



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, March 15, 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* ~

Mighty to Save

Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan, 2010

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Everyone needs compassion,
Love that's never failing. Let mercy fall on me.
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior. The hope of nations.

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

God is mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

So take me as you find me,
all my fears and failures. Fill my life again.
I give my life to follow,
everything I believe in. Now I surrender.

{Refrain twice}

Shine your light and let the whole world see.
We're singing for the glory of the risen King.
Jesus, shine your light,
and let the whole world see.

We're singing for the glory of the risen King.

Savior, He can move the mountains.

My God is mighty to save.

God is mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

You're my Savior, You can move the mountains.

God, You are mighty to save.

You are mighty to save.

Forever, author of salvation

He rose and conquered the grave.

Jesus conquered the grave.

You are mighty to save.

Jesus

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

There is a truth older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is one born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.

There is a kingdom that forever reigns.

There is freedom from the chains that bind us:

Jesus, Jesus.

Who walks on the waters? Who speaks to the sea?

Who stands in the fire beside me?

He roars like a lion, He bled as the lamb.

He carries my healing in his hands. Jesus.

There is a name I call in times of trouble.

There is a song that comforts in the night.

There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.

He is Jesus, Jesus.

{Repeat Chorus}

Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name.

You're my rock and my redeemer.

There is power in Your name, in Your name.

*You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea,
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb.
You carried my healing in Your hands.*

*God, You walk on the waters,
You speak to the sea,
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb.
You carried my healing in Your hands.
Jesus, there is no one like You, Jesus.
There is no one like You.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

All Things Are Possible

*Darlene Zschech ©1997 Hillsong Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Almighty God, my Redeemer,
my hiding place, my safe refuge.
No other name like Jesus,
no pow'r can stand against You.

My feet are planted on this rock,
and I will not be shaken.
My hope, it comes from You alone,
my Lord and my salvation.

*Your praise is always on my lips.
Your Word is living in my heart.
And I will praise You with a new song,
my soul will bless You, Lord.
You fill my life with greater joy.
Yes, I delight myself in You.
And I will praise You with a new song,
my soul will bless You, Lord.
{Repeat V2 / Chorus}*

When I am weak You make me strong.
When I'm poor I know I'm rich.
For in the power of Your name
all things are possible, all things are possible,
all things are possible, all things are possible!
{Repeat Chorus / Repeat Bridge}

Kid's Time

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923 / William M. Runyan, 1923
Congregational Hymn*

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithful
ness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand has provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.
{Refrain}

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,

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Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

{Refrain}

Prayers of the People

Carol Lynch

Precious Savior,

Sometimes I dream that you and I are walking down this terraced street, where all the houses seem to be from a common mold, and each door looks the same.

It would be easy to be mistaken and assume that those inside each house are also from a common mold. But You and I know, Lord, that each household has a different story of happiness, heartache, and health, wealth, weariness, and worry, sadness, solitude, and sickness, energy, encouragement, and excitement.

I've seen so many pictures of biblical villages, with square white houses that all look the same, and I'm sure others have made the same assumption. Yet you cut through all of that and treated everyone differently:

Some were told to Follow, some to Return. Some to give away their possessions, others to be reborn. Some were tasked with spreading the Good News, while others were asked to keep silent.

Keep me alive, Lord to witness and appreciate the special uniqueness behind each door. I pray I show only kindness to my neighbor and never to bring them harm.

We pray this in your beautiful name. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Jesus is Passing This Way

Fanny Crosby, 1895 / William H. Doane, 1895
Congregational Hymn

Is there a heart that is waiting,
longing for pardon today?
Hear the glad message proclaiming,
Jesus is passing this way.

Jesus is passing this way, this way, today.

Jesus is passing this way,

is passing this way today.

Is there a heart that has wandered?
Come with your burden today.
Mercy is tenderly pleading,
Jesus is passing this way. *{Refrain}*

Is there a heart that is broken,
weary and sighing for rest?
Come to the arms of the Savior,
Pillow your head on His breast. *{Refrain}*

Come to the only Redeemer,
Come to his infinite love;
Come to the gate that is leading
Homeward to mansions above. *{Refrain}*

Lesson: *Luke 19:1-10*

Doro Mumford, reader

Jesus and Zacchaeus

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the

crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Canticle of Hope

Words by J. Paul Williams; Music by Joseph M. Martin ©1995

Chancel Choir Anthem

Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness.
Lord, you are God of the needy and the poor.
A sure defender, You are our refuge.
You are the Giver. You are Jehovah.
You are the God who restores.

Lord, you are God, reigning in righteousness.
Lord, you are God in the time of our distress.
We call on You, our sure salvation.
Lord, you are faithful.
You are the God who restores.

Lord, you are God, ruling in gentleness.
Lord, you are God. You wipe away each tear.
You hear our ev'ry prayer. You give us comfort.
You touch our hearts and calm our fears.

You are eternal. Alpha, Omega.
We place our hope in you alone.

Lord, you are God, perfect in holiness.
Lord, you are God.
In our darkness You are everlasting light.

A sure defender, You are our refuge.
You are the Giver. You are Jehovah.
You are the God who restores.
Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Great is Thy Faithfulness!
Great is Thy Faithfulness!
You are the God who restores.
Your love restores.

Prayer for Our Pastor

Doro Mumford

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

The Glory of These Forty Days

Pope Gregory I, 6th c. Latin / Translated by Maurice Bell, 1906

Congregational Hymn

The glory of these forty days
we celebrate with songs of praise,
For Christ, by whom all things were made,
himself has fasted, and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw
the loving God who gave the law.
And to Elijah, fasting, came
The steed and chariots of flame.

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So Daniel trained his mystic sight,
Delivered from the lion's might.
And John, the Savior's friend,
Became the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant, O God, that we may, too,
Return in fast and prayer to you.
Our spirits strengthen with your grace,
And give us joy to see Your face.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Your Grace is Enough

Matt Maher ©2005 ThankYou Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Great is your faithfulness, oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
and nothing can keep us apart.
So, remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, oh God.

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.*

Great is your love and justice, God.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of your salvation,
and all your people sing along.
So, remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, oh God. *{Refrain}*

So, remember your people, remember your children,
remember your promise, oh God.

*Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.
Your grace is enough,
Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.
God, I see your grace is enough;
I'm covered in your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.*

Annual Worship Theme
February 18 - April 5, 2026

Forgiveness & Reconciliation



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of March 15, 2026

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings

Conflict in middle east

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Arletta

Marie Ahern

Zach & Emma Anderson

Matias Baker

Barcus Family

Rev. Meg Barnhouse

Toni Barnes

*Cathy Benson

Michael Bedard

*Jeff Bond

Boshart Family

Brint and Lynne

Brooke and Ralph

*Tim Bush

Dave

David Caffier

Bill Casey

Claire Connelly

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

Greenan

*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

Kathleen Mahon

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*Stephanie Manos
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
Mo Madden
*Marv Malone
Bob Mazur
Ellen McKeon
Josh Mikalowski
*Ron Paxton
Wayne Perry
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Price Family
Quinn Family
Gary Ralph
*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
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*Deb Weber
*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
Mary Beth and Luke

***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
*Linda Rooney
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
Quinn Smith
*Charlotte Woods
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Jean Young
Maddie
Luke
Phillip

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Hailye Wilson, USCG Mobile, AL
Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula, MS
Zeb Wilson, USAF Dover AFB, DE
Stephanie Wilson, USCG Lexington, KY
Jacob Hudson, USMC Camp Pendleton, CA
Andrew Hudson, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX

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Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech
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