



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, January 25, 2026

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Choose

God's
Side

Enlightening
Our
Disagreements

Joshua 5:13-15



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* ~

Whom Shall I Fear?

(God of Angel Armies)

Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash & Scott Cash, 2012 WorshipTogether.com

Praise Team

You hear me when I call, You are my morning song.
Though darkness fills the night,
it cannot hide the light.
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy underneath my feet.
You are my sword and shield,
Though troubles linger still. Whom shall I fear?
*I know who goes before me,
I know who stands behind.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.
The one who reigns forever, He is a friend of mine.
The God of angel armies is always by my side.*

My strength is in your name, for You alone can save.
You will deliver me; yours is the victory.
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? {Chorus}

And nothing formed against me shall stand.
You hold the whole world in Your hands.
I'm holding on to your promises;
You are faithful, you are faithful.
{Repeat section / Chorus 2x}

TAG: *The God of angel armies is always by my side.*

Arise!

Paul Baloche & Don Moen, 2003 by Integrity's Hosanna Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

One thing we ask of You, one thing that we desire,
That as we worship You,
Lord, come and change our lives.
Arise, arise, arise, arise!
*Arise, take Your place,
be enthroned on our praise!
Arise, King of kings, holy God, as we sing,
Arise... arise... arise... arise! {Repeat to top}*

We lift You up, we lift You up,
we lift You up on our praises. *{Repeat 5x}*

*Arise, take Your place,
be enthroned on our praise!
Arise, King of kings, holy God, as we sing,
Arise, take Your place,
be enthroned on our praise!
Arise, King of kings, holy God, as we sing,
Arise, take Your place,
be enthroned on our praise!
Arise, King of kings, holy God, as we sing, Arise!*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Good God Almighty

David Crowder, Ben Glover, & Jeff Sojka ©2021 9 T One Songs

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can't count the times I've called
Your name some broken night.
And You showed up and patched me up

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like You do every time.

I get amnesia,

I forget that You keep coming around.

Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.

*Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me,
praising Your name, no matter what comes.*

'Cause I know where I'd be

without Your mercy,

so I keep praising Your name

at the top of my lungs.

Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)

Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)

He is Good God Almighty.

You say Your love goes on forever,

that Your mercy never stops.

So why would I assume You'd be

somebody that You're not?

Like sun in the morning,

I know You're gonna be there every day.

So what on earth could make me be afraid?

{Refrain}

Praise Him in the morning,

praise Him in the noontime,

praise Him when the sun goes down.

Love Him in the morning,

love Him in the noontime,

love Him when the sun goes down.

{Refrain}

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,

Jesus when the sun goes down.

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,

Jesus when the sun goes down.

Kid's Time

Standing on the Promises

R. Kelso Carter, 1886

Congregational Hymn

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
through eternal ages let His praises ring.

Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,

standing on the promises of God.

Standing, standing,

standing on the promises of God my Savior;

Standing, standing,

I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
when the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,

by the living Word of God I shall prevail,

standing on the promises of God. *{Refrain}*

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,

overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,

standing on the promises of God. *{Refrain}*

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,

listening every moment to the Spirit's call,

resting in my Savior as my all in all,

standing on the promises of God. *{Refrain}*

Prayers of the People

Holly Rogers

Gracious God,

In love You created us,

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and in love You sustain us, day after day.
So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers
to You, knowing that You hear us,
and will respond.

We pray for the world around us,
for the many who continue to suffer
and call out for help:
for those without enough to eat in our world
for those caught up in violence
and political uprisings;
for those picking up the pieces
after a natural disaster;
for those desperate to find work
to support their families.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

We also pray for family and friends who are suffering:
those struggling physically or emotionally,
those working to overcome mental illness;
those facing challenges at home or at work;
those grieving the death of a loved one.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

God, You have called us to pray for our enemies;
to bless, rather than curse,
those who deliberately seek to harm us.

We bring their names before You now—
those who have hurt us, physically or emotionally;
those who have stolen from us,
or cheated us of what was rightfully ours;
those who have spread rumors about us,
or turned our friends against us.
We ask You to bless them.

Open our hearts
so that we may see them as You see them,
and be able to respond to them with Your love.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

We pray for Your church around the world,
that it would be a living demonstration
of Your coming kingdom:
offering hospitality to all,
ready to help in times of need,
showing love to friends and enemies alike,
seeking to live in peace with all.

Gracious God, hear our prayer,
and in Your love, answer.

God, we praise You for Your faithful love,
and for the mercy You have shown toward us.

Open our eyes
to recognize Your presence in our lives.
Give us grace to hear Your call,
and courage to follow without hesitation,
knowing that Your way
is the only way that leads to life.
In the name of Jesus. 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: Joshua 5:13-15

James Gallo, reader

Once when Joshua was by Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing before him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went to him and said to him, "Are you one of us or one of our adversaries?" He replied, "Neither, but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and he said to him, "What do you command your servant, my lord?" The commander of the army of the Lord said to Joshua, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

On Holy Ground

*Words and Music by Geron Davis / Arr. by John Leavitt
Chancel Choir Anthem*

**When I walked through the doors,
I sensed God's presence.
And I knew this was a place where love abounds.
For this is a temple; the God we love abides here.
Oh, we are standing in God's presence
on holy ground.**

*We are standing on holy ground.
And I know, there are angels all around.
Let us praise, praise God now.
Praise God anyhow, for we are standing
in God's sweet presence on holy ground.*

**In God's presence,
I know there is joy beyond all measure.
And at God's feet,
sweet peace of mind can still be found.
For when we have a need, God is still the answer.
Reach out and claim it,
for we are standing on holy ground. {Chorus 2x}**

Prayer for Our Pastor

James Gallo

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Peace of Our Praying

*Terry W. York, 2004 / Traditional Gaelic melody
Congregational Hymn*

**Peace of our praying, song of our singing,
Truth of our telling, love of all loves.
Health of our healing, gift of our giving,
Life of our living, light of all lights.**

**Peace of our praying, Christ of our crying,
Strength of our striving, heart of our heart.
Bread of our breaking, wine of our waiting,
Blood of our boasting, death of all death.**

**Peace of our praying, faith of forgiving,
Way of our walking, King of all kings.
Breath of our breathing, courage of caring,
Hope of our hoping, life of all life.**

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

I'm So Blessed

*Logan Cain, Matthew West, Taylor Matz, Jonathan Smith,
& Madison Cain Johnson ©2023 Logan Cain Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

**Trouble knocking at my door today,
I ain't gonna let it in.**

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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
January 11 - February 15, 2026

Enlightening Our
Disagreements



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of January 25, 2026

SYMPATHY

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

Ellen McKeon

Josh Mikalowski

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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
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Steven Trantum
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Donald Walton
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Wendy
*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
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*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake
Don Ziegler

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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

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*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U

Callie Juliano, U Conn

Cole Thomas Juliano, UD

Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech

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