



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers  
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Sunday, March 29, 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* ~

**Open Up the Heavens**

Jason Ingram, Stuart Garrard, Andi Rozier, James MacDonald,  
& Meredith Andrews ©2012 Sony / ATV Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We waited for this day,  
we're gathered in Your name, calling out to You.  
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire,  
will burn our hearts with truth.

You're the reason we're here.

You're the reason we're singing.

*Open up the heavens; we want to see You.*

*Open up the floodgates, a mighty river*

*flowing from Your heart,*

*filling ev'ry part of our praise.*

Your presence in this place,

Your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky.

Descending like a cloud,

You're standing with us now.

Lord, unveil our eyes.

You're the reason we're here.

You're the reason we're singing.

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

Show us, show us Your glory.

Show us, show us Your power.

Show us, show us Your glory, Lord.

*{Repeat section}*

We want to see You, we want to see You!

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

**TAG:** We sing, sing!

**The Lion and the Lamb**

Brenton Brown, Leeland Mooring & Brian Johnson  
Praise Team

He's coming on the clouds;

King and kingdoms will bow down

And ev'ry chain will break

as broken hearts declare His praise,

For who can stop the Lord Almighty?

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.*

*He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,*

*and ev'ry knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb*

*that was slain for the sin of the world;*

*His love breaks the chains,*

*and ev'ry knee will bow before*

*the Lion and the Lamb.*

*Oh, ev'ry knee will bow before*

*the Lion and the Lamb.*

So open up the gates,

make way before the King of kings.

Our God, who comes to save,

is here to set the captives free,

For who can stop the Lord Almighty? *{Refrain}*

Who can stop the Lord Almighty? *{Repeat 5x total}*

Oh, who can stop the Lord Almighty?

Who can stop the Lord?

**TAG:** *Oh---, and ev'ry knee will bow before*

*the Lion and the Lamb!*

*Ev'ry knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb.*

# Welcome to Our Holy Week Journey

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## Dedication of the Palms

*(Congregation is invited to hold their palms up for blessing)*

God of hope, in Jesus You came to visit and redeem the world. The people spread their garments and palm branches along the way and proclaimed him King. So let us worship the Lord - not just with our voices, but with our entire being.

§ Let these palms we dedicate be a sign of our commitment to worship the One who is highly exalted and whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ. Be gracious to us, O Lord. We are Christ's servants. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

## Jesus's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem

*- Matthew 21:1-11*

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

## Hosanna

*Brooke Fraser ©2006 Hillsong Publishing*

*Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

**I see the King of Glory,**

**coming on the clouds with fire.**

**The whole earth shakes, the whole earth shakes.**

**I see His love and mercy,**

**washing over all our sin.**

**The people sing, the people sing:**

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!***

***Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!***

**I see a generation rising up to take their place,  
with selfless faith, with selfless faith.**

**I see a near revival. Stirring as we pray and seek.**

**We're on our knees, we're on our knees.**

***{Repeat Chorus 3x}***

**Heal my heart and make it clean.**

**Open up my eyes to the things unseen.**

**Show me how to love like You have loved me.**

**Break my heart for what breaks Yours.**

**Ev'rything I am for Your Kingdom's cause.**

**As I walk from earth into eternity.**

***{Repeat Chorus}***

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**TAG: Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

**Kid's Time**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## **All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

*Thoedulph of Orleans, 9thC, trans. by John Mason Neale, 1851  
Melchoir Teschner, 1615; harm. by W. H. Monk, 1861*

Congregational Hymn

**All glory, laud, and honor,  
to Thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children  
made sweet hosannas ring.  
You are the King of Israel,  
O David's royal Son,  
the blest of Great Jehovah,  
the King and Blessed One.**

**The company of angels  
are praising You on high,  
and we with all creation  
in chorus make reply.  
The people of the Hebrews  
with palms before You went;  
our prayer and praise and anthems  
before You we present.**

**To You, before Your passion,  
they sang their hymns of praise;  
to You, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.  
You did accept their praises;  
accept the prayers we bring,  
delight now in all goodness,  
O good and gracious King.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Jane Okma

Lord Jesus Christ, whose greatest moments of triumph happen on the back of a donkey's foal and nailed to a cross, we have gathered to prepare the way for You in our lives and in our world.

There are so many people and things that call for our allegiance, so many kings seeking to rule over us. But, You ride into our experience as another kind of King a serving, humble and challenging King who calls us not to slavery, but friendship.

There are so many things that seek our energy and resources for their own sakes, so many Kingdoms seeking our souls for their own glory.

But, You ride into our experience heralding another kind of Kingdom - a Kingdom where the least are the greatest, where the meek inherit the earth and where children are the best example of citizenship. A Kingdom which seeks to bring life, not drain it.

There are so many things that draw our attention. So many realities that seek our faith and assent. But, You ride into our experience revealing another kind of reality - a reality where death does not have the last word. A reality where pride, selfishness and evil are defeated by love and self-giving. A reality which does not parade itself for all to see, but fills every moment, every situation and everything with life, while waiting for us to discover it.

And so, we cry, from our hearts, "Hosanna, Save us. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord." AMEN.

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Spoken*

**Lesson:** *Philippians 2:1-11*

Mike Tyler, reader

If then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death - even death on a cross.

Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

### **Prepare Ye the Way**

*Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin ©1994*

Chancel Choir Anthem

**Prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
prepare ye the way, the way of the Lord.  
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,  
prepare ye the way, the way of the Lord.**

**O blessed is he who comes,  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Make straight in the desert  
a highway for our God and prepare ye the way.**

**Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
hosanna to your King.  
Hosanna to God in the highest,  
hosanna to your King.  
Sing out to God, hosanna.  
Sing out to God, hosanna.**

**Sing out to God and praise the King of kings,  
Lord of lords. Praise Him!  
Sing out to God and praise the King of kings,  
Lord of lords. Praise Him!  
Sing out to God and praise the King of kings,  
Lord of lords. Praise Him!**

**Jesus is coming; prepare ye the way.  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!**

**Prayer for Our Pastor**

Mike Tyler

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**☞THE PASSION OF OUR LORD☞**

## LENTEN CAROL

*Stephen Walters, 1994*

**Do you see how He rides through the city gates  
as a king, with His head held high?  
Do you see in His face any sign or trace  
that He knows He will soon have to die?  
Surely, He would have known in his holy way  
that they sought him to crucify;  
Yet He rides unafraid through the sun and shade  
as "Hosanna! the people cry.**

**Do you see how he goes to Gethsemane  
as the night winds begin to blow?  
Do you see him on his knees near the olive trees  
as he prays for God's true will to know?  
There are none who would blame him  
for staying free of a death so painful and slow.  
Yet he knows he must see to his destiny,  
to his Calvary he must go.**

### Pilate Questions Jesus

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." He was then accused by the chief priests and elders, but still, he gave no answer, not even to a single charge. It was customary for the governor to release a prisoner of the crowds' choosing. One was a notorious prisoner called Jesus Barabbas, and Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas. When Pilate again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release?" The crowd shouted, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" and the crowd shouted, "Crucify him!" When he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!"

**Do you see how he stands in the judgement hall  
as a captive with head bowed low?  
Do you see how he fails to reply when assailed  
with questions whose answers he knows?  
Could it possibly be that his lot  
was cast to have failed as Savior and King?  
Yet we see in his eyes not the least surprise  
when they say he must face death's sting.**

### Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

Pilate saw that he could do nothing, as a riot was beginning, so he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So, he released Barabbas to the crowd; and after flogging Jesus, he was handed over to be crucified.

**Do you see how they take him  
outside of town to the hill to be crucified? Can you stand  
there and hear ev'ry taunt and jeer?  
Do you see how he painfully dies?**

### The Crucifixion of Jesus

When they had crucified him, they put the charge against him over his head - "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." The chief priests, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in

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him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

## **The Death of Jesus**

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. When the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

**Yet if all that He said when He walked this earth  
would be treasured and held as wise,  
There is no way to doubt that the truth will out:  
Even now He prepares, even now He prepares,  
even now He prepares to arise!**

**☞WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD☞**

## **Benediction and Invitation to Holy Week**

- Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

*You are invited to stay and meditate, pray,  
or leave in silence*

Annual Worship Theme  
February 18 - April 5, 2026

**Forgiveness & Reconciliation**



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of March 29, 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

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Brooke and Ralph

\*Tim Bush

Dave

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Connie

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Jeanny Delaspira

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

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Mary Ann King

Anya Klein

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Logan

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Maddie  
Luke  
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