett, reader

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, brothers and sisters, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Brothers and sisters, pray for us.

Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all the brothers and sisters.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

All Things Work Together For Good

John Carter, 1990

Chancel Choir Anthem

All things work together for good
to those who love the Lord.

To those who are called according to his purpose.
All things work for good to those who love the Lord.

Prayer for Our Pastor

Marti Garrett

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

For the Fruits of This Creation

Fred Pratt Green, 1970 / Traditional Welsh Melody

Congregational Hymn

For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God;
for good gifts to every nation, thanks be to God;
for the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring

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for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

All the People Said Amen

*Matt Maber, Paul Moak, & Trevor Morgan ©2013 ThankYou Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you get to lean on,
but thank God, it's all you need.

And all the people said Amen.

And all the people said Amen.

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for His love never ends.*

And all the people said Amen.

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong,
you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and God so loved the world,
He sent His Son to save us all.

{Repeat Chorus}

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: And all the people said Amen.

Annual Worship Theme October 2025-November 2025

One Another Invitations

Hide & Seek
All Together
Now
Til Death
Do Us Part
Say Something
Nice
Table Manners
Love Our Way

Second Fall Series
Oct. 19 - Nov. 23

One Another
Invitations

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I AM BECAUSE WE ARE

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Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 19, 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
Carol Anne Fowler
Sterling Green
*Tom Groff
Martha Kallaher
Mark Gruber-Lebowitz
*Jimmy/Linda Hess
Ray Hilt
*George Leet
Debra Leiss
*Donna Lipscomb
Logan
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
Melvin Toney
Rene Toney
Lee Ann Walling
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*Deb Weber

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*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*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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Andrew Hudson, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX

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*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U
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*Thomas Vyas, UD
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