



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers
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Sunday, June 21, 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* ~

Goodness of God

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& Ben Fielding ©2019 Shout Music Publishing
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I love you, Lord. Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up, until I lay my head
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.

*And all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
oh, I will sing of the goodness of God.*

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire.
And in darkest nights You are close like no other.
I've known You as Jehovah,
I've known You as a friend.
And I have lived in the goodness of God. *{Refrain}*

'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.
And Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me.
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now,
I give You everything.
'Cause Your goodness is a-running after,
it's a-running after me. *{Repeat section - Refrain}*
*I'm gonna sing, I'm gonna sing!
Oh, yes, 'cause all my life You have been faithful.
And all my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able,
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God.*

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

Greater

Mercy Me ©2014 MERCYME Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Bring your tired and bring your shame,
bring your guilt and bring your pain.
Don't you know that's not your name?
You will always be much more to me.
And ev'ry day I wrestle with the voices
that keep telling me I'm not right,
but that's all right.

*'Cause I hear a voice,
and He calls me redeemed
when others say I'll never be enough.
And greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.
In the world... In the world...
and greater is the one living inside of me,
than he who is living in the world.*

Bring your doubts and bring your fears,
bring your hurt, and bring your tears,
there'll be no condemnation here;
you are holy, righteous, and redeemed.
And ev'ry time I fall,
there'll be those who will call me a mistake,
well, that's okay.

{Repeat Chorus}

There'll be days I lose the battle;
grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.
I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.

{Repeat Bridge - Repeat Chorus}

There'll be days I lose the battle;
grace says that it doesn't matter
'cause the cross already won the war.
(He's greater, He's greater)
I am learning to run freely,
understanding just how He sees me,
and it makes me love Him more and more.
God is greater than he who is living in the world.

Kid's Time

Our Praise and Thanks

Lavon Bayler, 2001 / Melchoir Teschner, 1561

Congregational Hymn

Our praise and thanks we bring You,
O God, of awesome deeds.
You know and bless Your people
and meet us in our needs.
When we cry out for mercy,
You know the pain we feel.
When spirits falter, hopeless,
Your hands reach out to heal.

You hear the prayers we offer,
You test our faithfulness.
You help us grow through challenge,
You sense our weariness.

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O God, when we are faithless,
Your faithfulness remains,
and we can trust Your promise
that stretches and sustains.

Please help us, God, to listen
for cries that others make,
that we may ease their burdens,
not look for their mistake.
So, when we make our witness
and share the truth we know,
God, keep us humbly open
to follow ways You show.

Prayers of the People Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

Teach Me to Stop and Listen

Ken Medema, 1978 / William Walker, 1835

Congregational Hymn

**Teach me to stop and listen,
teach me to center down;
Teach me the use of silence,
teach me where peace is found.
Teach me to hear you calling,
teach me to search your word;
Teach me to hear in silence
things I have never heard.**

**Teach me to be collected,
teach me to be in tune.
Teach me to be directed,
silence will end so soon.**

**Then when it's time for moving,
grant it that I may bring
to ev'ry day and moment
peace from a silent spring.**

Lesson: *Acts 10:17-33*

Aleta Thompson, reader

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation, for I have sent them." So Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?" They answered, "Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish people, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging.

The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the brothers and sisters from Joppa accompanied him. The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. On Peter's arrival, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, "Stand up; I am only a mortal." And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled, and he said to them, "You yourselves know that it is

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improper for a Jew to associate with or to visit an outsider, but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?"

Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, at three o'clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me. He said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Lord, Listen to Your Children

Words and Music by Ken Medema; Arr. by Jack Schrader ©1973

Chancel Choir Anthem

*Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to Your children praying,
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Something's gonna happen
like the world has never known,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray;
A door's gonna swing open
and the walls come a-tumbling down,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
{Refrain}

You're gonna know it,
when the Lord stretches out His hand,
And the people of the Lord get down to pray;
There's gonna be a brand-new song
of vict'ry in this land,
When the people of the Lord get down to pray.
{Refrain}

Prayer for Our Pastor Aleta Thompson

Sermon Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Let Us Rise and Seek Your Way

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2005 / Conrad Kocher, 1838

Congregational Hymn

Let us rise and seek Your way,
knowing love will one day win.
We won't let fear rule the day;
we will welcome strangers in.
Every day, we'll seek and find
countless ways to be more kind.

By Your grace, we'll rise above
even in this troubled hour.
Where there's hate, we'll choose to love;
we will speak Your truth to power.
With the poor and refugee
we will build community.

We will pray for those who lead
even as we take a stand.
We will rise with those in need,
seeking justice in the land.
We will learn and listen well
from the truth that others tell.

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We will rise and work for peace;
we will treasure Your good earth.
We will march, that wars may cease;
we'll see every person's worth.
God, now give us faith-filled lives
as we heed Your call and rise.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Good God Almighty

*David Crowder, Ben Glover, & Jeff Sojka ©2021 9 T One Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I can't count the times I've called
Your name some broken night.
And You showed up and patched me up
like You do every time.
I get amnesia,
I forget that You keep coming around.
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.

*Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me,
praising Your name, no matter what comes.
'Cause I know where I'd be
without Your mercy,
so I keep praising Your name
at the top of my lungs.
Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)
Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)
He is Good God Almighty.*

You say Your love goes on forever,
that Your mercy never stops.
So why would I assume You'd be
somebody that You're not?
Like sun in the morning,
I know You're gonna be there every day.
So what on earth could make me be afraid?
{Refrain}

Praise Him in the morning,
praise Him in the noontime,
praise Him when the sun goes down.
Love Him in the morning,
love Him in the noontime,
love Him when the sun goes down.
{Refrain}

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.

Annual Worship Theme
May 31 - July 12, 2026

Restoring the Breach
Conflict Resolution



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of June 21, 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
*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
*Karen West
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

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Bob and Dick
Rob

***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

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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
Grant Barrows, UNC Charlotte

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