



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 13, 2026



**Welcome to Epworth Worship**  
**Sunday 9:50 am**  
**in-person and online**

**9:50 am** [Blended Worship Order](#)  
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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 ~

### Holy Spirit

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

There's nothing worth more  
that could ever come close.  
No thing can compare;  
You're our living hope. Your presence, Lord.  
I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,  
Where my heart becomes free,  
and my shame is undone. Your presence, Lord.  
*Holy Spirit, You are welcome here.  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere.  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,  
to be overcome by your presence, Lord.  
Your presence, Lord.*

*{Repeat Verse & Chorus}*

Let us become more aware of Your presence.  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.  
*{Repeat section 3x – Repeat Chorus}*

### 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.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### Love Came Down

Ian McIntosh, Jeremy Edwardson, Brian Johnson, & Jeremy Riddle  
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

If my heart is overwhelmed

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and I cannot hear Your voice,  
I hold on to what is true,  
though I cannot see.  
If the storms of life, they come,  
and the road ahead gets steep,  
I will lift these hands in faith; I will believe.  
I remind myself of all that You've done,  
and the life I have because of Your Son.  
*Love came down and rescued me,  
love came down and set me free.  
I am Yours, I am forever Yours.  
Mountain high or valley low,  
I sing out and remind my soul:  
I am Yours, I am forever Yours.*

When my heart is filled with hope,  
and ev'ry promise comes my way,  
When I feel Your hands of grace rest upon me,  
Staying desp'rate for You, God,  
staying humbled at Your feet,  
I will lift these hands and praise, I will believe.  
I remind myself of all that You've done,  
and the life I have because of Your Son.  
*{Repeat Chorus}*

I am Yours,  
All my days, Jesus, I am Yours.  
I am Yours, I am Yours.  
All my days, I am Yours. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

TAG: Jesus, I am Yours.

## Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### To God Be the Glory

*Fanny J. Crosby, 1875 / William H. Doane, 1875*  
Congregational Hymn

To God be the glory, great things He has done!  
He so loved the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
and give Him the glory, great things He has done.*

Great things He has taught us,  
great things He has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
*{Refrain}*

## Prayers of the People

RuthAnn Barnes

Gracious, Loving God,  
We come before You with what we have.  
For those who grieve this day  
know that you are invited  
to bring the broken pieces of your heart.  
*Loved by one another,  
we discover God's love for us.*

We come before You with what we have.  
For those who come with gladness  
know that your melody will find harmony.

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***Accepting God's love for us,  
we are called to love one another.***

We come before You with what we have.  
For those who are weighed down  
by too many 'shoulds' and 'what-ifs'  
know that here you may lay down the burdens  
of guilt and shame.

***Loved by one another,  
we discover God's love for us.***

We come before You with what we have.  
For those who have the answers,  
know that new questions await you.

***Accepting God's love for us,  
we are called to love one another.***

We come before You with what we have.  
For those who come seeking,  
know that your questions are safe  
in the presence of God.

***Loved by one another,  
we discover God's love for us.***

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Sung Responsively*

### **God of Love and God of Power**

*Gerald H. Kennedy, 1939 / Joachim Neander, 1680*  
Congregational Hymn

**God of love and God of power,  
grant us in this burning hour  
grace to ask these gifts of thee,  
daring hearts and spirits free.**

***God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.***

**We are not the first to be  
banished by our fears from thee;  
give us courage, let us hear  
Heaven's trumpets ringing clear. {Chorus}**

**All our lives belong to thee,  
thou our final loyalty;  
slaves are we whene'er we share  
that devotion anywhere. {Chorus}**

**God of love and God of power,  
make us worthy of this hour;  
off'ring lives if it's thy will,  
keeping free our spirits still. {Chorus}**

### **Lesson: 1 John 4:16-21**

Doro Mumford, reader

So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must

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love their brothers and sisters also.

May this scripture inspire us all...

**§ to walk in the way that leads to life.**

## **I Need to Be Still**

*Naomi Martin / Archie P. Jordan, 1979*

Chancel Choir Anthem

*I need to be still and let God love me.*

*I need to be still and let God love me.*

*When this old world starts to push and shove me.*

*I need to be still and let God love me.*

I need to relax and let God take over.

I need to relax and let God take over.

He'll take this load off my shoulders.

I need to relax and let God take over.

When there's trouble all around me  
and my soul cries out for rest,

When I feel that I'm failing  
even though I've done my best.

When decisions get so heavy,  
and there are answers that I need.

I know it's time to just be still and let God love me.

*{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

**Prayer for Our Pastor**

Doro Mumford

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## **My Jesus, I Love Thee**

*William R. Featherstone, 1864 / Adoniram J. Gordon, 1876*

Congregational Hymn

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.

My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

**Recognition of ISOP Team**

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

## **My Jesus**

*Matthew West, Anne Wilson, & Jeffrey Pardo*

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Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Are you past the point of weary,  
is your burden weighing heavy,  
is it all too much to carry?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

Do you feel that empty feeling,  
'cause shame's done all its stealing,  
and you're desp'rate for some healing?

Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.

*He makes a way where there ain't no way,  
rises up from an empty grave,*

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*ain't no sinner that He can't save.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
His love is strong and His grace is free,  
and the good news is I know that He,  
can do for you what He's done for me.  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus,  
and let my Jesus change your life.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
amen, amen.*

Who can wipe away the tears,  
from broken dreams and wasted years,  
and tell the past to disappear?  
Oh, let me tell you 'bout my Jesus.  
And all the wrong turns that you would,  
go and undo if you could.  
Who can work it all for your good?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus. *{Refrain}*

Who would take my cross to Calv'ry,  
pay the price for all my guilty,  
who would care that much about me?  
Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh... *{Refrain}*

TAG: Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
and let my Jesus change your life.

*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

## September 13 - October 18, 2026

### Love Boldly Through Covenant Discipleship



# Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of September 13, 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

Clay Family

Nicolette Coffey

Larry Collins

Connie

Donna and Bill Crnkovich

Jeanny Delaspira

Sue Dickerson

Tom Donnachie

Renee Downs

Sue Doyle

\*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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Patricia Kelley  
Mary Ann King  
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  
Jerry Mahon  
\*Marv Malone  
\*Stephanie Manos  
Karen Mascola  
Bob Mazur  
Sean and Adrienne McCullough  
Kaitlyn McCutcheon  
Ellen McKeon  
\*Missy Mehring  
Tai Mercer  
Josh Mikalowski  
Frank Milligan  
Robert Morris  
Russ Mullen  
\*Ron Paxton  
\*Bob Paulen  
\*Kevin Pelland  
Wayne Perry  
\*Sandy & Glenn Pierce  
Price Family  
Quinn Family  
Gary Ralph  
Deb Rhodes  
\*Janene Riley-Spillane  
\*Keith Riley-Spillane  
\*Bill Robbins  
Bill Roche  
Marty Rockey  
Emmalea Ruff  
John Ruff  
\*John Sadler  
Jean Safrit  
\*Carl Schloegel  
\*Loretta Smith  
\*Susie Spencer  
Melanie and John Steinmetz  
Carol Streets  
Laurie Sunderland  
Tony  
Owen Thompson  
Rene Toney  
Steven Trantum  
\*Rose Verona  
Lee Ann Walling  
Peggy Waltersdorf  
Hudson Walton  
Donald Walton

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\*Deb Weber  
\*Suzanne Weidner  
Wendy  
\*Tim Whaley  
\*Tina Whaley  
Michael Wills, Sr  
\*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

### **\*Church Members**

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

\*Ann Chambers, The Moorings  
Leon Cromer, Harbor Health  
Ken Gilson- Hospice Vermont  
\*Nancy Hecker Hospice Salisbury  
\*Debra Leiss -Hospice Home  
\*Linda Rooney  
\*Fred and Sharyn Smith  
Quinn Smith  
\*Charlotte Woods  
Elaine Trexler  
\*Janet Yabroff  
Maddie  
Luke  
Phillip

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Hailye Wilson, USCG Mobile, AL  
Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula, MS  
Zeb Wilson, USAF Dover AFB, DE  
Stephanie Wilson, USCG, New London, Conn  
Jacob Hudson, USMC Camp Pendleton, CA  
Andrew Hudson, US Army, Ft. Bliss, TX

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Callie Juliano, U Conn  
Cole Thomas Juliano, UD  
Noah Ryan, Delaware Tech  
Griffin Barrows, Marist  
Grant Barrows, UNC Charlotte

# Epworth Ministry Organization



## Staff & Leadership

Church Office: 302-227-7743 (plus extension)

Lead Pastor: [Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith](#) (x102)

Pastor of Community & Communication:

[Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith](#) (x103)

Minister of Music: [Doug Yetter](#) (x106)

Caring Minister: [Mickie McManamon](#) (x104)

Belonging Minister: [Gwen Osborne](#) (x108)

Youth Minister: [Joy Gordy-Stith](#)

Minister to Deaf and Hard of Hearing: [Sandy Roca](#)

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Bookkeeper: [Bryan Warner](#) (x105)

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(Inclusive Ministries, Food Ministries, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Social Justice)

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(Small Groups, New Members/Belongings, Sunday School, Youth & Adult Groups)

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(Worship, Music, Arts)

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### Caring Leadership Team

(Missions, Pastoral Care Team, Care Ministries)

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