



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, April 26, 2026

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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 ~

Confidence

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I'm not a warrior, I'm too afraid to lose.
I feel unqualified for what You're callin' me to.
But Lord, with Your strength, I've got no excuse,
'cause broken people are exactly who You use.
*So, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.
Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my defense,
so I can face my giants with confidence.*

You took a shepherd boy and made him a king,
so I'm gonna trust You and give You ev'rything.
I'll be a conqueror, 'cause You fight for me;
I'll be a champion claiming Your victory. *{Refrain}*

I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus, Jesus.
I'm gonna sing and shout and shake the walls.
Won't stop until I see 'em fall.
Gonna stand up, step out when You call, Jesus.
{Refrain}

*Yeah, give me faith like Daniel in the lion's den,
give me hope like Moses in the wilderness.
Give me a heart like David, Lord, be my defense,
so I can face my giants with confidence.
I'll face my giants with confidence.*

Dream Small

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

It's a momma singin' songs about the Lord.
It's a daddy spendin' fam'ly time
the world said he cannot afford.
These simple moments change the world.

It's a pastor at a tiny little church.
Forty years of lovin' on the broken and the hurt
These simple moments change the world.

*Dream small.
Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.
Just let Jesus use you where you are,
one day at a time.
Live well, loving God and others as yourself.
Find little ways where only you can help.
With His great love,
a tiny rock can make a giant fall.
Dream small.*

It's visiting the widow down the street
Or dancin' on a Friday
with your friend with special needs.
These simple moments change the world.

Of course,
there's nothin' wrong with bigger dreams;
Just don't miss the minutes
on your way to bigger things.
'Cause these simple moments change the world.
{Repeat Chorus}

Keep loving, keep serving,
keep list'ning, keep learning,

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Keep praying, keep hoping,
keep seeking, keep searching.
Add up the small things
and watch them grow bigger.
The God who does all things
makes oceans from rivers.

So, dream small.

Don't buy the lie you've gotta do it all.

*Just let Jesus use you where you are,
one day at a time.*

Live well, loving God and others as yourself.

Find little ways where only you can help.

With His great love,

a tiny rock can make a giant fall.

Yeah, five loaves and two fish

could feed them all, so dream small.

Dream small.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

God is On the Move

Cliff Williams, Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, & Tony Wood

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Anytime a heart turns from darkness to light,
anytime temptation comes
and someone stands to fight,
anytime somebody lives
to serve and not be served,

I know, I know, I know, I know:

God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah!

God is on the move in many mighty ways.

God is on the move, on the move, Hallelujah!

God is on the move, on the move today.

Anytime in weakness
someone falls upon their knees
or dares to speak the truth that sets us free,
anytime the choice is made
to stand upon the Word,
I know, I know, I know, I know: *{Repeat Chorus}*

I see a generation standing on the truth.
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Anytime the gospel stirs a searching soul,
and someone says, "Send me. Here I go."
I know, I know, I know, I know:

{Repeat Chorus twice}

I see a generation standing on the truth.
In each and ev'ry nation, God is on the move.

Kid's Time

Let Us Rise and Seek Your Way

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2005 / Conrad Koehler, 1838

Congregational Hymn

Let us rise and seek Your way,
knowing love will one day win.
We won't let fear rule the day;
we will welcome strangers in.
Every day, we'll seek and find
countless ways to be more kind.

By Your grace, we'll rise above
even in this troubled hour.
Where there's hate, we'll choose to love;
we will speak Your truth to power.
With the poor and refugee
we will build community.

We will pray for those who lead
even as we take a stand.
We will rise with those in need,
seeking justice in the land.
We will learn and listen well
from the truth that others tell.

We will rise and work for peace;
we will treasure Your good earth.
We will march, that wars may cease;
we'll see every person's worth.
God, now give us faith-filled lives
as we heed Your call and rise.

❧ RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ❧

Introduction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Todd Popham, Lay Leader: I now present these persons today for
reception into Epworth

New Members: Mary Backer, Kelly Brennan & Sue McVey,
Matthew Brown, Bill & Donna Crnkovich, Divinna Culbreth,
Grace Logan, Leonard Logan, Carolyn & Steve Mohr

To the new members

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin? **§ I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power
God gives you to resist evil, injustice,
and oppression in whatever forms they present
themselves? **§ I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve
Him as our Lord,
in union with the Church which Christ has opened
to people of all ages, nations, and races? **§ I do.**

According to the grace given to you,
Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **§ I will.**

To the congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your
rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

§ We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith
and life and include these persons now before you
in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.
We will surround these persons
with a community of love and forgiveness
that they may grow in their trust of God
and be found faithful in their service to others.
We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Profession of Faith

We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to be grateful for the Lord's unending love
and, in turn...
to love and serve others unconditionally;
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our redemption, our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

To the new members Todd Popham, Lay Leader

As a member of Christ's universal church,
will you be loyal to the United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

§ I will.

As a member of Epworth, will you faithfully participate in its
ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your
service, and your witness? **§ I will.**

O God, in Your Love

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1998 / Early American Melody
Congregational Hymn

**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.**

Prayers of the People Laurie Kuebler

Jesus, as we enjoy your company on our journey through life,
we remember that there are many people who are alone or rejected.

We think of those whose ageing, illness or family circumstances
mean that they feel as though no-one is truly with them.

May we see more clearly where they are, O Christ,
and be loyal friends to them in your name, we pray.

If they are isolated because of any form of prejudice,
looking longingly at the lives of those who have company
and communities of support:
Show us the beauty of all humanness,
and call us to draw near in love, we pray.

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Give to us, your people, the courage and authenticity to share together the questions we have about life and faith. Help us to create an environment where honesty is possible, so that we genuinely discuss the tougher issues together.

Then, when we hold in our hands the bread and the wine, may we recognize the wonder of the gift which lies there and receive it in truth as your life with us, O Christ.

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: *2 Corinthians 8:1-9* Marti Garrett, reader

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia, for during a severe ordeal of affliction their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the favor of partnering in this ministry to the saints, and not as we expected. Instead, they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am, by mentioning the eagerness of others, testing the genuineness of your love. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Forever

Chris Tomlin, 2001

Chancel Choir Anthem

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King;

His love endures forever.

For He is good, He is above all things;

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, (*sing praise*),

sing praise, (*sing praise*).

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm,

His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn,

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, (*sing praise*),

sing praise, (*sing praise*).

Sing praise, (*sing praise*),

sing praise, (*sing praise*).

Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us, forever.

Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong.

Forever God is with us, forever.

Forever.

From the rising to the setting sun,

His love endures forever.

And by the grace of God, we will carry on,

His love endures forever.

Sing praise, (*sing praise*),

sing praise, (*sing praise*).
Sing praise, (*sing praise*),
sing praise, (*sing praise*). {Repeat Chorus}

Prayer for Our Pastor

Marti Garrett

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Go Walk with God

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2004 / Lowell Mason, 1824

Congregational Hymn

Go walk with God in all you do
and may God's love bring joy to you.
May gifts of peace fill all Your days
and may God's truth guide you always.

O may the grace of Christ our Lord,
the wondrous love that comes from God,
the Spirit's fellowship now be
God's gifts to you eternally.

We thank you, Lord, for life we share
in learning, serving, praise and prayer.
And when we say good-bye to friends,
we thank you, Lord: Love never ends.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

What a Friend

Matt Maher, Matthew Hein, Adam Parker, & Abbie Parker

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Ev'rybody has trials, and temptations.
Ev'rybody knows heartbreak, isolation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down.

*What a friend we have in Jesus,
east to west my sins are gone.
I see grace on ev'ry horizon,
and forever and ever His heart is my home.*

Ev'rybody has fears, ev'rybody got worry.
Ev'rybody knows sorrow, devastation.
But we can lay our burdens down,
lay our burdens down. {Repeat Chorus}

No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
He fills me up and my cup runneth over.
No more betrayal, for He is faithful,
how He has proven it over and over.
{Repeat bridge}

Over and over.

{Repeat Chorus 2x}

TAG: Forever and ever His heart is my home.

Annual Worship Theme April 12 - May 24, 2026

All Things in Common



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of April 26, 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

Connie

Donna and Bill Crnkovich

Jeanny Delaspira

Tom Donnachie

Renee Downs

*Jane Drapper

Sylvie Drew

*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

Sheila Hass

Kathy Hertley

Martha Kallaher

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

*Jimmy/Linda Hess

Ray Hilt

Connie Ann Holms-Tatom

Diane Kelly

Patricia Kelley

Mary Ann King

Anya Klein

*Barb Kurtz

*George Leet

*Rob Linder

*Donna Lipscomb

Logan

Bob Luedel

Janis Lunn

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*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
Kathleen Mahon
*Stephanie Manos
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
Mo Madden
*Marv Malone
Bob Mazur
Ellen McKeon
*Missy Mehring
Josh Mikalouski
*Ron Paxton
Wayne Perry
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Price Family
Quinn Family
Gary Ralph
*Janene Riley-Spillane
*Keith 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
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Donald Walton
Beverly Waugh
*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
Bob and Dick

***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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Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula, MS
Zeb Wilson, USAF Dover AFB, DE
Stephanie Wilson, USCG Lexington, KY
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