



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers  
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Sunday, January 18, 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* ~

**Enough**

*Chris Tomlin & Louis Giglio ©2002 WorshipTogether.com*

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

You are my supply, my breath of life,  
still more awesome than I know.

You are my reward worth living for;  
still more awesome than I know.

*And all of you is more than enough  
for all of me, for every thirst and ev'ry need.*

*You satisfy me with Your love,  
and all I have in You is more than enough.*

You're my sacrifice of greatest price;  
still more awesome than I know.

You're my coming King, You are everything;  
still more awesome than I know. *{Refrain 2x}*

More than all I want, more than all I need,  
You are more than enough for me.

More than all I know, more than all I can see,  
You are more than enough. *{Refrain}*

**TAG:** *Is more than enough, is more than enough.*

**The Gospel**

*Bryan Fowler, Toby McKeehan, & Ryan Stevenson*

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

A restless generation,  
we're turning over ev'ry stone,  
Hoping to find salvation  
in a world that's left us cold.

Can we get back to the altar,  
back to the arms of our first love?  
There's only one way to the Father,  
and He's calling out to us.

*To the captive it looks like freedom,  
to the orphan it feels like home.*

*To the skeptic it might sound crazy  
to believe in a God who loves.*

*In a world where our hearts are breaking,  
and we're lost in the mess we've made,  
Like a blinding light in the dead of night,  
it's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.  
It's the Gospel that makes a way.*

It's the cure for our condition,  
it's the good news for us all.

It's greater than religion,  
it's the power of the cross.

So, can we get back to the altar,  
back to the arms of our first love?  
There's only one way to the Father,  
and He's calling out to us.

*{Repeat Chorus – spoken prayer}*

In my own life it means forgiveness  
when I know I deserve the fall.  
It called me out of my darkness  
and carried me to the cross.

In a moment my eyes were opened,  
in that moment my heart was changed.  
Like a blinding light in the dead of night,  
it's the Gospel.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

**TAG:** *It's the Gospel that makes a way.  
It's the Gospel that makes a way.  
Oh, oh, it's the Gospel that makes a way.  
It's the Gospel, the Gospel that makes a way.*

**Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## My Jesus

*Matthew West, Anne Wilson, & Jeffrey Pardo*

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Are you past the point of weary,  
is your burden weighing heavy,  
is it all too much to carry?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
Do you feel that empty feeling,  
'cause shame's done all its stealing,  
and you're desp'rate for some healing?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*He makes a way where there ain't no way,  
rises up from an empty grave,  
ain't no sinner that He can't save.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
His love is strong and His grace is free,  
and the good news is I know that He,  
can do for you what He's done for me.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
and let my Jesus change your life.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
amen, amen.*

Who can wipe away the tears,  
from broken dreams and wasted years,  
and tell the past to disappear?  
Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
And all the wrong turns that you would,  
go and undo if you could.  
Who can work it all for your good?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. *{Refrain}*

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,  
pay the price for all my guilty,  
who would care that much about me?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh... *{Refrain}*

**TAG:** Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
and let my Jesus change your life.

**Kid's Time**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## O Jesus, I Have Promised

*John E. Bode, 1866 / Arthur H. Mann, 1881*

Congregational Hymn

O Jesus I have promised to serve You to the end;  
I need You always near me, my Master and my friend.  
I will not fear the battle if You are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway if You will be my guide.

O let me hear You speaking in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, You have promised to all who follow Thee  
that where You are in glory

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there shall Your servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve You to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

## Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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

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

*Spoken*

### **Take Up Your Cross**

*Charles W. Everest, 1833 / William Gardiner's Sacred Melodies, 1815*

Congregational Hymn

**"Take up Your cross," the Savior said,  
"if you would my disciple be;  
take up Your cross with willing heart  
and humbly follow after me."**

**Take up Your cross, let not its weight  
fill Your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength will bear Your spirit up  
and brace Your heart and nerve Your arm.**

**Take up Your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let Your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calv'ry's hill.**

**Take up Your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly ev'ry danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.**

**Lesson:** *Luke 14:27-32*      Todd Popham, reader

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace.

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

### **Take Up Your Cross, The Savior Said**

*Tune: BOURBON; Melody: "Hesperian Harp" (1848)*

*arranged by David Lantz III ©2002*

Chancel Choir Anthem

**Take up your cross. Take up your cross.  
Take up your cross, the Savior said.  
Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would My disciple be;  
Take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after Me.**

**Take up your cross, let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm**

**Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
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The Lord for you accepted death  
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and calmly ev'ry danger brave;  
It guides you to abundant life  
and leads to vict'ry o'er the grave.  
Take up your cross. Take up your cross  
and humbly follow after Me.

**Prayer for Our Pastor**

Todd Popham

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### We Shall Overcome

*Traditional Spiritual / Arranged by Doug Yetter*  
Chancel Choir Anthem

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,  
we shall overcome someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,  
we'll walk hand in hand someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
we'll walk hand in hand someday!

We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,  
we shall live in peace someday!  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
we shall live in peace someday! *{Repeat verse 1}*

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### What a Friend

*Matt Maber, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker*  
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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  
January 11 - February 15, 2026

Enlightening Our  
Disagreements



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of January 18, 2026

## **SYMPATHY**

To Mickie McManamon, family and friends, on the death of her cousin, Sr. Christine Carrigg.

## **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

Barcus Family

Rev. Meg Barnhouse

\*Cathy Benson

Michael Bedard

\*Jeff Bond

Boshart Famil

Brint and Lynne

Brooke and Ralph

\*Tim Bush

Dave

David Caffier

\*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

Diane Kelly

Anya Klein

\*George Leet

\*Donna Lipscomb

Logan

Bob Luedel

Janis Lunn

\*Loretta Mahan

Patrick Mahan

Donald Mahon

Jerry Mahon

\*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  
Wayne Perry  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
Price Family  
Quinn Family  
\*Janene Riley-Spillane-  
\*Bill Robbins  
Bill Roche  
Emmalea Ruff  
John Ruff  
\*John Sadler  
Jean Safrit  
\*Irene & Tom Safrit  
\*Carl Schloegel  
\*Loretta Smith  
Owen Thompson  
Beth Toney  
Rene Toney  
Steven Trantum  
Lee Ann Walling  
Peggy Waltersdorf  
Hudson Walton  
Donald Walton  
\*Deb Weber  
\*Suzanne Weidner  
Wendy  
\*Tim Whaley  
\*Tina Whaley  
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\*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

**Servicemen/Women:**

Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska

Hailye Wilson, USCG Mobile, AL

Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula, MS

**Zeb** Wilson, Dover AFB, DE

Stephanie Wilson, Lexington, KY

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

# Epworth Ministry Organization



## Staff & Leadership

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Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

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