



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, November 16, 2025

Table Manners



**1 Corinthians
11:23-34**

November 16, 2025

Second Fall Series

**One Another
Invitations**



Welcome to Epworth Worship
Sunday 9:50 am
in-person and online

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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* ~

Remembrance (The Communion Song)

*Matt Maher and Matt Redman / ©2009 ThankYou Music
Praise Team*

Oh, how could it be
that my God would welcome me into this mystery,
say, "Take this bread, take this wine"?

Now the simple made divine for any to receive.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.

By Your grace You are making us faithful.

*Lord, we remember You,
and remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You,
our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation.
We remember You.*

See His body, His blood;

know that He has overcome every trial we will face.

And none too lost to be saved,

none too broken or ashamed.

All are welcome in this place.

By Your mercy we come to Your table.

By Your grace You are making us faithful. *{Chorus}*

Dying, You destroyed our death.

Rising, You restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory. *{Chorus}*

Come to the Table

*Ben Glover, Ben McDonald & Dave Frey ©2015 9Tone Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

We all start on the outside,

the outside looking in.

This is where grace begins.

We were hungry, we were thirsty,

with nothing left to give.

Oh, the shape that we were in.

And just when all hope seemed lost,

Love opened the door for us. He said:

Come to the table.

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

Come meet this motley crew of misfits,

these liars and these thieves;

There's no one unwelcome here.

And that sin and shame

that you brought with you,

you can leave it at the door

and let mercy draw you near.

So, come to the table.

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free.

Come to the table. Come to the table.

To the thief and to the doubter,

to the hero and the coward,

to the pris'ner and the soldier,

to the young and to the older,

all who hunger all who thirst,
all the last and all the first,
all the paupers and the princes,
all who fail, you've been forgiven,
all who dream and all who suffer,
all who loved and lost another,
all the chained and all the free,
all who follow, all who lead,
anyone who's been let down,
all the lost, you have been found,
all who've been labeled right or wrong,
to ev'ryone who hears this song:

Come to the table.

Come join the sinners; you have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free.

Sit down and be set free.

Come to the table, come to the table.

Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

House of the Lord

*Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith ©2021 Be Essential Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

We worship the God who was.

We worship the God who is.

We worship the God who evermore will be.

You opened the prison doors.

You parted the raging sea.

My God, You hold the victory, yeah.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

Oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals.

We sing to the God who saves.

We sing to the God who always makes a way.

'Cause You hung upon that cross,

then You rose up from that grave.

My God's still rolling stones away.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

We were the beggars, now we're royalty.

We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted,

redeemed by Your grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

'Cause we were the beggars, now we're royalty.

We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted,

redeemed by Your grace.

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Let the house of the Lord sing praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.

Kid's Time

Who Is My Mother? Who Is My Brother?

Shirley Erena Murray, 1992 / Traditional Gaelic melody

Congregational Hymn

Who is my mother, who is my brother?
 All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
 Spirit-blown people, born from the Gospel
 sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.

Differently abled, differently labeled
 widen the circle round Jesus Christ:
 Crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas
 all come together round Jesus Christ.

Love will relate us color or status
 can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
 Family failings, human derailings
 all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.

Bound by one vision, met for one mission
 we claim each other, through Jesus Christ:
 Here is my mother, here is my brother,
 kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.

❧ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ❧

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Todd Popham, Lay Leader: I now present these people today for reception into Epworth:

Matthew Brown
 Mike Finley
 Greg Foster
 Beth LaBella-Foster
 James Gallo
 Susie Hearn
 Holly Hearn
 Larry Hearn

To the new members

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:
 Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness
 reject the evil powers of this world,
 and repent of your sin? § **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power
 God gives you to resist evil, injustice,

and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
§ I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve
Him as our Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races? **§ I do.**

According to the grace given to you,
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **§ I will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your
rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

§ We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and life and include these persons now before you
in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness
that they may grow in their trust of God
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Profession of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to be grateful for the Lord's unending love
and, in turn...

to love and serve others unconditionally;

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our redemption, our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

To the new members Todd Popham, Lay Leader

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

§ I will.

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully participate in its
ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your
service, and your witness? **§ I will.**

Gather Us In

Marty Haugen, ©1982 GLA Publications

Congregational Hymn

**Here in this place a new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.**

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for Your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light-years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us Your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Prayers of the People

Rick Buske

Creator God,

Your son taught us to pray and to never lose heart.
But we live in times that wear us down.
We are weary and overwhelmed.
There are times when we lose hope and give up.

It is times like these
that we need to raise each other up in prayer.

It is times like these
that we need to encourage each other.

It is times like these
that we need to be there for one another.

It is times like these
that we need to cry out to God for those in need.

But God it is not just for those in need,
it is also for justice that we cry out.

We speak for those who cannot speak up for themselves.
We stand up for those who rights have been violated.
We seek peace with justice for those who need both.
We pray for justice for those who are the weakest.

We thank you for your justice at work in this world.
We thank you for hearing our prayers and answering them.
We thank you for your concern and protection.
We thank you for your mercy
that you pour out with your justice.

Throughout our lives, may we be found faithful.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

According to Your Gracious Word

James Montgomery, 1825 / William Croft, 1872
Congregational Hymn

**According to Your gracious word,
in meek humility,
this will I do, my dying Lord:
I will remember Thee.**

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Your body, broken for my sake,
my bread from heaven shall be;
Your testamental cup I take,
and thus remember Thee.

When to the cross I turn my eyes
and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember Thee.

Remember You and all your pains
and all Your love to me;
yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
will I remember Thee.

And when these failing lips grow dumb
and mind and mem'ry flee,
when Thou shall in Thy kingdom come,
Jesus, remember me!

Lesson: *1 Corinthians 11:23-34* Sandy Pierce, reader

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be answerable for the body and blood of the Lord. Examine yourselves, and only then eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For all who eat and drink without discerning the body eat and drink judgment against themselves. For this reason many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

So then, my brothers and sisters, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. If you are hungry, eat at home, so that when you come together, it will not be for your condemnation. About the other things I will give instructions when I come. May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life

The Welcome Table

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.

Prayer for Our Pastor

Sandy Pierce

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

God Be with You till We Meet Again

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880 / William G. Tomer, 1880

Congregational Hymn

God be with you till we meet again;
by His counsels guide, uphold you,
with His sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

*Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus; feet;
till we meet, till we meet,*

God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again;
neath His wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. *{Refrain}*

God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put His arms unfailing round you;
God be with you till we meet again. *{Refrain}*

God be with you till we meet again;
keep love's banner floating o'er you,
smite deaths' threatening wave before you;
God be with you till we meet again. *{Refrain}*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

I'm So Blessed

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& 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,
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 October 2025-November 2025

One Another Invitations

Hide & Seek
All Together
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Til Death
Do Us Part
Say Something
Nice
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Second Fall Series
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United Methodist Church

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of November 16, 2025

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings
People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip
People of Ukraine
Deaf People of Ukraine
Arletta
Zach & Emma Anderson
Matias Baker
*Cathy Benson
Michael Bedard
*Jeff Bond
Brint and Lynne
Brooke and Ralph
*Tim Bush
Dave
David Caffier
Sr. Christine Carrigg
*Rob Cline
Donna and Bill Crnkovich
Renee Downs
*Jane Drapper
*Jennifer Eden Family
Carilyle Erich
Deb Ferlitto and Mother
Marion Ford
Carol Anne Fowler
Sterling Green
*Tom Groff
Toni Groff
Jerich Hasieber
Kathy Hertley
Martha Kallaher
Mark Gruber-Lebowitz
*Jimmy/Linda Hess
Ray Hilt
Connie Ann Holms-Tatom
*George Leet
Debra Leiss
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Logan
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Janis Lunn
*Loretta Mahan
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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

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*Bill Robbins
Bill Roche
Emmalea Ruff
John Ruff
*John Sadler
Jean Safrit
*Irene & Tom Safrit
*Carl Schloegel
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
*Loretta Smith
Owen Thompson
Beth Toney
Melvin Toney
Rene Toney
Lee Ann Walling
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*Deb Weber
*Suzanne Weidner
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*Tina Whaley
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*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
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*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake
Don Ziegler

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

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