



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, November 2, 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 ~

Jesus Does

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Praise Team*

Who tells the sun to rise ev'ry morning,
colors the sky with the shades of His glory,
wakes us with mercy and love? Jesus does.

Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow,
cries for injustice, feels ev'ry sorrow,
carries the pain of His children? Jesus does.

*So we sing praise to Jehovah who gave us the Son,
praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner, He saved me from
who I was, 'cause that's what Jesus does.*

Who understands the heart of the sinner,
showers His grace over all our mistakes,
washes us clean with His love? Jesus does.

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness?
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave?
Who has the power to save? Jesus does. {Chorus}

Oh, what a Friend! Oh, what a Savior!
He's always been good, He's always been faithful.
He came to my rescue when I needed Him most
and saved my soul.

*So we sing praise to Jehovah who gave us the Son,
praise to the Spirit who's living in us.
When I was a sinner, He saved me from
who I was. {Chorus}*

TAG: Woh, woh, woh. That's what Jesus does.

Scars in Heaven

*Matthew West & Mark Hall
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Praise Team*

If I had only known the last time
would be the last time
I would have put off all the things I had to do.
I would have stayed a little longer,
held on a little tighter,
now what I'd give for one more day with you.

'Cause there's a wound here in my heart
where something's missing,
and they tell me that it's gonna heal with time.
But I know you're in a place
where all your wounds have been erased,
and knowing yours are healed is healing mine.

*The only scars in Heaven,
they won't belong to me and you.
There'll be no such thing as broken
and all the old will be made new.
And the thought that makes me smile now
even as the tears fall down,
is the only scars in Heaven
are on the hands that hold you now.*

I know the road you walked was anything but easy.
You picked up your share of scars along the way.
Oh, but now you're standing in the sun,
you've fought your fight and your race is run.
The pain is all a million miles away. {Repeat Chorus}

Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Hallelujah for the Hands that hold you now.

There's not a day goes by that I don't see you.
You live on in all the better parts of me.
Until I'm standing with you in the sun,
I'll fight this fight and this race I'll run
until I fin'ly see what you can see. Oh--- {Chorus}

Welcome Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Sing With All the Saints in Glory

William J. Irons, 1873 / Ludwig von Beethoven, 1824
Congregational Hymn

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking,
soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we, awaking,
know the everlasting peace.

Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:
Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Join we now the deathless voices;
child of God, lift up your head.
God has promised, Christ prepares it,
there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it;
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! O what wonders
crowd on faith; what joy, unknown,
When amidst earth's closing thunders,
saints shall stand before the throne!
Patriarchs from distant ages,
saints all longing for their heaven,
prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages,
all await the glory given.

~ Litany of the Saints ~

Donna Bloomquist
Andy Brangenberg
Diane Cooper
Sandra Kennedy
Harry Lewis
Janet Malone
Frances Mason
Carolyn Robinson
Lois Shelley
Bill Semonavick
Sue Truitt
Karen Way
Dan Wine

When We All Get to Heaven

Eliza E. Hewitt, 1898 / Emily D. Wilson, 1898
Congregational Hymn

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus;
sing His mercy and His grace.
In the mansions bright and blessed
He'll prepare for us a place.

*When we all get to heaven,
what a day of rejoicing that will be!*

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*When we all see Jesus,
we'll sing and shout the victory!*

While we walk the pilgrim pathway,
clouds will overspread the sky;
but when traveling days are over,
not a shadow, not a sigh. *{Refrain}*

Let us then be true and faithful,
trusting, serving every day;
just one glimpse of Him in glory
will the toils of life repay. *{Refrain}*

Onward to the prize before us!
Soon His beauty we'll behold;
soon the pearly gates will open;
we shall tread the streets of gold. *{Refrain}*

Kid's Time

Lesson: *Ephesians 4:25-32*

Barbara Simpson & Sandy Roca, readers

Rules for the New Life

So then, putting away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with your neighbor, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Those who steal must give up stealing; rather, let them labor, doing good work with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths but only what is good for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

Fly Away Medley

Traditional; arr. by Mark Hayes, 2002

Chancel Choir Anthem

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.

*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.
I'll fly away.*

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away. *{Chorus}*

Trials dark on ev'ry hand, and we cannot understand
All the ways that God would lead us
to that blessed Promised Land;
But He'll guide us with His eye,
and we'll follow till we die;
We will understand it better by and by.

*By and by, when the morning comes,
When the saints of God are gathered home;
We will tell the story, how we've overcome;
We will understand it better by and by.*

When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder,
When the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there.

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
and cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.
I am bound for the Promised Land;
I am bound for the Promised Land.
O who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the Promised Land.

O, when the saints go marchin' in,
O, when the saints go marchin' in,
O, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marchin' in!
*I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.
I'll fly, I will fly away.
Lord, I'll fly away!
(O, I'll fly away, Lord, when the morning comes.)
I'll fly away!*

We Pray for Our Pastor

Barbara Simpson & Sandy Roca

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

As We Gather at Your Table

Carl P. Daw Jr., 1989 / Benjamin Franklin White, 1844

Congregational Hymn

As we gather at your table, as we listen to Your word,
help us know, O God, Your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's vict'ry known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve You,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as You forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world You died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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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:

Faithful Servant

Words and Music by Cindy Berry / Arr by Craig Courtney ©2001

**Lord, we would be faithful;
Lord, we would follow You.
We would be pure and holy, devoted and true.
At the end of our journey, on that glorious day,
When we gaze into Your eyes,
we want to hear You say,**

*“Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Enter into my kingdom.
You have fought the fight, you have kept the faith,
according to my Word.
Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Great is your reward.
You have been faithful, now your race is run.
Well done, my servant, well done!”*

**For I was hungry and you fed me,
thirsty and you gave me drink.
You served others in my name.
You shared the gospel without shame.
And you were light in the darkness;
you were strength for the weary;
You were my messengers to share my gospel of love,
of love. {Chorus}**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Home

*Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Scott Cash ©2016 sixsteps songs
Praise Team*

**This world is not what it was meant to be;
all this pain, all this suffering.
There's a better place waiting for me in heaven.**

Ev'ry tear will be wiped away,
ev'ry sorrow and sin erased;
we'll dance on seas of amazing grace
in heaven, in heaven!

*I'm goin' home where the streets are golden,
ev'ry chain is broken.*

*Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home
where ev'ry fear is gone.*

I'm in Your open arms, where I belong, home!

Lay down my burdens, I lay down my past;
I run to Jesus, no turning back.

Thank God Almighty,

I'll be free at last in heaven, in heaven!

*I'm goin' home where the streets are golden,
ev'ry chain is broken.*

*Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home
where ev'ry fear is gone.*

I'm in Your open arms, where I belong...

Blinded eyes will fin'lly see.

The dead will rise on the shores of eternity.

The trumpet will sound, the angels will sing.

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

*I am goin' home where the streets are golden,
ev'ry chain is broken.*

*Oh, I wanna go, oh, I wanna go home
where ev'ry fear is gone. I'm*

*in Your open arms, where I belong,
where I belong!*

I'm goin' home! I'm goin' home!

I'm on my way home! I'm goin' home!

Alter Flowers this weekend were donated

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In Memory of Stacey Benson

Annual Worship Theme October 2025-November 2025

One Another Invitations



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of November 2, 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
Dave
David Caffier
*Rob Cline
Donna and Bill Crnkovich
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
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Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
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Larry Mazzoni
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
Mo Madden
*Marv Malone
Bob Mazur
Josh Mikalouski
*Dotti Outland
*Ron Paxton
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Quinn Family
*Janene Riley-Spillane-Surgery
*Bill Robbins
Bill Roche
Emmalea Ruff
John Ruff
*John Sadler
Jean Safrit
*Irene & Tom Safrit
*Carl Schloegel
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
*Loretta Smith
Beth Toney

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Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
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*Suzanne Weidner
*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
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*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Jean Young Palliative Care
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake

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

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*Ann Chambers, The Moorings
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont
*Nancy Hecker Hospice Salisbury
*Debra Leiss -Hospice Home
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*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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