



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, May 24, 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 ~

Holy Spirit

*Katie Torwalt & Bryan Torwalt ©2011 Jesus Culture Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

There's nothing worth more
that could ever come close.
No thing can compare;
You're our living hope. Your presence, Lord.
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free,
and my shame is undone. Your presence, Lord.
*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
to be overcome by your presence, Lord.
Your presence, Lord.*

{Repeat Verse & Chorus}

Let us become more aware of Your presence.
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.
{Repeat 3x} / {Repeat Chorus}

Holy Spirit, Rain Down

*Russell Frager ©1997 Hillsong Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
O comforter and friend,
how we need your touch again.
Holy Spirit, rain down, rain down;
Let Your power fall, let Your voice be heard,
come and change our hearts
as we stand on Your Word.
Holy Spirit, rain down. *{Repeat section}*

No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no mind can know what God has in store,
So open up heaven, open it wide,
over Your church and over our lives.

{Repeat opening section}

TAG: Rain down, rain down,
Rain down, rain down. Rain.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Burning in My Soul

*Brett Younker, Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves, Daniel Caron, 2013
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

There is power, power,
here in this hour, this hour.
We're all together, together,
waiting here as one. *{Repeat}*
*Whoa, hear the sound from heaven.
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.
Whoa. We're calling for revival.
God, let your fire fall again.
It's burning in my soul---,
burning in my soul---*

All your sons and your daughters,
dreaming the dreams of their father,
Seeing the signs and the wonders:
the Kingdom of God. Yeah. *{Repeat Chorus}*

I cannot contain it, this fire inside.
I cannot contain it, so let it shine.
I cannot contain it, this light of mine.
*It's burning in my soul,
hear the sound from heaven.
Whoa, a mighty rushing wind.
Whoa. We're calling for revival.
God, let your fire fall again.
It's burning in my soul---,
burning in my soul---,
it's burning in my soul---,
it's burning in my soul!*

Kid's Time

O Church of God, United

Frederick B. Morley, 1953 / Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle, 1784
Congregational Hymn

O church of God, united
to serve one common Lord,
proclaim to all one message,
with hearts in glad accord.
Christ ever goes before us;
we follow day by day
with strong and eager footsteps
along the upward way.

From every land and nation
the ordered ranks appear;
to serve one valiant leader
they come from far and near.
They chant their one confession,
they praise one living Lord,
and place their sure dependence
upon His saving word.

Though creeds and tongues may differ,
they speak, O Christ, of Thee;
and in thy loving spirit
we shall one people be.
Lord, may our faithful service
and singleness of aim
proclaim to all the power
of thy redeeming name.

May thy great prayer be answered
that we may all be one,
close bound, by love united
in Thee, God's blessed Son:
to bring a single witness,
to make the pathway bright,
that souls which grope in darkness
may find the one true light.

Prayers of the People

Bob Thoman

For all who have served the cause of peace
in our armed forces, we pray...

For all who have lost loved ones due to war, we pray...

For all who continue to suffer due to war, we pray...

For all who long for Your peace, we pray...

Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.

For all who live in despair, we pray...

For all who seek healing of body, spirit and soul,
we pray...

For all who live with great losses due to war, we pray...

For all who trust in Your promises, we pray...

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Jesus, Hope of Humanity, hear our prayer.

For all whose faith has been wounded
by war and violence, we pray...
For all whose sense of purpose has suffered
due to war and violence, we pray...
For all whose sense of self has been broken
by war and violence, we pray...
For all who lead veterans to fullness of life in You,
we pray...
Jesus, Restorer of Life, hear our prayer.

For all whose bodies and spirits bear the scars of war,
we pray...
For all whose wounds are bound up
in the prison of addictions, we pray...
For all who bring Your healing to veterans
and their families, we pray...
Jesus, Healer of All, hear our prayer.

For Your Gospel of comfort and peace
poured into our hearts at Baptism...
For Your victory over death
and promise of everlasting life...
For Your presence with us always, to the end of the age...
For Your messengers who bring us Your Good News
of love and peace...
All praise to You, Jesus, Lord and Redeemer.

Let us also remember all whose needs remain in our hearts
this day. AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

William Whiting, 1860 / John Bacchus Dykes, 1861
Congregational Hymn

Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bid the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Savior, whose almighty word
the wind and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bid its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to Thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.

Lesson: *Acts 4:32-37*

Clella Harp, reader

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. There was a Levite from Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"). He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Generation to Generation

Words by Christie Smith Stephens; Music by Greg Gilpin ©1999

Chancel Choir Anthem / Brian Flint, Guest Director

**Through centuries of learning
the Light of Truth is passed,
Etched in stone tablets,
Incarnate teaching Word.
The ever-new Old Story, Wisdom's legacy.
The birthright most precious of God's family.**

**To those who've walked before us
our grateful hearts we give;
For those who follow our steps
faithfully we'll live.**

**As children of God, ev'ry race and creed,
We reach across divisions in peace for unity.**

*Generation to generation
Jesus loves us, this we know.
Generation to generation
the love of God unfolds.*

**God adds to the Church those being saved
by knowledge of the Word, lived lessons of faith.
Sisters and brothers, fam'lies diverse,
we sing love's song together throughout the universe.
We celebrate the Church, a teaching ministry.
We celebrate the Word, the Truth that sets us free.
We celebrate all people, God's family.
We celebrate the Hope, Who lives eternally.**

*Generation to generation
Jesus loves us, this we know.
Generation to generation
the love of God unfolds.*

**Age to age we tell The Story.
Age to age we sing The Song.**

**Generation to generation
the teaching church of God moves on!
Amen!**

Prayer for Our Pastor

Clella Harp

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Father, We Have Heard You Calling

Gareth Hill, 2005 / Charles C. Converse, 1868

Congregational Hymn

**Father, we have heard you calling
to Your church in every age;**

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for a sign of true devotion
for a sacrifice of praise.
In this place where you have brought us,
may we always seek to be
one in love and one in worship,
children of eternity.

Jesus Christ, our faith's perfecter,
priest and advocate above.
We would reach our broken nation
with the truth of Your great love.
So transform our feeble witness,
may we always live to be
one in love and one in worship,
children of eternity.

Holy Spirit, fire of heaven,
fall upon us here today.
Bring release, bring tears, bring passion,
then transform your church, we pray.
Trinity of love, inspire us,
may we always strive to be
one in love and one in worship,
children of eternity.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Soul on Fire

*Mac Powell, Tai Anderson, Mark Lee, David Carr,
Brenton Brown & Matt Maher ©2014 Songs from the Quarry
Praise Team*

*God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.
Lord, I'm longing for Your ways,
I'm waiting for the day when I am a soul on fire,
Till I am a soul on fire. {Repeat section}*

Lord, restore the joy I had.
I have a-wandered bring me back.
In this darkness, lead me through
until all I see is You, yeah! *{Repeat Chorus}*

Lord, let me burn for You again.
Let me return to You again.
And lord, let me burn for You again!
And let me return to You again! *{Repeat Chorus}*

*TAG: God, I'm running for Your heart,
I'm running for Your heart till I am a soul on fire.
Till I am a soul on fire. Till I am a soul on fire.*

Annual Worship Theme

April 12 - May 24, 2026

All Things in Common



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of May 24, 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

*Ethel Cabry

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

Mary Ann King

Anya Klein

*Barb Kurtz

*George Leet

*Rob Linder

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*Donna Lipscomb
Logan
Bob Luedel
Janis Lunn
*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
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
*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
Michael Wills, Sr
*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
Rob

***Church Members**

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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
Maddie
Luke
Phillip

Servicemen/Women:

Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska
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

College/Grad Students

*Autumn Reynolds-Grad Student Cedar Crest College
*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
Grant Barrows, UNC Charlotte

Epworth Ministry Organization



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Pastor of Community & Communication:

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Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

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Bookkeeper: [Bryan Warner](#) (x105)

Facilities Manager: [John Hilt](#)

Kitchen Sexton: [Maureen Knesel](#)

Preschool Director: [Betsy Plowman](#) (x107)

Cemetery Superintendent: [Jay Stevenson](#)

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Lay Leader—[Todd Popham](#)

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