



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
Epworth.faith

Sunday, November 23, 2025



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

9:50 am [Blended Worship Order](#)
[Calendar](#) & [Announcements](#)
[Prayer List](#)
[Staff & Leadership](#)

***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.



19285 Holland Glade Rd.
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971
302-227-7743 Epworth.faith



~ *We Gather in Worship* ~

This is Amazing Grace

Phil Wickham, Joshua Neil Farro, & Jeremy Riddle

©2013 *Sing My Songs*

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,

that You would take my place,

that You would bear my cross.

You laid down Your life that I would be set free.

Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?

Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?

The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?

The King of Glory, the King above all kings. *{Refrain}*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy, worthy, worthy! *{Refrain}*

TAG: All that You've done for me. All that You've done
for me.

Thank You Jesus

Matt Crocker & Hannah Hobbs ©2013 *Hillsong Music Publishing*

Praise Team

Grace that flows like a river, washing over me.

Fount of heaven, love of Christ, overflows in me.

Thank you Jesus, You set me free.

Christ my Savior, You rescued me.

Take this life delivered, a vessel of Your love.

Wholly now devoted to see Your kingdom come.

{Chorus 2x - Instrumental}

You've given me life, You've opened my eyes.

I love You, Lord, I love You, Lord.

You've entered my heart, You've set me apart.

I love You, Lord, I love You, Lord.

{Instrumental - Bridge 2x - Chorus 2x}

Faith of Our Fathers

Epworth Bell Choir

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Thank You, Lord

Paul Baloche & Don Moen ©2004 *Integrity's Hosanna! Music*

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I come before You today,

and there's just one thing that I want to say;

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
For all You've given to me,
for all the blessings that I cannot see:
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.
*Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord;
Thank You, Lord, I just want to thank You, Lord.
Thank You, Lord.*

For all You've done in my life,
You took my darkness and gave me Your light;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
You took my sin and my shame,
You took my sickness and healed all my pain;
Thank You, Lord, thank You, Lord.
With a grateful heart, with a song of praise,
With an outstretched arm I will bless Your name.
{Repeat Chorus}

Kid's Time

Now Thank We All Our God

Martin Rinkart, 1663 / Johann Crüger, 1647
Congregational Hymn

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

.All praise and thanks to God
Our Maker now be given;
To Christ, and Him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Prayers of the People Sandy Paulen

God our Creator, may these prayers we offer also be a renewing of our contract to love one another as You have loved us.

We pray for the end of violence in its many forms. Bless all peace-makers: those who negotiate between nations, or arbitrate within commerce and industry, adjudicate in family courts, defuse tensions in schools, and counsel conflicting factions within church denominations.

We pray for the effective, compassionate care of all who are diseased, maimed, or handicapped, including ailing members of this congregation. Bless all who work in clinics and hospitals, and the staff of hospices for the dying.

We pray for the feeding of the hungry, the clothing of the destitute, the housing of the homeless, the reformation of prisoners, and the rehabilitation of those who struggle with addiction. Bless all who are dedicated to the care of the disadvantaged.

We pray for the systems of justice that are truly fair – Here in our homeland, in other nations, or international courts of justice, may all find equality before the law. May the innocent be exonerated and the hearts of those found guilty turned towards repentance and regeneration.

We pray for the church, for all denominations large or small, that we may love one another in practice as well as in prayer. Bless all who join in worship, fellowship and service to the community. May the world know that there is a grace at work in us which is not our doing, but a gift from the One who reigns above all others. We pray all this in Your holy name. Amen!

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Fairest Lord Jesus

Epworth Bell Choir

Lesson: *John 15:9-17*

David Streit, reader

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

The Way We Love

Joseph M. Martin, 1996

Chancel Choir

**The mountains give thanks by reaching for heaven.
The oceans give thanks when waves clap their hands.
The trees give Him honor by rising above
And we show our thanks in the way that we love,
And we show our thanks in the way that we love.**

**The stars give their thanks by lighting the night sky.
The high mountain snows whisper His name.
There's praise and thanksgiving in the song of the dove
And we show our thanks in the way that we love,
And we show our thanks in the way that we love.**

**All of creation offers its praises,
thanking its Maker in glorious art.
But we must choose to give more than phrases;
Our lives must reflect the thanks in our heart.**

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

Birds lift their thanks by singing each morning.
The sun gives its light in an offering of praise.
The angels rejoice in the heavens above
And we show our thanks, and we show our thanks,
And we show our thanks in the way that we love.
We show our thanks in the way that we love.

Prayer for Our Pastor David Streit

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Let All Things Now Living

Katherine K. Davis, 1938 / Traditional Welsh melody
Congregational Hymn

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim the Divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

Benediction Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

What a Friend

Matt Maher, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker
©2017 All Essential Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
east to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down. *{Repeat Chorus}*

No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
how He has proven it over and over.
{Repeat bridge}

Over and over.

{Repeat Chorus 2x}

TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.

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

UBUNTU
I AM BECAUSE WE ARE

EPWORTH
REHOBOTH BEACH
United Methodist Church

Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of November 23, 2025

SYMPATHY

Sympathy to Scott Button and David Streit, family and friends,
on the death of Scott's step mother, Pat.

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings

People in conflict of Israel and Gaza Strip

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Arletta

Marie Ahern

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

Coleson Alexander Fillmore

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

Deb2lra Leiss

*Donna Lipscomb

Logan

Bob Luedel

Janis Lunn

*Loretta Mahan

Patrick Mahan

Donald Mahon

Jerry Mahon

*Stephanie Manos

Larry Mazzoni

Sean and Adrienne McCullough

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Mo Madden

*Marv Malone

Bob Mazur

Josh Mikalowski

*Dotti Outland

[Return to Table of Contents](#)

*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
Owen Thompson
Beth Toney
Melvin Toney
Rene Toney
Steven Trantum
Lee Ann Walling
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*Deb Weber
*Suzanne Weidner
Wendy
*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake
Don Ziegler

***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 Salisbury
*Debra Leiss -Hospice Home
Gary Ralph, Polaris Milford
*Linda Rooney
Quinn Smith
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff

Servicemen/Women:

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

College/Grad Students

*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

Hunter Zhang, UD

Epworth Ministry Organization



Staff & Leadership

Church Office: 302-227-7743 (plus extension)

Lead Pastor: [Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith](#) (x102)

Pastor of Community & Communication:

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) (x103)

Minister of Music: [Doug Yetter](#) (x106)

Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

Office Manager: [Tammy Zhang](#) (x100)

Bookkeeper: [Bryan Warner](#) (x105)

Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

Kitchen Sexton: [Maureen Knesel](#)

Preschool Director: [Betsy Plowman](#) (x107)

Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

Governing Board Chair—[Linda Kauffman](#)

Lay Leader—[Todd Popham](#)

Finance Chair—[David Hagelin](#)

Staff-Parish Relations Chair—[Sandy Pierce](#)

Board of Trustees Chair—[Tom Lewis](#)

Scheduling/Rentals & DOVs: [Susan Jimenez](#)

Inviting Leadership Team

(Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice)

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) and [Mike Tyler](#)

Belonging Leadership Team

(Small Groups, New Members/Belongings, Sunday School, Youth & Adult Groups)

[Gwen Osborne](#), [Linda BenderHilt](#), [Loretta Mahan](#),

[Cathie Lewis](#) and [Teri Moore](#)

Connecting Leadership Team

(Worship, Music, Arts)

[Doug Yetter](#) and [Murray Archibald](#)

Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

[Mickie McManamon](#), [Dee Speck](#) and [Holly Reynolds](#)