



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, July 05, 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 ~

Blessed Be Your Name

Beth Redman & Matt Redman ©2002 ThankYou Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,
where Your streams of abundance flow,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
when I'm found in the desert place,
though I walk through the wilderness,
blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your name.*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord,
blessed be Your glorious name.*

Blessed be Your name
when the sun's shining down on me,
when the world's all as it should be,
blessed be Your name.

Blessed be Your name
on the road marked with suffering,
though there's pain in the offering,
blessed be Your name.

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,

{Refrain}

You bless me ev'ry day, each step along my way.
My heart will choose to say,
Lord, blessed be Your name.

{Repeat section - Refrain}

House of the Lord

Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith ©2021 Be Essential Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We worship the God who was.
We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
You opened the prison doors.
You parted the raging sea.
My God, You hold the victory, yeah.

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
Oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.*

We sing to the God who heals.
We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause You hung upon that cross,
then You rose up from that grave.
My God's still rolling stones away.

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today.
And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place.*

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*And we won't be quiet,
we shout out Your praise.*

We were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by Your grace.
Let the house of the Lord sing praise.
'Cause we were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted,
redeemed by Your grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise. *{Chorus 2x}*

TAG: *We shout out Your praise!*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

America (My Country 'Tis Of Thee)

Samuel F. Smith, 1832 / Thesaurus Musicus, 1744

My country 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing.
Land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride.
From every mountainside,
let freedom ring!

Our fathers' God to Thee,
author of liberty, to Thee we sing.
Long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by Thy might,
great God, our king.

America The Beautiful

Katherine Lee Bates, 1904 / Samuel A. Ward, 1888

O beautiful for spacious skies,
for amber waves of grain.
For purple mountain majesties
above the fruited plain!

*America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea.*

O beautiful for heroes proved
in liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
and mercy more than life! *{Refrain}*

Battle Hymn Of The Republic

Julia Ward Howe, 1861 / 19th C. American Camp Meeting Tune

My eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord.
He is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored.
He has loosed the fateful lightning
of His terrible swift sword.
His truth is marching on!

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on!*

He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat.

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He is sifting through our hearts and souls
before the judgment seat.
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him;
be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on! *{Refrain}*

God Bless America

Irving Berlin, 1937

God bless America! Land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies,
to the oceans white with foam,
God bless America! My home sweet home!
God bless America! My home sweet home!

Let There Be Peace On Earth

Sy Miller & Jill Jackson, 1955

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God, Our Creator, family all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me;
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

Kid's Time

Praise God for This Holy Ground

John L. Bell, 2002 – Iona Community

Congregational Hymn

Praise God for this holy ground,
place and people, sight and sound.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
God's goodness is eternal.

Praise God in whose word we find
food for body, soul, and mind. *{Refrain}*

Praise God who through Christ makes known
all are loved and called God's own. *{Refrain}*

Praise God's Spirit who befriends,
raises, humbles, breaks, and mends. *{Refrain}*

Though praise ends, praise is begun
where God's will is gladly done. *{Refrain}*

Lesson: 2 Samuel 12:1-10, 13 Todd Popham, reader

And the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds, but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb that he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare and drink from his cup and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man.

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He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold because he did this thing and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah, and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and have taken his wife to be your wife and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now, therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan said to David, "Now the Lord has put away your sin; you shall not die."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend ©2002 / Arr. by Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir Anthem

**In Christ alone my hope is found.
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All.
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh.
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save
When on that cross as Jesus died
the sting of death was then defied.
For every sin on Him was laid
here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His and He is mine
bought with the precious love of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
this is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man
can ever pluck me from His hand.
'til He returns or calls me home.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

We Pray for Our Pastor

Todd Popham

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

If We Just Talk of Thoughts and Prayers

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2017 / Traditional English melody

Congregational Hymn

If we just talk of thoughts and prayers
and don't live out a life that dares,
and don't take on the ways of death,
our thoughts and prayers are fleeting breath.

If we just dream of what could be
and do not build community,
and do not seek to change our ways,
our dreams of change are false displays.

If we just sing of doing good
and don't walk through our neighborhood
to learn its hope, to ease its pain,
our talk of good is simply vain.

God may our prayers, and dreams and songs
lead to a faith that takes on wrongs –
that work for peace and justice, too,
then will our prayers bring joy to You.

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

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

What An Awesome God

Phil Wickham, Jonathan Smith & Rich Mullins, 2025

Praise Team

God is great. Give Him all the praise.

Hallelujah, name above all names.

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Fire in his eyes, healing in his veins.
Everywhere his glory on display.
Take a look at those stars: He can name them all.
Before his throne every knee falls.
The demons have to run,
the angels have to praise.
Even the wind and waves obey.
Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God. {Repeat Chorus}

And even when I ran, He didn't run away.
He came and put death back in its place.
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame;
Sunday morning rose up from the grave.
Take a look at those scars on his hands and feet.
He saved our souls for eternity.
Worthy is the Lamb. Glory to the King.
Oh, let all the saints and the angels sing.
{Chorus 2x}

Eyes on the sky. There will be a day
He will come and wipe our tears away.
No more fear; no more pain;
No more sorrow, sin or shame.
The King is coming back again,
A reign of love that will never end.
For everything you've done, & everything you do,
And everything you are, I'll sing to you.
My God, you're an awesome God.
You're great in all you do.
I'm made to worship you.
My God, you're an awesome God.

(Over chorus)
What an awesome, awesome God you are.
No one like you. None beside you.
God, we worship you.
You're worthy. You're worthy.
With wisdom, pow'r and love.
Oh, forever we sing:

Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r and love.
Our God is an awesome God. {Chorus 2x}

TAG: *Our God is an awesome God.*
Our God is an awesome God.

Annual Worship Theme

May 31 - July 12, 2026

Restoring the Breach

Conflict Resolution



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 5, 2026

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Matt Brown who passed away this past week.

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

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Lauren
*George Leet
Ranger Linder
*Rob Linder
Val Linder
*Donna Lipscomb
Logan
Bob Luedel
Janis Lunn
*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
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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 Safrin
*Carl Schloegel
*Loretta Smith
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*Charlotte Woods
*Claire Worrall
*Tom Worrall

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*Michelle Yates
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake
Don Ziegler
Mary Beth and Luke
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
*Linda Rooney
*Fred and Sharyn Smith
Quinn Smith
*Charlotte Woods
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*Janet Yabroff
Maddie
Luke
Phillip

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*Kristina Alexander, Grad Student Western Governor's U
Callie Juliano, U Conn
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Grant Barrows, UNC Charlotte

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