



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers  
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Sunday, March 22, 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 ~

### The Reconciliation Song

Morris Chapman, Buddy Owens & Clair Cloninger ©1993

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Oh, let us be the generation  
of reconciliation and peace,  
and let us be a holy nation  
where pride and prejudice shall cease.  
Let us speak the truth in love  
to the lost and least of these.  
Let us serve the Lord in unity  
so others will believe.  
Let us be the generation  
of reconciliation and peace.

Oh, let us be the generation  
of reconciliation and peace,  
and let us build on one foundation  
'til He comes and the wars of men shall cease.  
Let us share the love of Jesus without hypocrisy.  
Let mercy and forgiveness begin with you and me.  
Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

Have we not one Father? Have we not one faith?  
Have we not one calling to become one holy race?  
Oh, let us be the generation  
of reconciliation and peace.

And let us pray for restoration  
and seek the Lord together on our knees.  
Let us keep our hearts from evil  
and cling to what is good.  
Let us honor one another and love the brotherhood.  
Let us be the generation of reconciliation and peace.

### Goodness of God

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& Ben Fielding ©2019 Shout Music Publishing

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.  
All my days I've been held in Your hands.  
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head  
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

*And all my life You have been faithful.*

*And all my life You have been so, so good.*

*With every breath that I am able,*

*oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.  
And in darkest nights You are close like no other.  
I've known You as Jehovah,  
I've known You as a friend.  
And I have lived in the goodness of God. *{Refrain}*

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

And Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me.

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,  
I give You everything.

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,  
it's a-running after me. *{Repeat section - Refrain}*

*I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing!*

*Oh, yes, 'cause all my life You have been faithful.*

*And all my life You have been so, so good.*

*With every breath that I am able,*

*Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.  
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### River of Life

*Ethan Hulse, Jonathan Smith, & Mac Powell*

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

*Brothers, sisters, come on down to that river.*

*Guaranteed you'll never be the same.*

*There's a fountain flowing  
from the heart of the Savior.*

*Bring your sins and all your guilty stains.*

*(\*By the love of Jesus, everything will change)*

*Let that River of Life wash it all away.*

If you've been searching, carrying burdens,  
if you've been lost and looking for a home.  
If you've been drifting, if something is missing,  
you should know that you are not alone.

*{Repeat Chorus}*

Whoa. Come on down to the river. Whoa.

Come as you are, no time to waste.

Open your heart, don't be afraid.

Jump on in, the water is fine.

There's healing in the River of Life.

*{Repeat Section / Chorus}*

Whoa. Come on down to the river.

Whoa. Come on down to the river.

Whoa. Come on down to the river.

Whoa. Let that River of Life wash it all away.

*\*Last chorus only*

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### For the Beauty of the Earth

*Folliot S. Pierpoint, 1864 / Conrad Kocher, 1838*

Congregational Hymn

For the beauty of the earth,

for the glory of the skies,

for the love which from our birth

over and around us lies;

*Lord of all, to thee we raise*

*this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour

of the day and of the night,

hill and vale, and tree and flower,

sun and moon, and stars of light;

*Lord of all, to thee we raise*

*this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the joy of human love,

brother, sister, parent, child,

friends on earth and friends above,

for all gentle thoughts and mild;

*Lord of all, to thee we raise*

*this our hymn of grateful praise*

For each perfect gift of thine

to our race so freely given,

Graces human and divine,

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flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise*  
*this our hymn of grateful praise.*

## Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

### **O God, In Your Love**

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998 / Early American Melody*

**O God, in Your love, You have made us unique:  
In gifts and traditions, in service we seek,  
in race and in culture and family design –  
diverse are the branches in Jesus the Vine.**

**Lord Jesus, you came to bring God's love on earth;  
You welcomed the outcasts and showed us our worth.  
You reached out to people whom others despised –  
You said all are precious in God's loving eyes.**

**O Christ, with Your welcome  
Your church feels unease:  
We stand at closed doors tightly holding the keys.  
Yet this is Your body, the church that you love –  
O Lord, do you weep for Your church from above?**

**So may Your church welcome in loving accord  
all people who want to serve Jesus our Lord.  
O Spirit, unite us in Jesus the Son –  
In mission and ministry, God, make us one.**

**Lesson:** *Matthew 15:18-20* Lee Ann Walling, reader

“If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ **to walk in the way that leads to life.**

### **Pray for the People**

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Chancel Choir Anthem

**Pray for the person on your left.  
Pray for the person on your right.  
They may seem strong, but we don't know  
all of the struggles and the burdens they hold.  
We pray, Lord, we pray.  
Give them power to face the day. {Repeat section}**

**Lord, we lift them up, Lord, we lift them up,  
Lord, we lift them up, Lord, we lift them up.  
They try to be strong, but only you know  
all of the struggles and the burdens they hold.  
We pray, Lord, we pray.**

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Give them power to face the day.

Pray for the person on your left.  
Now we pray, "Lord, have mercy."  
Pray for the person on your right.  
Now we pray, "Won't you bless them, Lord."  
They may seem strong, but we don't know  
all of the struggles and the burdens they hold.  
We pray, Lord, we pray.  
Give them power to face the day.

Now we are praying. All the brothers and sisters,  
Let them feel your presence,  
let them know your power,  
O Lord, they try to be strong.  
Only you know all of the struggles  
and the burdens they hold.  
We pray, Lord, we pray.  
Give them power to face the day.

Pray for the person on your left.  
Pray for the person on your right.  
Pray for them and as you do,  
People all around are praying for you.  
We pray, Lord, we pray.  
Give us power to face the day.  
Amen, amen.

**Prayer for Our Pastor**

Lee Ann Walling

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## **You Formed Us in Your Image, Lord**

*Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2016 / 16<sup>th</sup> C. English Melody*

Congregational Hymn

You formed us in Your image, Lord;  
You call us Your own children.  
In you, each one is loved, adored –  
Unique among the millions.  
Bless, Lord, the families  
who know the joy: Christ claims and frees!  
Bless, too, the ones who weep,  
forgetting that you love them.

You made our homes to honor you,  
with love the strong foundation.  
In serving God and neighbor too,  
we find our life's vocation.  
Bless families large and small,  
who love and serve you when you call.  
Bless, too, the ones who fear –  
whose trust and love are shattered.

Christ loved and honored family  
yet showed us what is greater.  
He taught a higher loyalty –  
to God, our good Creator.  
Bless, Lord, the ones who long  
to build up homes where faith is strong.  
Bless children, women, men,  
who risk to serve Your kingdom.

In home and church our faith is formed;  
we learn Your love and caring.  
From here we're called to face the storm,  
Your love and justice bearing.  
Each day Your Spirit sends!  
We go to strangers, neighbors, friends.

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Peace, justice and joy we bring  
to all Your human family.

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

**Build Your Kingdom Here**

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Come set Your rule and reign  
in our hearts again.  
Increase in us, we pray.  
Unveil why we're made.  
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
like wildfire in our very souls.  
Holy Spirit, come invade us now.  
We are your church.  
We need your pow'r in us.

We seek Your kingdom first,  
we hunger and we thirst,  
refuse to waste our lives,  
for You're our joy and prize.  
To see the captive hearts released;  
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace,  
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.  
We are your church.  
We pray: revive this earth.

*Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear.  
Show Your mighty hand,  
heal our streets and land.  
Set Your church on fire, win this nation back.  
Change the atmosphere,  
build Your kingdom here, we pray.*

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r,  
reaching the near and far.  
No force of hell can stop  
Your beauty changing hearts.  
You made us for much more than this;  
awake the kingdom seed in us.  
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.  
We are your church. We are the hope on earth.

*{Refrain - 2x}*

Annual Worship Theme  
February 18 - April 5, 2026

**Forgiveness & Reconciliation**



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of March 22, 2026

## **SYMPATHY**

To John Hilt and Linda Bender-Hilt, family and friends, on the death of John's sister Bev on March 14.

## **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

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Jerry Mahon  
Kathleen Mahon  
\*Stephanie Manos  
Sean and Adrienne McCullough  
Kaitlyn McCutcheon  
Mo Madden  
\*Marv Malone  
Bob Mazur  
Ellen McKeon  
Josh Mikalowski  
\*Ron Paxton  
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\*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  
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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  
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\*Janet Yabroff  
Jean Young  
Maddie  
Luke  
Phillip

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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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\*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U  
Callie Juliano, U Conn  
Cole Thomas Juliano, UD  
Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech  
\*Thomas Vyas, UD  
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