



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers  
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Sunday, June 14, 2026



**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* ~

**Thank God I Do**

*Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram, Jeffrey Bhasker, Alecia Moore  
& Nathaniel Ruess ©2023 Centricity Songs (BMI)  
Praise Team*

I've seen love come and I've seen love walk away.  
So many questions. Will anybody stay?  
It's been a hard year, so many nights in tears.  
All of the darkness, trying to fight my fears alone.  
So long alone.

*I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know You.  
I'd prob'ly fall off the edge.  
I don't know where I'd go if You ever let go,  
so keep me held in Your hands.*

I've started breathing. The weight is lifted here.  
With You, it's easy. My head is fin'ly clear.  
There's nothing missing when You are by my side.  
I took the long road, but now I realize I'm home.  
With You, I'm home. *{Chorus twice}*

You're my safe place, my hideaway.  
You're my anchor, my saving grace.  
You're my constant, my steadiness.  
You're my shelter, my oxygen.  
I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know You.  
Thank God, I do. *{Chorus}*

TAG: *I don't know who I'd be if I didn't know You.  
Thank God, I do.*

**The Way (New Horizon)**

*Daniel Bashta, Ben Smith, & Pat Barrett  
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Through every battle, through every heartbreak,  
through every circumstance,  
I believe that You are my fortress.  
Oh, You are my portion. You are my hiding place,  
*Oh, I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

I believe through every blessing,  
through every promise, through every breath I take,  
I believe that You are provider. You are protector.  
You are the one I love.  
*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
I believe You are. (interlude)*

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.  
And You meet me here today  
with mercies that are new.  
All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,  
because they can't stay long when I'm here with You.

It's a new horizon, and I'm set on You.  
And You meet me here today  
with mercies that are new.  
All my fears and doubts, they can all come, too,  
because they can't stay long when  
*I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life.  
I believe You are!*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**My Lighthouse***Rend Collective ©2013 ThankYou Music*

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
 in my failures, You won't walk out.  
 Your great love will lead me through;  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
 Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, You won't let go.  
 In the questions, Your truth will hold.  
 Your great love will lead me through;  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
 Whoa, oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.

*My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse –  
 shining in the darkness, I will follow you!  
 Oh my Lighthouse, my Lighthouse,  
 I will trust the promise:  
 You will carry me safe to shore,  
 safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.*

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.  
 With each morning, I'll rise and sing.  
 My God's love will lead me through;  
 You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
 Whoa oh, You are the peace in my troubled sea.  
*{Repeat Chorus}*

Fire before us, you're the brightest.  
 You will lead us through the storms.  
*{Repeat section 3x - Repeat Chorus}*

**Kid's Time****My Hope is Built***Edward Mote, 1834 / William B. Bradbury, 1863*

Congregational Hymn

My hope is built on nothing less  
 than Jesus' love and righteousness.  
 I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
 but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
*On Christ the solid rock I stand,  
 all other ground is sinking sand;  
 all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
 I rest on His unchanging grace.  
 In every high and stormy gale,  
 my anchor holds within the veil. *{Refrain}*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
 O may I then in Him be found!  
 Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
 faultless to stand before the throne! *{Refrain}*

**Prayers of the People**

Michael Beigay

Gracious God,  
 In love You created us,  
 and in love You sustain us, day after day.  
 So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to You,  
 knowing that You hear us, and will respond.

We offer our prayers for the world around us.  
 We pray for those who find themselves in bondage:  
 those forced into slavery or prostitution,

those oppressed by governments or economic systems,  
those enslaved by personal addictions.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, **and in Your love, answer.**

We pray for those who struggle to raise their children  
in the midst of violence or poverty;

those who can only stand by and watch  
as their sons or daughters die  
of starvation or malnutrition,  
of preventable disease,  
or from gang violence.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, **and in Your love, answer.**

We pray for those who refuse to participate in violence or injustice,  
who courageously stand up for what they know is right,  
regardless of the personal consequences.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, **and in Your love, answer.**

We also pray for those who oppress others,  
who are unable to break free from cycles  
of violence and anger,  
who are no longer able to empathize with their victims.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, **and in Your love, answer.**

We pray for all who suffer this day,  
whether physically, emotionally, or spiritually.

May Your presence surround and sustain each one,  
so that they may know your love and live.

Gracious God, hear our prayer, **and in Your love, answer.**

Finally, God, we pray for ourselves—

members of Your Body here on earth.

Break down the barriers that divide us from one another.

Unite us in our common allegiance to You as Lord and Savior.

Grant us compassion and humility in our relationships.

Release the gifts You have given to each one,

so that in us and through us,

Your kingdom might come and Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven. **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*

### **Walk with Me**

*John S. Rice, 1988*

Congregational Hymn

***Walk with me, I will walk with you  
and build the land that God has planned  
where love shines through.***

**When Moses heard the call of God  
he said, "Lord, don't send me."**

**But God told Moses, "You're the one  
to set my people free." {Refrain}**

**Now Peter was a most unlikely man  
to lead the flock;**

**but Jesus knew his holiness  
and he became the Rock. {Refrain}**

**Young Mary Magdalene was sure  
her life could be much more,  
and by her faith she dared to let  
God's love unlock the door. {Refrain}**

**And when you share your faith with me**

and work for life made new,  
the witness of your faithfulness  
calls me to walk with you. *{Refrain}*

**Lesson:** *Matthew 16:13-17* Kristin Weschler, reader

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

### He Is the Rock

*Words and Music by Michael Barrett ©1997*

Chancel Choir Anthem

He is the Rock, He is the Rock of Ages.  
He is the Rock, the Chief and Cornerstone.  
He is the Rock, He is the Sure Foundation.  
I will put my trust in the strength of the Lord.

My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' love and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**Prayer for Our Pastor** Kristin Weschler

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

**Commissioning of  
Congregational Caring Ministers**  
Jerry Alexander and RuthAnn Barnes

### Here I Am, Lord

*Dan Schutte, 1981 / Congregational Hymn*

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, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them.  
Whom shall I send? *{Refrain}*

**Benediction** Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## All the People Said Amen

*Matt Maber, Paul Moak, & Trevor Morgan ©2013 ThankYou Music  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

You are not alone if you are lonely.  
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.  
We are all the same, in need of mercy,  
to be forgiven and be free.  
It's all you get to lean on,  
but thank God, it's all you need.

*And all the people said Amen.*

*And all the people said Amen.*

*Give thanks to the Lord,  
for His love never ends.*

*And all the people said Amen.*

If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter.  
Weak or strong, you know love is what we're after.  
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.  
God knows we stumble and fall,  
and God so loved the world,  
He sent His Son to save us all. *{Repeat Chorus}*

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart.  
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.  
Blessed are the people hungry for another start,  
for theirs is the kingdom, the kingdom of God.

*{Repeat Chorus twice}*

TAG: And all the people said Amen.

**Annual Worship Theme**  
**May 31 - July 12, 2026**

**Restoring the Breach**  
**Conflict Resolution**



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 14, 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 Mikalouski  
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  
\*Marty Rockey  
Emmalea Ruff  
John Ruff  
\*John Sadler  
Jean Safrit  
\*Carl Schloegel  
\*Loretta Smith  
Melanie and John Steinmetz  
Owen Thompson  
Rene Toney  
Steven Trantum  
Lee Ann Walling  
Peggy Waltersdorf  
Hudson Walton  
Donald Walton  
\*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  
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  
Matt Brown—Hospice  
\*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

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\*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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