



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, July 26, 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 ~

King of Kings

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Praise Team

In the darkness, we were waiting
without hope, without light,
'til from heaven You came running;
there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets,
to a virgin came the Word,
from a throne of endless glory
to a cradle in the dirt.

*Praise Jehovah, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty,
praise forever to the King of kings.*

To reveal the kingdom coming
and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation,
You did not despise the cross.
For even in your suffering,
You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation,
Jesus, for our sake You died. {Repeat Chorus}

And the morning that You rose,
all of heaven held its breath,
'til that stone was moved for good,
for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs
and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come
to Jehovah are restored.

And the church of Christ was born,
then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this gospel truth of old
shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His name,
in his freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ,
who has resurrected me.

*Oh, Praise Jehovah, Praise the Son,
Praise the Spirit, Three in One.
God of glory, Majesty,
praise forever to the King of kings.
Praise forever to the King of kings.*

I WILL RISE

Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, Lonie Giglio, & Matt Maher

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Praise Team

There's a peace I've come to know,
though my heart & flesh may fail.
There's an anchor for my soul.
I can say, "It is well."
Jesus has overcome,
and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead.

*And I will rise when He calls my name;
no more sorrow, no more pain.
I will rise on eagles' wings,
before my God fall on my knees, and rise.*

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I will rise.

There's a day that's drawing near
when this darkness breaks to light,
And the shadows disappear,
and my faith shall be my eyes.
Jesus has overcome,
and the grave is overwhelmed.
The victory is won;
He is risen from the dead. {Chorus}

And I hear the voice of many angels' sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the voice of many angels' sing,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
And I hear the cry of every longing heart,
"Worthy is the Lamb!"
Worthy is the lamb!" {Chorus}

TAG: I will rise. Rise!

Welcome

Gwen Osborne

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

The River

Jordan Feliz, Joshua Silverberg, & Colby Wedgeworth

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

I know a place, where we can go,
to lay the troubles down eatin' your soul,
I know a place, where mercy flows,
take the stains, make you whiter than snow.
Like a tide, it is risin' up,
deep inside, a current that moves
and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.
*We're goin' down to the river,
down to the river, down to the river to pray.
Let's get washed by the water,
washed by the water
and rise up in amazing grace.
Let's go down, down, down, to the river.
You will leave changed.
Let's go down, down, down, to the river.
Never the same.*

I've seen it move, in my own life,
took me from dusty roads into paradise.
All of my dirt, all of my shame,
drowned in the streams
that've made me born again.
Like a tide, it is risin' up, deep inside,
a current that moves and makes it come alive.
Living water that brings the dead to life. Oh, oh.

{Refrain}

Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Let's go down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Let's go down. {Refrain}

Oh, down. (oo... oo... oo...)
Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.
Down, down, down to the river.
Gotta go, gotta go,
gotta go down in amazing grace.

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O Christ, the Healer*Fred Pratt Green, 1967 / Lowell Mason, 1824*

Congregational Hymn

**O Christ, the healer, we have come
to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored
when reached by love that never ends?**

**From every ailment flesh endures
our bodies clamor to be freed;
yet in our hearts we would confess
that wholeness is our deepest need.**

**In conflicts that destroy our health
we recognize the world's disease;
our common life declares our ills.
Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?**

**Grant that we all, made one in faith,
in Your community may find
the wholeness that enriching us,
shall reach the whole of humankind.**

Prayers of the People

Linda Kauffman

Let us come before God and offer our prayers for the world,
knowing they will be heard.

Gracious heavenly Friend,

Thank you for sustaining this holy space called Epworth
with your powerful, life-giving word.

Lord in your mercy: ***hear our prayer***

Your Son accepted the service of Martha, the friendship
of Lazarus, and the devotion of Mary: bless your people every-
where who serve you in various ways:

for those who serve in the church, the home, the workplace,
the schools. For teachers, students and school children; for
those who volunteer their services in the community; for those
who offer friendship; for those who pray, fast, or give gener-
ously of their time, talent and treasure; for those who befriend
the disadvantaged; for those whose work is dangerous.

Bless the service of all your people and assure them that you
are well pleased with their work.

Lord in your mercy: ***hear our prayer***

Speak to the consciences of those who plan evil – show
them that honesty is better than falsehood, and that peace is
better than violence. Give to our political leaders and citizens
alike a deep commitment to truth and mutual well-being.

Lord in your mercy: ***hear our prayer***

Just as your Son raised Lazarus from the dead, be near all
people who are close to death and grant them faith in you.
Strengthen all who are preparing for the death of a loved one,
that they may make the most of the time left to them. And
help all who work among the dying: the doctors, nursing staff,
chaplains and volunteers who work in hospices and nursing
homes.

Lord in your mercy: ***hear our prayer***

Heavenly Friend, Mary honored Jesus with her gift of
perfume. May we honor you in our lives by honoring all who
are in need; through Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forev-
er. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Spoken

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands On Me

Afro-American Spiritual

Congregational Hymn

Dan Potts, soloist

*Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.
Oh, I know the Lord, I know the Lord,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me.*

Did ever you see the like before?
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me;
King Jesus preaching to the poor!
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. {Refrain}

Oh, wasn't that a happy day?
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me;
when Jesus washed my sins away!
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. {Refrain}

Some seek the Lord and don't seek Him right;
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me;
they fool all day and pray at night,
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. {Refrain}

My Lord's done just what He said;
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me;
He's healed the sick and raised the dead;
I know the Lord's laid His hands on me. {Refrain}

Lesson: John 11:28-44

Shawn McHugh, reader

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house consoling her saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

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Go Out and Tell

Words by Herb Frombach; Music by David Lantz III ©2004

Chancel Choir Anthem

Hear the good news. I am the key.
The deaf will hear, and the blind will see.
Jesus said, "Come and follow me."
The deaf now hear, and the blind now see.

Hear the good news. I am the key.
The lame will walk, and the demons flee.
Jesus said, "Come and walk with me."
The lame now walk and the demons flee.
*Go out and tell what you see and hear.
When you believe, you need not fear.
Go out and tell what you see and hear.
When you believe, you need not fear, hallelujah!
Go out and tell, you need not fear.
Hallelujah! Go and tell the world!*

Hear the good news. I am the key.
The dead will rise, and the sick be free.
Jesus said, "Come and be with me."
The dead are raised, and the sick are free.
*Go out and tell what you see and hear.
When you believe, you need not fear.
Go out and tell what you see and hear.
When you believe, you need not fear, hallelujah!
Go out and tell, you need not fear. Hallelujah!
Go and tell the world that you believe!*

Prayer for Our Guest Pastor Shawn McHugh

Sermon Sandra Waldee-Warden

As a Fire is Meant for Burning

Ruth Duck, 1992 / Benjamin Franklin White, 1844

Congregational Hymn

As a fire is meant for burning
with a bright and warming flame,
so the church is meant for mission,
giving glory to God's name.
Not to preach our creeds or customs,
but to build a bridge of care,
we join hands across the nations,
finding neighbors everywhere.

We are learners; we are teachers;
we are pilgrims on the way.
We are seekers; we are givers;
we are vessels made of clay.
By our gentle, loving actions
we would show that Christ is light.
In a humble, listening Spirit
we would live to God's delight.

As a green bud in the springtime
is a sign of life renewed,
so may we be signs of oneness
'mid earth's peoples, many hued.
As a rainbow lights the heavens
when a storm is past and gone,
may our lives reflect the radiance
of God's new and glorious dawn.

Benediction

Sandra Waldee-Warden

What an Awesome God

Phil Wickham, Jonathan Smith & Rich Mullins

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Praise Team

God is great. Give Him all the praise.
Hallelujah, name above all names.
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.*

*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

July 19 - September 6, 2026

The Beatitudes



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of July 26, 2026

SYMPATHY

To Paul Unruh, family and friends, on the death of his wife, Laura.

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings

Conflict in middle east

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Arletta

Marie Ahern

Barcus Family

Rev. Meg Barnhouse

Charlie Barnes

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*Cathy Benson

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*Jeff Bond

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Brint and Lynne

Brooke and Ralph

*Tim Bush

Dave

David Caffier

Bill Casey

Nicolette Coffey

Larry Collins

Claire Connelly

Connie

Donna and Bill Crnkovich

Jeanny Delaspira

Tom Donnachie

Renee Downs

*Jane Drapper

Sylvie Drew

*Jennifer Eden Family

Carilyle Erich

Katherine Erlanger

Victoria Farrell

Deb Ferlitto and Mother

Ron Fagnilli

Coleson Alexander Fillmore

Marion Ford

Carol Anne Fowler

*Sterling Green

Greenan

Calvin Griffiths

*Tom Groff

Toni Groff

*Clella Harp

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Ray Hilt

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Rob

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