



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, February 22, 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* ~

Children of God

Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, David Carr & Mark Lee

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Praise Team

Praise to the Father of our lord Jesus Christ,
Our God and our king; to Him we will sing.
In his great mercy He has given us life;
Now we can be called the children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us;
He has delivered us, he has delivered us!

Children of God, sing your song and rejoice
for the love that He has given us all.

Oh, children of God through the grace of His Son,
we have been redeemed, and we can be called:
Children of God, children of God.

The mystery is revealed to the universe;
the Father above has proven His love.
Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve,
so we are called the children of God.
Great is the love that the Father has given us;
He has delivered us, he has delivered us!

{Repeat Chorus} [instrumental]

We are the saints, we are the children,
we've been redeemed, we've been forgiven;
We are the sons and daughters of our God.
We are the saints, we are the children,
we've been redeemed, we've been forgiven;
We are the sons and daughters of our God.

{Repeat Chorus}

Children of God. Children of God!

We are the saints, we are the children,
we've been redeemed, we've been forgiven;
We are the sons and daughters of our God.
We are the saints, we are the children,
we've been redeemed, we've been forgiven;
We are the sons and daughters of our God.

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,

& Matt Armstrong ©2014 ThankYou Music

Praise Team

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
There's a place where streams of grace
flow deep and wide.

Where all the love I've ever found
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.

I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.

*Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,*

I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,
Where all the love I've ever felt
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.

I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.

*Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,*

I owe all to You, I owe all to You.

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.

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Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life.
Here I bow down, here I bow.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You,
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Holy Water

*Scott Cash, Andrew Bergthold, Martin Cash, Franni Cash,
& Ed Cash ©2019 Capital CMG Paragon
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

God, I'm on my knees again.
God, I'm begging "please" again.
I need You, oh, I need You.
Walking down these desert roads,
water for my thirsty soul.
I need You, oh, I need You.
*Your forgiveness
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,
like holy water on my skin.*

Dead man walking, slave to sin.
I want to know about being born again.
I need You, oh, God, I need You.

So take me to the riverside;
take me under, baptize.
I need You, oh, God, I need You. *{Refrain}*
On my skin.

I don't want to abuse Your grace.
God, I need it ev'ry day.
It's the only thing
that ever really makes me want to change.
{Repeat 3x}

*Your forgiveness
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,
like the sound of a symphony
to my ears, like holy water.
Your forgiveness
is like sweet, sweet, honey on my lips,
like the sound of a symphony to my ears,
like holy water on my skin.
Oh, it's like holy water on my skin.
Oh, it's like holy water.*

Kid's Time

God, How Can We Forgive?

*Ruth Duck, 1996 / Hebrew melody
Congregational Hymn*

God, how can we forgive when bonds of love are torn?
How can we rise and start anew, our trust reborn?
When human loving fails and every hope is gone,
Your love gives strength beyond our own

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to face the dawn.

When we have missed the mark,
and tears of anguish flow,
how can you still release our guilt, the debt we owe?
The ocean depth of grace surpasses all our needs.
A priest who shares our human pain,
Christ intercedes.

Who dares to throw the stone to damn another's sin,
when you, while knowing all our past, forgive again?
No more we play the judge, for by Your grace we live.
As you, O God, forgive our sin, may we forgive.

Prayers of the People

Cathy Benson

Here we are again, God

With all that makes us who we are,
all that fills our lives;
Carrying into this place of joy and freedom
the burdens we just can't seem to lay down,
The weight of all the scores we long to have settled,
the justice we want to demand
for the wrongs we have suffered.

Yet we also know what would happen
if you were to deal with us justly;
with our greeds and violences, our betrayals and lusts.
If justice was served in our lives we could not stand.

So forgive us our wrongs, God,
forgive us as we do not deserve;
forgive us against the demands of justice;
And forgive our obsession that justice be done
to those who have wronged us.

May our worship lead us to the place
where our hunger for grace and mercy may be filled,
And where we may be freed
from the tyranny of vengeance. 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: *Matthew 18:23-33* Deacon Kristin Weschler

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Teach Us to Pray

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin ©1994

Chancel Choir Anthem

When we sense Your holiness,
when our hearts we can't express,
When we seek Your mind to find
Your way, teach us to pray.
By Your goodness we are fed.
From Your table comes our bread.
When words of thanks we forget to say,
teach us to pray.

When forgiveness we can't find,
revenge and power fill the mind,
We condemn and we forget Your grace,
teach us, teach us to pray.

Though we seek Your perfect will,
we fight temptation still.
When from goodness we begin to stray,
teach us to pray, teach us to pray.
For Yours is the pow'r and majesty.
Your kingdom reigns eternally.
Until the coming of the endless day,
when all Your children meet You face to face,
Oh teach us, teach us,
teach us to pray, teach us to pray.

Prayer for Our Pastor

Kristin Weschler

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Hymn to Freedom

Words and Music by Oscar Peterson / Arr by Kirby Shaw, 1994

Chancel Choir / Gwendolyn Miller, guest soloist

When will we be free? Oh, when will we be free?
*When every heart joins every heart
And together yearns for liberty,
That's when we'll be free.

When every hand joins every hand,
And together molds our destiny,
That's when we'll be free.

Any hour, any day, the time soon will come
When we will live in dignity,
That's when we'll be free.

When every voice joins in our song
And together singing harmony,
That's when we'll be free. {Repeat to *}
TAG: And together singing harmony,
That's when we'll be free, be free, be free!

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki 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
like You do every time.
I get amnesia,

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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.

Annual Worship Theme
February 18 - April 5, 2026

Forgiveness & Reconciliation



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of February 22, 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
Tom Donnachie in Christiana w/brain bleed
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
*Clella Harp—fall at church on knee
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

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*Marv Malone
Bob Mazur
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—Encouragement
*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
Michael Wills, Sr
*Lynne Wilmer—In hospital w/breathing issues
*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

*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

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*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

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