



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, June 7, 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 ~

Redeemed

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Praise Team

Seems like all I could see was the struggle.
Haunted by ghosts that lived in my past.
Bound up in shackles of all my failures,
wond'rin' how long is this gonna last?
Then You looked at this pris'ner
and said to me, "Son,
Stop fighting a fight that's already been won."
*I am redeemed; You've set me free.
So, I shake off these heavy chains
and wipe away ev'ry stain.
Now I'm not who I used to be.
I am redeemed. I am redeemed.*

All my life I have been called 'unworthy,'
named by the voice of my shame and regret.
But when I hear You whisper,
"Child, lift up your head,"
I remember, O God,
You're not done with me yet.
*I am redeemed; You've set me free.
So, I shake off these heavy chains
and wipe away ev'ry stain.
Now I'm not who I used to be.*

Because I don't have to be
the old man inside of me,
'cause his day is long dead and gone.
Because I've got a new name, a new life;
I'm not the same.
And the hope that will carry me home:
*I am redeemed; You've set me free.
So, I shake off these heavy chains
and wipe away ev'ry stain.
'cause I'm not who I used to be.*

*I am redeemed; You've set me free.
So, I shake off these heavy chains
and wipe away ev'ry stain.
Now I'm not who I used to be.
O God, I'm not who I used to be.
Jesus, I'm not who I used to be,
'cause I am redeemed.
Thank God, redeemed.*

Chain Breaker

Mia Fieldes, Jonathan Smith, & Zach Williams
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

If you've been walking the same old road
for miles and miles,
If you've been hearing the same old voice
tell the same old lies,
If you're trying to fill the same old holes inside,
there's a better life, there's a better life.
*If you've got pain, He's a pain taker.
If you feel lost, He's a way maker.
If you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison-shaking savior.
If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker.*

We've all searched for the light of day
in the dead of night.

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We've all found ourselves worn out
from the same old fight.
And we've all run to things
we know just ain't right.
And there's a better life, there's a better life.

{Refrain}

If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify.
If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify, testify.
If you believe it, if you receive it,
if you can feel it, somebody testify. *{Refrain}*

TAG: Oh, if you need freedom or saving,
He's a prison-shaking savior.
If you've got chains, oh, He's a chain breaker.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Grace Wins

Matthew West, 2015

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

In my weakest moment, I see You
shaking Your head in disgrace.
I can read the disappointment
written all over Your face.
Here come those whispers in my ear,
saying, "Who do you think you are?
Looks like you're on your own from here,
'cause grace could never reach that far."

But in the shadow of that shame,
beat down by all the blame,
I hear You call my name, saying, "It's not over."
And my heart starts to beat so loud now,
drowning out the doubt.
I'm down, but I'm not out.

*There's a war between guilt and grace,
and they're fighting for a sacred space.
But I'm living proof: grace wins ev'ry time.
No more lying down in death's defeat.
Now I'm rising up in victory, singing:
Hallelujah! Grace wins ev'ry time*

Words can't describe the way it feels
when mercy floods a thirsty soul,
The broke inside begins to heal
and grace returns what guilty stole.

And in the shadow of my shame,
beat down by all the blame,
I hear You call my name, saying, "It's not over."
And my heart starts to beat so loud now,
drowning out the doubt.
I'm down, but I'm not out. *{Refrain}*

For the prodigal son, ALL: grace wins.
For the woman at the well, grace wins.
For the blind man and the beggar, grace wins.
For always and forever, grace wins.
For the lost out on the street, grace wins.
For the worst part of you and me, grace wins.
For the thief on the cross, grace wins.
For a world that is lost. *{Refrain}*

TAG: *Yeah, I'm living proof: grace wins ev'ry time.*

Kid's Time

When Darkness Falls

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz, 2020 / English melody

Congregational Hymn

When darkness falls upon the heart
and fear invades the soul,
it's then that human tremors start
and troubled waters roll.
When friends prove false and turn away,
when family ties wear thin,
as loneliness defines each day
depression settles in.

When years progress and bodies fail
and minds befuddled grow,
as suffering strikes and pains assail
we'll pine for long ago.
In all these times of test and trial,
it's hard to understand:
God walks beside us all the while
and holds each trembling hand

Through fear and illness, doubt and dread
God's presence is made known.
If we hold fast to what God's said:
I'm here, you're not alone.
We need but lift our eyes above
and tap on mercy's door
to claim God's sweet restoring love
and dwell in light once more.

Lesson: *Proverbs 18:2, 6, 13, 15* Kathryn Burgwin, reader

A fool takes no pleasure in understanding, but only in expressing personal opinion. A fool's lips bring strife, and a fool's mouth invites a flogging. If one gives answer before hearing, it is folly and shame. An intelligent mind acquires knowledge, and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Rain Down on Me

Words and Music by Ruth Elaine Schram ©2006

Chancel Choir Anthem

Rain down on me Your love and mercy,
rain down on me Your grace.
Cleanse and renew my barren spirit
in this quiet place.
While I worship in the beauty of Your holiness,
Rain down on me and I will be blessed.

Rain down on me Your understanding
as I confess my sin,
Comfort and heal my broken heart
and make me whole again.
Let me know the wonder of forgiveness full and free!
Rain down on me.

Lord, I feel Your power as it washes over me,
Gently purifying me once more.
Nothing separates me from You
when I'm on my knees,
So in gratitude, I bow before You, Lord.

O, Lord, rain down on me Your joy and pleasure;
Cover, enfold, baptize.
Lift me above this barren desert, perfect in Your eyes.

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Welcome me into Your presence, where I long to be.
Rain down on me.

We Pray for Our Pastor Kathryn Burgwin

Sermon Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Creator, Who We Cannot See

Roderick Dunkerley, 1918 / Frederick C. Maker, 1887
Congregational Hymn

**Creator, who we cannot see,
we know that You are near;
With longing hearts we turn to Thee,
and ask that You will set us free
from war and hate and fear.**

**Creator, source of love and peace,
we know that You are strong;
Make conflicts everywhere to cease,
let mercy everywhere increase,
and kindness conquer wrong.**

**Creator, God of sea and land,
We know that You are wise;
O make the nations understand
that only by Your guiding hand
can lasting peace arise.**

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.

§ **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:

Here at Thy Table, Lord

Lani Smith ©1985

Communion Anthem

Here at thy table, Lord, this sacred hour,
O let us feel you near, in loving power.
Calling our thoughts away from self and sin,
As to your banquet hall we enter in.

Sit at the feast, dear Lord, and break the bread;
Fill high the cup that brings life to the dead;
That we may find in you pardon and peace,
And from all bondage win a full release.

So shall our life of faith be full and sweet,
And we shall find our strength for each day meet;
Fed by your living bread, all hunger past,
We shall be satisfied and saved at last.
Amen.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Yes, He Can

Madison Johnson, Logan Cain, Taylor Matz, & Jeff Pardo

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Sometimes I wonder: is He faithful?
Does He see me in my trouble?
Does He understand?
Sometimes I question if He's able.
Can He rescue?
Can He save me again and again?
But when I look back:

*Did He move ev'ry mountain?
Did He part ev'ry sea?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Oh, did He defeat the darkness?
Did He deliver me?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Oh, yes, He did, so yes, He can.*

'Cause sometimes those voices try to tell me
I'm forgotten and I've fallen
too far from His hands.
But I know what kind of God He is,
and I'm trusting in His promises.
I'm believing and I'm singing: Yes, He can.
{Repeat Chorus}

'Cause I've seen too much; now I can't deny
He's come through ev'ry single time.
From the beginning until the end,
He did, He will, He can. And now, ooh...

*Did He move ev'ry mountain?
Did He part ev'ry sea?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Oh, did He defeat the darkness?
Did He deliver me?
Yes, He did, so yes, He can. {Repeat section}*

TAG: *Yes, He did, so yes, He can.
Yes, He did, yes, He can.*

Annual Worship Theme
May 31 - July 12, 2026

Restoring the Breach
Conflict Resolution



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 7, 2026

SYMPATHY

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings

Conflict in middle east

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Arletta

Marie Ahern

Barcus Family

Rev. Meg Barnhouse

Toni Barnes

*Linda Benderhilt

*Cathy Benson

Michael Bedard

*Jeff Bond

Boshart Family

Brint and Lynne

Brooke and Ralph

*Tim Bush

Dave

*Ethel Cabrey

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

Katherine Erlanger

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

Ranger Linder

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*Rob Linder
Val Linder
*Donna Lipscomb
Logan
Bob Luedel
Janis Lunn
*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
*Stephanie Manos
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
Mo Madden
*Marv Malone
Karen Mascola
Bob Mazur
Ellen McKeon
*Missy Mehring
Josh Mikalowski
Frank Milligan
Russ Mullen
*Ron Paxton
*Bob Paulen
*Kevin Pelland
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
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Owen Thompson
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Steven Trantum
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Donald Walton
*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

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***Church Members**

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

*Ann Chambers, The Moorings
*Irene & Tom Safrit—Irene Hospice at Home
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont
*Nancy Hecker Hospice Salisbury
*Debra Leiss -Hospice Home
Phil Wolf—Hospice
*Linda Rooney
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
Quinn Smith
*Charlotte Woods
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Maddie
Luke
Phillip

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