



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, September 27, 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 ~

Because He Lives (Amen)

*William & Gloria Gaither, Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash,
Matt Maher, & Jason Ingram ©2014 Hanna Street Music
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One.
I believe I overcome by the power of His love.

Amen! Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen!

*Let my song join the one that never ends,
because He lives.*

I was dead in the grave,
I was covered in sin and shame.
I heard mercy call my name.
He rolled the stone away.

Amen! Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen!

Let my song join the one that never ends,

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone.
I know He holds my life, my future in His hands.

Amen! Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen!

Let my song join the one that never ends,

Amen! Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives.

Amen! Amen!

*Let my song join the one that never ends,
because He lives.*

Because He lives. Amen.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

*Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio
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Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

*My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures. {Chorus twice}

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

Beautiful One

Tim Hughes ©2002 Thank You Music

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Wonderful, so wonderful
is Your unfailing love.
Your cross has spoken mercy over me.
No eye has seen, no ear has heard,
no heart can fully know
how glorious, how beautiful You are.
Beautiful One, I love. Beautiful One, I adore.
Beautiful One, my soul must sing.

Powerful, so powerful, Your glory fills the skies.
Your mighty works displayed for all to see.
The beauty of Your majesty
awakes my heart to sing
How marvelous, how wonderful You are.
{Chorus 2x}

You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love
cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.
And You opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,
You captured my heart with this love
because nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.
{Chorus}

My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing.
My soul, my soul must sing.
Beautiful One. *{Repeat section – Chorus 2x}*

Kid's Time

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

William Kethe, 1551 / Louis Bourgeois, 1561

Congregational Hymn

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell;
come ye before Him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His folk, He does us feed,
and for His sheep He does us take.

O enter then His gates with praise;
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why! the Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

Prayers of the People

Carol Lynch

Let us pray to our God saying: *In your righteousness, deliver us and set us free.*

Holy God,
You knew us before we took our first breath.
You uttered your living Word
and brought forth light, love, and life.
You gathered us from the dust of the earth

and called us your people.
You sent us into the world
to proclaim your mighty and wondrous deeds.
You are with us even now as we continue our call.

In your righteousness, deliver us and set us free.

Mighty God,
You have done great things; who is like you?
You alone are our rock of refuge.
You alone are our strong fortress.
You alone are our hope
and in you alone is our trust.

In your righteousness, deliver us and set us free.

Merciful God, your love never ends.
We confess to you that we do not always
share your love as we should.
Where you have called us to live as one body,
we are divided.
Where you have called us to give our gifts,
we ignore your call.
Where you have called us to forgive,
we have forgotten your mercy.

In your righteousness, deliver us and set us free.

Gracious God, do not be far from us!
Strengthen us
that we might be givers of your grace
and may your steadfast love
be known to all of your children.
Send your Holy Spirit to empower our hands
to clothe the naked, feed the hungry,
and love all as you have first loved us.

In your righteousness, deliver us and set us free.

Loving God,
hear today the prayers that we lift up to you.
Be with those of us
that yearn for your restoration and healing.
Today, we lift the names of those
we ask your blessing upon
with our lips or within our hearts...

In your righteousness, deliver us and set us free.

Faithful God,
your power and your righteousness reach the heavens.
Hear us, your servants, as we follow you
to the day when faith, hope, and love
will be upon the lips of all of us, your children.
These things we pray in the name of your Son
who taught us to pray...

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

When Jesus the Healer

Peter D. Smith, 1978

Congregational Hymn

**When Jesus the healer passed through Galilee,
Heal us, heal us today!
The deaf came to hear and the blind came to see.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!**

**The twelve were commissioned and sent out in twos.
Heal us, heal us today!
To make the sick whole and to spread the good news.
Heal us, Lord Jesus!**

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**There's still so much sickness and suffering today.
Heal us, heal us today!
We gather together for healing and pray:
Heal us, Lord Jesus!**

Lesson: *Matthew 10:5-15*

Sandy Roca & Barbara Simpson, readers

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Go Out and Tell

*Words by Herb Frombach; Music by David Lantz III ©2004
Chancel Choir*

**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 Pastor **Barbara Simpson**

Sermon **Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith**

We Went As You Told Us

*Richard Leach / Amanda Husberg, 1994
Congregational Hymn*

**We went as you told us, without bag or bread;
We had all we needed; by faith we were fed.**

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*With sandals and staff we went two by two;
You sent us, O Jesus, to make the world brand-new.*

We went as you told us; we traveled so light;
All manner of trouble we met and set right.
{Refrain}

Some welcomed our visit; some turned us away.
We shook off their dust; we had no need to stay.
{Refrain}

Is this as you told us? Now see how we live
By what we hold on to and not what we give.
{Refrain}

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Good God Almighty

*David Crowder, Ben Glover, & Jeff Sojka ©2021 9 T One Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir*

I can't count the times I've called
Your name some broken night.
And You showed up and patched me up
like You do every time.
I get amnesia,
I forget that You keep coming around.
Yeah, ain't no way You'll ever let me down.
*Good God Almighty, I hope You'll find me,
praising Your name, no matter what comes.
'Cause I know where I'd be without Your mercy,
so I keep praising Your name
at the top of my lungs.
Tell me, is He good? (He's good.)
Tell me, is He God? (He's God.)
He is Good God Almighty.*

You say Your love goes on forever,
that Your mercy never stops.
So why would I assume You'd be
somebody that You're not?
Like sun in the morning,
I know You're gonna be there every day.
So what on earth could make me be afraid?
{Refrain}

Praise Him in the morning,
praise Him in the noontime,
praise Him when the sun goes down.
Love Him in the morning,
love Him in the noontime,
love Him when the sun goes down.
{Refrain}

Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.
Jesus in the morning, Jesus in the noontime,
Jesus when the sun goes down.

*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 27, 2026

SYMPATHY

To the family and friends of Lois Crosby.

CONCERNS

Those impacted by shootings

Conflict in middle east

People of Ukraine

Deaf People of Ukraine

Addie

Anya

Arletta

Marie Ahern

Barcus Family

Rev. Meg Barnhouse

Charlie Barnes

Toni Barnes

*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

Jerich Hasieber

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Ryan Johnson

Martha Kallaher

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*Jimmy/Linda Hess

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Diane Kelly

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Anya Klein
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*Barb Kurtz
Lauren
*George Leet
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*Carol Woodcock
*Charlotte Woods
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*Michelle Yates
*Linda Miniscako & Jeanne Drake
Mary Beth and Luke
Matthew
Bob and Dick
Rob
Tom and Pat
Wesley
Tom

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*Charlotte Woods
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