



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

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Sunday, May 17, 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* ~

Jesus Does

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Praise Team*

Who tells the sun to rise ev'ry morning,
colors the sky with the shades of His glory,
wakes us with mercy and love? Jesus does.

Who holds the orphan, comforts the widow,
cries for injustice, feels ev'ry sorrow,
carries the pain of His children? Jesus does.

*So we sing praise to Jehovah who gave us the Son,
praise to the Spirit who's living in us.*

*When I was a sinner, He saved me from
who I was, 'cause that's what Jesus does.*

Who understands the heart of the sinner,
showers His grace over all our mistakes,
washes us clean with His love? Jesus does.

Who sings the song of sweet forgiveness?
Who stole the keys to hell and the grave?
Who has the power to save? Jesus does. {Chorus}

Oh, what a Friend! Oh, what a Savior!
He's always been good, He's always been faithful.
He came to my rescue when I needed Him most
and saved my soul.

*So we sing praise to Jehovah who gave us the Son,
praise to the Spirit who's living in us.*

*When I was a sinner, He saved me from
who I was. {Chorus}*

TAG: *Woh, woh, woh. That's what Jesus does*

As For Me and My House

*Michael Cochren, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Oh, choose you this day who you will serve;
the kingdom of Heav'n or the powers of earth.
Has God not spoken? Have you not heard?
Wait for the voice of God.
The God of Creation set us free;
The Son paid the price for our covenant peace.
Through generations God's mercy speaks;
We will trust in our God.

*As for me and my house,
we will serve, serve the Lord.*

*As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord, our God.*

This house is God's house, and so are we;
may we be holy and faithful to Thee.
Joined by The Spirit the people sing,
"Great is the living God!
Oh, great is the living God" {Repeat Chorus}

Oh, praise Jehovah, praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit now in us.
Let every heart and every tongue
praise the Lord, our God.

{Repeat last section / Chorus 2x}

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Battle Belongs

Phil Wickham & Brian Johnson ©2020 Phil Wickham Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

When all I see is the battle,
 You see my victory.
 When all I see is the mountain,
 You see a mountain moved.
 And as I walk through the shadow,
 Your love surrounds me.
 There's nothing to fear now
 for I am safe with You.

*So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
 with my hands lifted high.*

Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

And ev'ry fear I lay at Your feet

I'll sing through the night.

Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

And if You are for me
 who can be against me? Yeah.
 For Jesus there's nothing
 impossible for You.
 When all I see are the ashes,
 You see the beauty. Thank You, God.
 When all I see is a cross,
 God, You see the empty tomb. *{Repeat Chorus}*

Almighty Fortress, You go before us.
 Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
 You shine in the shadow, You win ev'ry battle.
 Nothing can stand against the power of our God.
{Repeat section 2 more times - Repeat Chorus}
Oh God, the battle belongs to You.

Kid's Time

God Has Spoken Through the Prophets

George W. Briggs, 1952 / Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Congregational Hymn

God has spoken through the prophets,
 spoken the unchanging Word,
 each from age-to-age proclaiming,
 God the One, the righteous Lord!
 In the world's despair and turmoil,
 one firm anchor holds us fast:
 God eternal reigns forever,
 God the first, and God the last.

God has spoken through Christ Jesus,
 Christ, the everlasting Son.
 Brightness of Creation's glory,
 with the Godhead ever one.
 Spoken by the Word incarnate,
 God of God, before time was.
 Light of Light, to earth descending,
 Christ, as God revealed to us.

God is speaking through the Spirit,
 speaking to the hearts of all,
 in the ageless Word expounding
 God's own message, God's own call.
 Through the rise and fall of nations,
 one sure faith is standing fast;
 God abides, the Word unchanging,
 God the first, and God the last.

Prayers of the People

Rick Buske

I believe in an innovative God,
who does not wait for us to find ourselves
but comes seeking the lost and calling us into a new way.

I believe in Jesus of Nazareth as God's crucial initiative,
that when he calls us to follow,
Christ also gives us the power to become,
both in creed and deed, the children of the living God.

I believe in the Spirit by whom Jesus still comes to us,
calling us to follow him into an obedience
which is true liberty
and to a humble service
which is the fruit of holy friendship.

I believe in the church as the fellowship of Christ's people,
called to respect and support one another through joys
and tribulations as we travel the road
towards the "promised land" of God's future.
Because Christ has called me in this I truly believe. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Here I Am, Lord

*Dan Schutte, 1981 / Arranged by
Epworth Bell Choir*

**I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.*

**I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send? *{Refrain}***

**I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? *{Refrain}***

Lesson: *Luke 4:16-30*

Jamie Forshey, reader

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was

written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is this not Joseph's son?" He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months and there was a severe famine over all the land, yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many with a skin disease in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

What the Lord Has Done in Me

Reuben Morgan; arranged by Lloyd Larson ©1998

Chancel Choir Anthem

Let the weak say, "I am strong."

Let the poor say, "I am rich."

Let the blind say, "I can see."

It's what the Lord has done in me." *{Repeat section}*

Hosanna, hosanna to the Lamb that was slain.

Hosanna, hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

Into the river I will wade.

There my sins are washed away,

From the heaven's mercy stream

of the Savior's love for me.

I will rise from waters deep

into the saving arms of God.

I will sing salvation songs:

Jesus Christ has set me free! *{Chorus – Repeat v1}*

Prayer for Our Pastor

Jamie Forshey

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

He Leadeth Me

William B. Bradbury, 1864 / Arranged by Arnold B. Sherman 2006

Epworth Bell Choir

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!

O words with heavenly comfort fraught!

Whate'er I do, where'er I be,

still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,

by His own hand He leadeth me;

His faithful follower I would be,

for by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,

sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,

by waters still, o'er troubled sea,

still 'tis His hand that leadeth me. *{Refrain}*

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And when my task on earth is done,
when by Thy grace the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me. *{Refrain}*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Feet Are on the Rock

Josh Bronleewe, Abbie Parker, Lindsey Sweat & Matthew Hein

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I can see the clouds roll in,
I can feel the winds they try to shake me.
I will not be moved,
my feet are on the Rock.
I can feel the waters rise,
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me.
Fear won't hold me now,
my feet are on the Rock.

*When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
My feet are on the Rock.*

I can see the morning light,
I can feel the joy on the horizon.
Here my faith is found.
I stand on solid ground.

{Repeat Chorus}

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.
All other ground is sinking sand.
So stomp your feet and clap your hands,
our feet are on the Rock.

{Repeat Bridge 2x}

*When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
When I feel my hope about to break,
I will cling to Your unchanging grace.
Let the waters come and the earth give way,
I'll be dancing in the rain.
My feet are on the Rock.
My feet are on the Rock.
My feet are on the Rock.*

Annual Worship Theme

April 12 - May 24, 2026

All Things in Common



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 17, 2026

SYMPATHY

-To Cheryl, Dave and Xavior Pioli, family and friends, on the death of Cheryl's mother, Paula Xenos.

-To David Szumski and Jares Carfagno, family and friends, on the death of David's mother, Fran Woznicki

-To Carolyn Arnell, family and friends, on the death of her husband, Gary.

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

Finn Dare

Jeanny Delaspira

Tom Donnachie

Renee Downs

*Jane Drapper

Sylvie Drew

*Jennifer Eden Family

Carilyle Erich

Victoria Farrell

Deb Ferlitto and Mother

Coleson Alexander Fillmore

Marion Ford

Carol Anne Fowler

Sterling Green

Greenan

Calvin Griffiths

*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

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Anya Klein
*Barb Kurtz
*George Leet
*Rob Linder
*Donna Lipscomb
Logan
Bob Luedel
Janis Lunn
*Loretta Mahan
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Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
Kathleen Mahon
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Kaitlyn McCutcheon
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*Marv Malone
Bob Mazur
Ellen McKeon
*Missy Mehring
Josh Mikalowski
Russ Mullen
*Ron Paxton
*Bob Paulen
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
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*Loretta Smith
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Rene Toney
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Wendy
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*Tina Whaley
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*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake
Don Ziegler

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Bob and Dick
Rob

***Church Members**

Prayers for those in Assisted Living, Homebound, Hospice or in Long Term Care

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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
Maddie
Luke
Phillip

Servicemen/Women:

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