



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 6, 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 ~

Trust in God

*Michael Brandon Lake, Steven Furtick,
Christopher Joel Brown & Mitch Wong, 2023
Praise Team*

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine.
He's been my fourth man in the fire, time after time.
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood,
and what He did for me on Calv'ry
is more than enough.

*I trust in God, my Savior,
the one who will never fail.
He will never fail. {Repeat Chorus}*

Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps.
So this is my story, and this is my song,
Praising my risen King and Savior all the day long.
{Repeat Chorus 2x}

Bridge:

I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
I sought the Lord, and He heard and He answered.
That's why I trust Him. That's why I trust Him.
*{Repeat section 3x – Repeat Chorus 2x
Repeat bridge 2x – Repeat Chorus 2x}*

Jesus

*Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash ©2016 Worship Together Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

There is a truth older than the ages.
There is a promise of things yet to come.
There is one born for our salvation: Jesus.

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness.
There is a kingdom that forever reigns.
There is freedom from the chains that bind us:
Jesus, Jesus.

*Who walks on the waters? Who speaks to the sea?
Who stands in the fire beside me?
He roars like a lion, He bled as the lamb.
He carries my healing in his hands. Jesus.*

There is a name I call in times of trouble.
There is a song that comforts in the night.
There is a voice that calms the storm that rages.
He is Jesus, Jesus. *{Repeat Chorus}*

Messiah, my Savior, there is power in Your name.
You're my rock and my redeemer.
There is power in Your name, in Your name.
*You walk on the waters, You speak to the sea,
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb.
You carried my healing in Your hands.*

*God, You walk on the waters,
You speak to the sea,
You stand in the fire beside me.
You roar like a lion, You bled as the lamb.
You carried my healing in Your hands.
Jesus, there is no one like You, Jesus.
There is no one like You.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

My Lighthouse

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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

How Firm a Foundation

"K" in Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 / Early American melody, 1866

Congregational Hymn

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am Your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you, and cause you to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials your pathways shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, will be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

Lesson: *Daniel 3:14-28*

Marti Garrett, reader

Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods and you do not worship the golden statue that I have set up? Now if you are ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, drum, and entire musical ensemble, you should fall down and worship the statue that I have made. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire, and who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?"

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to present a defense to you in this matter. If our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire and out of your hand, O king, let him deliver us. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods and we will not worship the golden statue that you have set up.”

Then Nebuchadnezzar was so filled with rage against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego that his face was distorted. He ordered the furnace heated up seven times more than was customary and ordered some of the strongest guards in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and to throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. So the men were bound, still wearing their tunics, their trousers, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. Because the king’s command was urgent and the furnace was so overheated, the raging flames killed the men who lifted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. But the three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell down, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire.

Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up quickly. He said to his counselors, “Was it not three men that we threw bound into the fire?” They answered the king, “True, O king.” He replied, “But I see four men unbound, walking in the middle of the fire, and they are not hurt, and the fourth has the appearance of a god.” Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men; the hair of their heads was not singed, their tunics were not scorched, and not even the smell of fire came from them. Nebuchadnezzar said, “Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants who trusted in him. They disobeyed the king’s command and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Shadrack

Robert MacGimsey, 1931

Chancel Choir Anthem

There were three children from the land of Israel,

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

They took a trip into the land of Babylon.

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

Nebuchadnezzar was the King of Babylon.

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

He took a ton of gold and then he made an idol.

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

And he told everybody

“When you hear the music of the cornet

and the flute... and the harp!

You must fall down and worship the idol!

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

But the children of Israel would not bow down,

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

Couldn’t fool them with a golden idol.

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

No, you couldn’t fool them with a golden idol!

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

So the King put the children in the fiery furnace!

Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

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Heaped on the coals and the red-hot brimstone!
Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego!
Seven times hotter! Hotter than it oughter be!
Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.
Burnt up the soldiers the King had put there!
Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

But the Lord sent an angel with snowy white wings,
Down in the middle of the furnace.
Talking to the children 'bout the power of the Gospel!
Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.

Well, it couldn't even burn a hair on the head of
Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.
Laughin' and a-talkin' while the fire is a-jumpin'!
Ha! Ha! Ha! Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.
Now King Nebucudnezza called, "Blessed be!"
When he saw the power of the Lord.
And they had a big time in the house of Babylon,
Shadrack! Meshack, Abednego.
Oh! Oh! Oh! Abednego!

Prayer for Our Pastor

Marti Garrett

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Jesus Sat With His Disciples

Words by Stephen P. Starks, 1997 / Wyeth's Repository of Hymns, 1813
Congregational Hymn

Jesus sat with His disciples
on a mountainside one day;
as the crowds of people gathered,
He began to teach and say:
"Blessed are the poor in spirit;
heaven's kingdom they will share.
Blessed are the sad and mourning;
joy and comfort will be theirs.

Blessed are the meek and humble;
all the earth to them is willed.
Those who hunger to be holy,
they are bless'd and will be filled.
Yes, the merciful are blessed;
mercy will to them be shown.
And the pure in heart are blessed;
they have eyes for God alone.

Blessed are God's sons and daughters,
making peace where there is strife.
Blessed are the persecuted,
who for righteousness lose life;
Their reward is great in heaven,
in the kingdom up above-
So be glad to share my sufferin'
and rejoice to know my love."

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

All The People Said Amen

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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.

***Alter Flowers—Presented in loving memory of our
parents Ruby and Robert Thoman and Margaret
Saunders by Bob Thoman and Mark Saunders***

Annual Worship Theme

July 19 - September 6, 2026

The Beatitudes



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 6, 2026

SYMPATHY

To Dee, Jan, Kathy, and Stuart, family and friends, on the death of their mother, Clella Harp.

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

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Anya Klein
Stacy Kotch-Jester
*Barb Kurtz
Lauren
*George Leet
*Rob Linder
Val Linder
*Donna Lipscomb
Leonard Logan
Carolyn Lorenzo
Bob Luedel
Janis Lunn
Mo Madden
*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
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Frank Milligan
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Wayne Perry
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
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Quinn Family
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*Janene Riley-Spillane
*Keith Riley-Spillane
*Bill Robbins
Bill Roche
Marty Rockey
Emmalea Ruff
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*Carl Schloegel
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Owen Thompson
Rene Toney
Steven Trantum
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Lee Ann Walling
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
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Rob
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Tom

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*Fred and Sharyn Smith
Quinn Smith
*Charlotte Woods
Elaine Trexler
*Janet Yabroff
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Luke
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