



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, March 08, 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 ~

Jesus Does

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& 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, feels every 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. {Chorus}*

TAG: *God I know that's what Jesus does.
Woh, woh, woh. That's what Jesus does.*

This is Amazing Grace

*Phil Wickham, Joshua Neil Farro, & Jeremy Riddle
©2013 Sing My Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

*This is amazing grace, this is unfailing love,
that You would take my place,
that You would bear my cross.*

*You laid down Your life that I would be set free.
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings. {Refrain}

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
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Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

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Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Worthy, worthy, worthy! *{Refrain}*

TAG: All that You've done for me.

All that You've done for me.

All that You've done for me.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

The God Who Stays

Matthew West, Jonathan Smith, & AJ Prius

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

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.*

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}*

Kid's Time

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Claudia F. Hernaman, 1873 / English melody

Congregational Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,

Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins
and close by Thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend,
and didst the victory win,

O give us strength in Thee to fight,
in Thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst,

so teach us, gracious Lord,

To die to self, and chiefly live

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by thy most holy word.
And through these days of penitence,
and through thy passion-tide.
Yea, evermore in life and death,
Jesus, with us abide.

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
Teach us with Thee to mourn our sins
and close by Thee to stay.
Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.

Prayers of the People

Shawn McHugh

Gracious and Loving Creator God,

Today we come into Your presence from many different places. We come with songs of joy and shouts of gratitude. We come carrying heavy burdens and sighs of suffering. As you welcome us into Your house, lift our burdens and receive our praise.

Bind us together, that we may be at peace with one another and be strengthened to be in service to the world.

God, we're all looking for a friend to walk through life with us. A good friend who doesn't let us get away with murder but will speak in our defense. A good friend who asks hard questions and stays with us while we struggle with the answers.

A good friend who sees us at our worst but still loves us. A good friend who has had plenty of practice in forgiving us. A good friend who has no illusions about us – because they know we're only human - but still has hopes for us.

Everyone needs a friend. A good friend, otherwise we'd just go on making the same dreary old mistakes.

God of wisdom, God of justice, God of mercy,
You are that friend. 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

John Fawcett, 1782 / Johann G. Negeli, 1845

Congregational Hymn

**Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.**

**Before the Creator's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**

**We share each other's woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
And often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**

**When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
But we shall still be joined in heart
and hope to meet again.**

Lesson: *James 5:4-6, 15-16* Scott Button, reader

Listen! The wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. You have lived on the earth in luxury and in pleasure; you have nourished your hearts in a day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered the righteous one, who does not resist you.

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Rain Down on Me

Words and Music by Ruth Elaine Schram ©2006

Chancel Choir Anthem

**Rain down on me Your love and mercy,
rain down on me Your grace.**

**Cleanse and renew my barren spirit
in this quiet place.**

**While I worship in the beauty of Your holiness,
Rain down on me and I will be blessed.**

**Rain down on me Your understanding
as I confess my sin,
Comfort and heal my broken heart
and make me whole again.**

**Let me know the wonder of forgiveness full and free!
Rain down on me.**

**Lord, I feel Your power as it washes over me,
Gently purifying me once more.
Nothing separates me from You
when I'm on my knees,
So in gratitude, I bow before You, Lord.**

**O, Lord, rain down on me Your joy and pleasure;
Cover, enfold, baptize.
Lift me above this barren desert, perfect in Your eyes.
Welcome me into Your presence, where I long to be.
Rain down on me.**

Prayer for Our Pastor Scott Button

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964 / Welsh Folk Tune

Congregational Hymn

**Sent forth by God's blessing our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.**

**The service is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of our worship in all who believe.**

**The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.**

**God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.**

**With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.**

**Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.**

**With Your grace you feed us,
with Your light now lead us;**

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unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The River

Jordan Feliz, Joshua Silverberg, & Colby Wedgenorth

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I know a place, where we can go,
to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,
I know a place, where mercy flows,
take the stains, make you whiter than snow.
Like a tide, it is risin' up,
deep inside, a current that moves
and makes it come alive.

Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

*We're goin' down to the river,
down to the river, down to the river to pray.*

*Let's get washed by the water,
washed by the water*

and rise up in amazing grace.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river.

You will leave changed.

Let's go down, down, down, to the river.

Never the same.

I've seen it move, in my own life,
took me from dusty roads into paradise.

All of my dirt, all of my shame,
drowned in the streams
that've made me born again.

Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside,
a current that moves and makes it come alive.

Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

{Refrain}

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Let's go down. *{Refrain}*

Oh, down. (oo... oo... oo...)

Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.

Down, down, down to the river.

Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.

Annual Worship Theme
February 18 - April 5, 2026

Forgiveness & Reconciliation



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of March 8, 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
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
*Barb Kurtz
*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
*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
*Carol Woodcock
*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

*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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Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula, MS

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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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