



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers  
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Sunday, January 11, 2026

## Pray Before Speaking

Enlightening  
Our  
Disagreements

Nehemiah 2:1-5  
January 11, 2026



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

9:50 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 ~

### What Faith Can Do

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

*Everybody falls sometimes,  
Gotta find the strength to rise from the ashes,  
and make a new beginning.*

*Anyone can feel the ache.*

*You think it's more than you can take,  
but you're stronger, stronger than you know.*

*Don't you give up now;  
the sun will soon be shining.*

*You gotta face the clouds  
to find the silver lining.*

*I've seen dreams that move the mountains,  
hope that doesn't ever end  
even when the sky is falling.*

*I've seen miracles just happen,  
silent prayers get answered,  
broken hearts become brand new,  
that's what faith can do.*

*It doesn't matter what you've heard,  
"Impossible" is not a word,  
it's just a reason for someone not to try.*

*Ev'rybody's scared to death  
when they decide to take  
that step out on the water,  
but it'll be alright.*

*Life is so much more  
than what your eyes are seeing.*

*You will find your way if you keep believing.  
{Repeat Chorus}*

*Overcome the odds, you don't have a chance.  
But when the world says you can't,  
it'll tell you that you can.*

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**TAG:** *That's what faith can do.  
Even if you fall sometimes,  
you will have the strength to rise.*

### Jesus Does

*Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold, Kyle Briskin, Ed Cash,  
& Frances Cash ©2022 EMI CMG Music  
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, with the 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. {Full Chorus}*

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

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### **Pray**

*Darlene Zschech ©2002 Extravagant Worship Publishing  
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.

## **Kid's Time**

### **Sweet Hour of Prayer**

William Walford, 1845 / William B. Bradbury, 1861  
Congregational Hymn

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
that calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Savior's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
of those whose anxious spirits burn  
with strong desires for Thy return!  
With such I hasten to the place  
where Christ, my Savior, shows His face,  
and gladly take my station there,  
and wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer!

Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!  
Your wings shall my petition bear  
to Christ whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,

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believe His word, and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care,  
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

## Prayers of the People

Kevin Pelland

God, you come to us not in the chaos  
of the whirlwind, not in the roar of the earthquake,  
not in the crackling heat of the fire,  
but in the sound of sheer silence.

Quiet our minds, bring peace to our hearts  
and stillness to our bodies  
that we might meet you in that silence.

Give us the courage to go wherever you lead us,  
trusting that you will prepare the way.

You say to us as You said to Elijah....

*Be still and know that I am God,*

But there are so many other voices  
demanding our attention,  
and we cannot attend to them without You.

Help us to focus on You, and You alone,  
to hear Your voice within.

May Your voice speak through us.

In weakness, be our strength.

In poverty, be our wealth.

In depression, be our joy.

In apathy, be our love.

We cannot sing Love's song, O Lord,  
unless Your voice is singing in us.

Take this heart, and with this mouth  
make Your praise and thanksgiving a reality  
here and now.

We pray this in the name of our Companion  
on the journey, Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

**Lesson:** *Nehemiah 2:1-5* Rev. Barbara Hoffman, reader

In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was served him, I carried the wine and gave it to the king. Now, I had never been sad in his presence before. So the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This can only be sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. I said to the king, "May the king live forever! Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' graves, lies waste and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" Then the king said to me, "What do you request?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. Then I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor with you, I ask that you send me to Judah, to the city of my ancestors' graves, so that I may rebuild it."

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

### **Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child**

*Traditional Spiritual / Arranged by Mark Hayes*

Chancel Choir Anthem; Dan Potts, soloist

**Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful Child;**

**Jesus, Jesus, so lowly, meek and mild;**

**New life, new hope, new joy He brings.**

**Won't you listen to the angels sing,**

**"Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King."**

**He was herald by the angels, born in a lowly manger.**

**The Virgin Mary was His mother,**

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and Joseph was His earthly father.  
Oh, three wise men came from afar,  
They were guided by a shining star,  
To see King Jesus where He lay  
in a manger filled with hay.

**Prayer for Our Pastor** Rev. Barbara Hoffman

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph M. Scriven, 1855 / Charles C. Converse, 1868

What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge;  
take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
thou wilt find a solace there.

**Benediction** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Day by Day

*Stephen Schwartz* ©1971 by Valando Music Publishing  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Day by day, day by day,  
oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day. *(Repeat 4x)*

Day by day, day by day,  
oh, dear Lord, three things I pray:  
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
To see Thee more clearly, love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly, day by day.  
Day by day by day by day by day.

Annual Worship Theme  
January 11 - February 15, 2026

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# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of January 11, 2026

## **SYMPATHY**

To Mark Cori, family and friends, on the death of Mark's husband, Dean Shearer.

To Barb Roche, family and friends, of Shane Boshart who passed away December 22.

## **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 **Encouragement**

Ray Hilt

Connie Ann Holms-Tatom

Diane Kelly

Anya Klein

\*George Leet

\*Donna Lipscomb

Logan

Bob Luedel

Janis Lunn

\*Loretta Mahan

Patrick Mahan

Donald Mahon

Jerry Mahon **Thinking of You. He is waiting on a heart transplant**

\*Stephanie Manos

Sean and Adrienne McCullough

Kaitlyn McCutcheon

Mo Madden

\*Marv Malone

Bob Mazur

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Ellen McKeon  
Josh Mikalowski  
Perry James Psaros  
\*Ron Paxton  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
Quinn Family  
\*Janene Riley-Spillane-Surgery  
\*Bill Robbins **Taking his husband out of Assisted living and moving him home.....Encouragement**  
Bill Roche  
Emmalea Ruff  
John Ruff  
\*John Sadler  
Jean Safrit  
\*Irene & Tom Safrit **Thinking of you**  
\*Carl Schloegel **going through Chemo**  
\*Loretta Smith  
Owen Thompson  
Beth Toney  
Rene Toney **Looking for rental home**  
Steven Trantum  
Lee Ann Walling  
Peggy Waltersdorf  
Hudson Walton  
Donald Walton  
\*Deb Weber  
\*Suzanne Weidner **Chemo**  
Wendy  
\*Tim Whaley  
\*Tina Whaley  
Michael Wills, Sr  
\*Lynne Wilmer **Feel better**  
\*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**

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  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith **Prayers**  
Quinn Smith  
Elaine Trexler  
\*Janet Yabroff  
Jean Young  
Maddie  
Luke  
Phillip

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Hailye Wilson, USCG Mobile, AL

Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula, MS

**Zeb** Wilson, Travis AFB, CA

Stephanie Wilson, Lexington, KY

Jacob Hudson, USMC Camp Pendleton, CA

Andrew Hudson, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX

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\*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U

Callie Juliano, U Conn

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Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech

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