



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, May 3, 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* ~

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
There's a place where streams of grace
flow deep and wide.

Where all the love I've ever found
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,
Where all the love I've ever felt
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life.
Here I bow down, here I bow.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You,
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus.*

Beautiful One

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Wonderful, so wonderful
is Your unfailing love.
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no heart can fully know
how glorious, how beautiful You are.

*Beautiful One, I love. Beautiful One, I adore.
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.*

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies.
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty
awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous, how wonderful You are.

{Chorus 2x}

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love
cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.
And You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love

because nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.

{Chorus}

My soul, my soul must sing.

My soul, my soul must sing.

My soul, my soul must sing.

Beautiful One. *{Repeat section – Chorus 2x}*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

My Jesus

Matthew West, Anne Wilson, & Jeffrey Pardo

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Are you past the point of weary,
is your burden weighing heavy,
is it all too much to carry?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Do you feel that empty feeling,
'cause shame's done all its stealing,
and you're desp'rate for some healing?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*He makes a way where there ain't no way,
rises up from an empty grave,
ain't no sinner that He can't save.*

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*His love is strong and His grace is free,
and the good news is I know that He,
can do for you what He's done for me.*

*Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,
and let my Jesus change your life.*

*Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
amen, amen.*

Who can wipe away the tears,
from broken dreams and wasted years,
and tell the past to disappear?

Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

And all the wrong turns that you would,
go and undo if you could.

Who can work it all for your good?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. *{Refrain}*

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,
pay the price for all my guilty,
who would care that much about me?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh... *{Refrain}*

TAG: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,
and let my Jesus change your life.

Kid's Time

To God Be the Glory

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875 / William H. Doane, 1875

Congregational Hymn

To God be the glory, great things He has done!
He so loved the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

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Great things He has taught us,
great things He has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see *{Refrain}*

Lesson: *John 10:7-18*

Rose Verona, reader

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, just as the Father knows me, and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason, the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Here in the House of the Lord

Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music by Don Besig ©2005
Chancel Choir Anthem

**The light of God is in this place,
clear and warm and bright;
And all who share this time and space
are precious in His sight.
We come to join in worship
and we find an open door;
For we know that all are welcome
here in the house of the Lord.**

**The love of God is in this place,
touching ev'ry soul;
And all who gather in His name
will find their hearts made whole.
We come to seek forgiveness
and we find our hope restored;
For we know that all are welcome
here in the house of the Lord.**

**We have found throughout life's journey,
our God is always near
To challenge us to serve Him
and keep our mission clear.**

**With love for one another,
and help for those in need,
Together we will follow wherever He may lead.**

**The Word of God is in this place,
ever strong and true;
And all who seek God's truth and grace
will find their lives renewed.
We come to lift our voices
and we sing in one accord;**

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For we know that all are welcome
here in the house of the Lord

We Pray for Our Pastor

Rose Verona

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Across the Lands

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2002 ThankYou Music

Congregational Hymn

**You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory;
let the land and seas rejoice.**

*You're the author of creation,
You're the Lord of everyone,
and Your cry of love
rings out across the lands.*

**Yet You left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry,
with a word You calmed the sea;
yet how silently You suffered,
that the guilty may go free. {Refrain}**

**With a shout You rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave
and ascended into heaven,
leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father,
interceding for Your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home. {Refrain}**

Prayer of Confession / Words of Assurance

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

§ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

§ **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

§ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to You,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven

we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

§ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are those who come

in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

...as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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§ Christ has died; Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.

...Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory are Yours, Almighty God,
now and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Spoken

Music during Communion:

One Bread, One Body

John B. Foley; arranged by Mark Hayes ©1978

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. *{Refrain}*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. *{Refrain}*

TAG: We are one body in this one Lord.
We are all one body in the Lord.

Benediction Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Stand in Your Love

Josh Baldwin, Ethan Hulse, Mark Harris, & Rita Springer

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

When darkness tries to roll over my bones,
when sorrow comes to steal the joy I own.
When brokenness and pain is all I know,
I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken.

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
when I stand in Your love.*

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
when I stand in Your love.*

*My fear doesn't stand a chance
when I stand in Your love.*

Shame no longer has a place to hide.
I am not a captive to the lies.
I'm not afraid to leave my past behind.
I won't be shaken, no, I won't be shaken. *{Refrain}*

There's power that can break off every chain.
There's power that can empty out a grave.
There's resurrection power that can save,
power in Your name, power in Your name. *{Refrain}*
Oh when, when I'm standing in Your love. Oh,
{Refrain}

TAG: Oh, oh, I'm standing in Your love.
Oh, oh, standing on the rock.
Oh, I'm standing, standing in Your love.

Annual Worship Theme

April 12 - May 24, 2026

All Things in Common



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 3, 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
Hudson Walton
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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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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Callie Juliano, U Conn
Cole Thomas Juliano, UD
Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech
*Thomas Vyas, UD
Griffin Barrows, Marist
Grant Barrows, UNC Charlotte

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