



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, February 1, 2026



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* ~

Greater

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Bring your tired and bring your shame,
bring your guilt and bring your pain.
Don't you know that's not your name?
You will always be much more to me.
And ev'ry day I wrestle with the voices
that keep telling me I'm not right,
but that's all right.

*'Cause I hear a voice,
and He calls me redeemed
when others say I'll never be enough.
And greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.
In the world... In the world...
and greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.*

Bring your doubts and bring your fears,
bring your hurt, and bring your tears,
there'll be no condemnation here;
you are holy, righteous, and redeemed.
And ev'ry time I fall,
there'll be those who will call me a mistake,
well, that's okay.

{Repeat Chorus}

There'll be days I lose the battle;
grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.
(He's greater, He's greater)
I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.

(He's greater, He's greater)
{Repeat Bridge - Repeat Chorus}

There'll be days I lose the battle;
grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.
(He's greater, He's greater)
I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.
God is greater than he who is living in the world.

The God Who Stays

Matthew West, Jonathan Smith, & AJ Prius
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

If I were You, I would've given up on me by now.
I would've labeled me a lost cause,
'cause I feel just like a lost cause.

If I were You,
I would've turned around and walked away.
I would've labeled me beyond repair,
'cause I feel like I'm beyond repair.
Oh, but somehow You don't see me like I do.
Somehow, You're still here.

*You're the God who stays,
You're the God who stays.
You're the one who runs in my direction
when the whole world walks away.*

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*You're the God who stands
with wide open arms,
and You tell me nothing I have ever done
could separate my heart
from the God who stays.*

I used to hide
ev'ry time I thought I let You down.
Always thought I had to earn my way,
but I'm learning You don't work that way.
'cause somehow You don't see me like I do.
Somehow, You're still here. *{Repeat Chorus}*

My shame can't separate, my guilt can't separate,
my past can't separate; I'm Yours forever.
My sin can't separate, my scars can't separate,
my failures can't separate; I'm Yours forever.
No enemy can separate,
no pow'r of hell can take away.
Your love for me will never change.
I'm Yours forever. 'cause *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy

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.

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We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by Your grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise. {Chorus 2x}
TAG: *We shout out Your praise!*

Kid's Time

Faithful Living

Adam Tice, 1999 / George J. Elvey, 1858
Congregational Hymn

Faithful living found in deeds,
giving freely, meeting needs,
there, where grace and action meet,
God has made our faith complete.
Quick to listen, slow to speak,
slow to anger isn't weak.
Strength is found in patient speech,
as we practice what we preach.

In temptation do not say,
"God is testing me this way."
Selfish longing deep within
is the seed which grows to sin.
God of wisdom, make us wise:
Guard our minds and hearts from lies.
In our trials, draw us near –
Give us strength to persevere.

Lesson: *James 1:16-21*

Bob Thoman

Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers and sisters. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave birth to us by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved brothers and sisters: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger, for human anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Come, Teach Us, Spirit of Our God

Lyric by Shirley Erena Murray; Music by Anna Laura Page ©1992
Chancel Choir Anthem

Come, teach us, Spirit of our God,
the language of your way,
The lessons that we need to live,
the faith for ev'ry day, the faith for ev'ry day.

Excite our minds to follow you,
to trace new truths in store,
New flight paths for our spirit space,
new marvels to explore, new marvels to explore.

Engage our wits to dance with you,
to leap from logic's base,
To capture insight on the wing,
to sense your cosmic grace,
to sense your cosmic grace.

Inspire our spark to light from you,
to catch creation's flair,
New artistry to celebrate,
new harmonies to dare, new harmonies to dare.

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Delight our hearts to worship you,
to learn compassion's code,
To live in context of your love,
great teacher who is God, great teacher who is God!

We Pray for Our Pastor

Bob Thoman

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles, 1913 / Arranged by Cynthia Dubrowsky

Epworth Bell Choir

I come to the garden alone
while the dew is still on the roses,
and the voice I hear falling on my ear,
the Son of God discloses.

*And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
and He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
none other has ever known.*

He speaks, and the sound of His voice
is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
and the melody that He gave to me
within my heart is ringing. *{Refrain}*

I'd stay in the garden with Him
though the night around me is falling,
but He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. *{Refrain}*

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are those who come
in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

...as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,
now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

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Music during Communion:

It Is Well With My Soul

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873 / Philip P. Bliss, 1876

Epworth Bell Choir

When peace, like a river, attends me on my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll.

Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
{*Refrain*}

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith will be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll.
The trumpet will sound, and the Lord will descend,
even so, it is well with my soul. {*Refrain*}

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

All the People Said Amen

Matt Maher, Paul Moak, & Trevor Morgan ©2013 ThankYou Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

You are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy,
to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you get to lean on,
but thank God, it's all you need.

And all the people said Amen.

And all the people said Amen.

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for His love never ends.*

And all the people said Amen.

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong,
you know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
and God so loved the world,
He sent His Son to save us all.

{*Repeat Chorus*}

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

{*Repeat Chorus twice*}

TAG: And all the people said Amen.

Annual Worship Theme
January 11 - February 15, 2026

Enlightening Our
Disagreements



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of February 1, 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

Mary Ann King

Anya Klein

*George Leet

*Rob Linder

*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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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
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Rene Toney
Steven Trantum
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Donald Walton
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*Suzanne Weidner
Wendy
*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
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*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

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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Jacob Hudson, USMC Camp Pendleton, CA

Andrew Hudson, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX

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