



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, August 30, 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 ~

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

*Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,
& Matt Armstrong ©2014 ThankYou Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

There's a place where mercy reigns and never dies.
There's a place where streams of grace
flow deep and wide.

Where all the love I've ever found
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Jesus.*

There's a place where sin and shame are powerless,
Where my heart has peace with God and forgiveness,
Where all the love I've ever felt
comes like a flood, comes flowing down.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You.*

Here my hope is found, here on holy ground.
Here I bow down, here I bow down.
Here, arms open wide, here You saved my life.
Here I bow down, here I bow.

*At the cross, at the cross I surrender my life.
I'm in awe of You, I'm in awe of You.
Where Your love ran red
and my sin washed white,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You,
I owe all to You, I owe all to You,
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus, Savior of the world.
Jesus.*

Deep (Way Down)

*Traditional Spiritual
Arr. by Nicol Smith, Todd Smith, Allan Hall & Steve Smallman
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.
Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.

*I've got the love of Jesus.
I've got the love of Jesus,
I've got the love of Jesus,
and it's deep down in my heart.*

Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.
Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.

*I've got the peace of Jesus.
I've got the peace of Jesus,
I've got the peace of Jesus,
and it's deep down in my heart.*

Oh, deep, way down deep,
way down deep, down in my heart.
Oh, deep, way down deep,

way down deep, down in my heart.
I've got the joy of Jesus.
I've got the joy of Jesus,
I've got the joy of Jesus,
and it's deep down in my heart.

I've got the love of Jesus.
I've got the peace of Jesus,
I've got the joy of Jesus,
and it's deep down in my heart.
Deep down in my heart.
Deep down in my heart.

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

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.
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.

Kid's Time

Jesus Saves!

Priscilla J. Owens, 1882 / William J. Kirkpatrick

Congregational Hymn

We have heard the joyful sound:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to ev'ry land,
climb the steeps and cross the waves;
onward! 'tis our Lord's command:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Waft it on the rolling tide:

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Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Tell to sinners far and wide:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing ye islands of the sea!
Echo back, ye ocean caves!
Earth shall keep her jubilee:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Sing above the battle strife:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
By His death and endless life:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Sing it softly through the gloom,
when the heart for mercy craves;
sing in triumph o'er the tomb:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Give the winds a mighty voice:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free,
highest hills and deepest caves;
this our song of victory:
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!

Prayers of the People

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

The Lord's Prayer *Spoken*

How Many Doors Will Open

Richard Leach / Melchoir Teschner, 1615
Congregational Hymn

How many doors will open,
how many chains will break?
When God shakes the foundations
where singing prisoners wait!
Then captives will have freedom
as jailers wake in fear,
but they too can have freedom
and new life can be theirs.

When Paul cast out a spirit
and made a slave girl well,
He sang His hymns that evening
within a prison cell.
At midnight the foundations
beneath the building shook,
till every door swung open
and every shackle broke.

The jailer knew His duty
and face a brutal fate;
but Paul cried out to save Him,
before it was too late.
The jailer called for lanterns,
but Paul had brought the light.
The jailer was delivered
from His chains on that night.

O God, shake the foundations
beneath us as we sing,
to open doors and shackles
we see and those unseen.

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**O God, shake the foundations
beneath all prison cells;
and free those who are captors,
yet prisoners themselves.**

Lesson: *Acts 16:25-34*

Todd Popham, reader

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken, and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Lloyd Larson, 2011

Chancel Choir Anthem

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called children of God.
May we be humble and gentle,
may we bear one another in love,
and keep the unity of God's Holy Spirit,
nurturing the bond of peace.
There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to one hope,
one Lord, on faith, baptized with God,
Creator of us all, who is over all and through all in all.**

**Peace I leave you; my peace I give,
but not as the world gives.
Peace I leave you; my peace I give,
and you shall be called, be called children of God.**

**May we be humble and gentle,
and may we bear one another in love,
showing there is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to one hope,
one Lord, on faith, baptized with God,
Creator of us all, who is over all and through all in all.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they shall be called the children of God.**

Prayer for Our Pastor

Todd Popham

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Fight the Good Fight

William Boyd, 1864 / Psalmody Evangelica, 1789

Congregational Hymn

Fight the good fight with all your might,

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Christ is your strength and Christ your right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
your joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up your eyes and seek their face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, His arms are near;
He changes not and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is Lord eternally.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

That's Who I Praise

*Michael Lake, Benjamin Hastings, Zachary Lawson, Steven Furtick, & Micah
David Nichols*

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I wanna dance like David, I wanna faith like Paul,
I wanna sing like Silas, tearin' down those prison walls.
I wanna face that fire. It won't burn me, though.
God's got my back, Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego.
I wanna walk like Moses, right through the waves.
One day I'll see that promised land, no longer slaves.
Though the fear is talkin', no, it can't take out my faith.

*I'm gonna praise, I'm gonna praise.
I praise the mountain movin',
body raisin', breaker of chains.
Gonna praise, I'm gonna praise.
I praise the Heaven seated,
undefeated, highest of names.
That's who I praise!
Hey, that's who I praise, that's who I praise!*

I wanna gift like Mary. I wanna break my vase.
I wanna sleep like Daniel, even in a lion's cave.
I'm gonna get that promise, just like Jericho.
Yeah, I know what'll make it fall.

*I'm gonna praise, I'm gonna praise.
I praise the mountain movin',
body raisin', breaker of chains.
Gonna praise, I'm gonna praise.
I praise the Heaven seated,
undefeated, highest of names.
That's who I praise!
Hey, I praise the God that's proven
He can do impossible things.
That's who I praise, hey, that's who I praise.
That's who I praise.*

He is the Lion of Judah, He is the Lamb that was slain.
The only One who's worthy, worthy,
worthy of all of His names. That's who I praise!
He is the risen Messiah, He is the Ancient of Days.
The only One who's worthy, worthy,
worthy of all of His names.
That's who I praise!

*So, I'm gonna praise!
I praise the mountain movin',
body raisin', breaker of chains.*

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*Gonna praise, I'm gonna praise!
I praise the Heaven seated,
undefeated, highest of names.
That's who I praise, hey,
I praise the God that's proven
He can do impossible things.
That's who I praise, hey, that's who I praise.
That's who I praise! That's who I praise!
That's who I praise!*

I wanna love like Jesus, that kind of grace.
I wanna live like I've got no more precious time to waste.
I'm gonna give Him glory with all my thanks.
'Cause there's no greater, stronger, higher name.
And that's who I praise.

Annual Worship Theme July 19 - September 6, 2026

The Beatitudes



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of August 30, 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

Charlie Barnes

Toni Barnes

*Linda Benderhilt

*Cathy Benson

Michael Bedard

*Jeff Bond

Boshart Family

Brint and Lynne

Brooke and Ralph

*Tim Bush

Dave

David Caffier

Bill Casey

Nicolette Coffey

Larry Collins

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

Jerich Hasieber

Sheila Hass

Kathy Hertley

Ryan Johnson

Martha Kallaher

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

*Jimmy/Linda Hess

Ray Hilt

Connie Ann Holms-Tatom

Diane Kelly

Patricia Kelley

Mary Ann King

Anya Klein

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Stacy Kotch-Jester
*Barb Kurtz
Lauren
*George Leet
*Rob Linder
Val Linder
*Donna Lipscomb
Leonard Logan
Carolyn Lorenzo
Bob Luedel
Janis Lunn
Mo Madden
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Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
*Marv Malone
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Tai Mercer
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Frank Milligan
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Russ Mullen
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*Bob Paulen
*Kevin Pelland
Wayne Perry
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
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Quinn Family
Gary Ralph
Deb Rhodes
*Janene Riley-Spillane
*Keith Riley-Spillane
*Bill Robbins
Bill Roche
Marty Rockey
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*Carl Schloegel
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Owen Thompson
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*Rose Verona
Lee Ann Walling
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Wendy
*Tim Whaley
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*Lynne Wilmer
*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
*Claire and Tom Worrall
*Michelle Yates
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake
Mary Beth and Luke
Bob and Dick
Rob
Tom and Pat
Wesley
Tom

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

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*Debra Leiss -Hospice Home
*Linda Rooney
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*Charlotte Woods
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
Maddie
Luke
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