

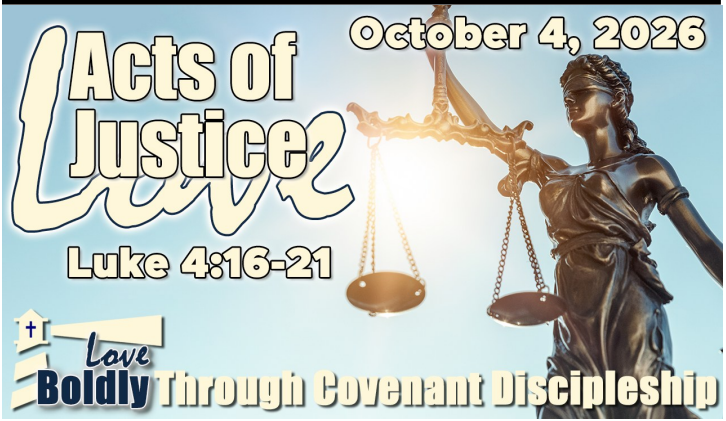


EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 4, 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 ~

Come, Jesus, Come

Tara McWhirter, Stephen McWhirter, Hank Bentley & Bryan Fowler

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Praise Team

Sometimes I fall, to my knees and pray.
Come, Jesus, come, let today be the day.
Sometimes I feel like I'm gonna break.
But I'm holding on, to a hope that won't fade.
*Come, Jesus, come. We've been waiting so long.
For the day You return
to heal every hurt, and right every wrong.
We need You right now.
Come and turn this around.
Deep down I know, this world isn't home.
Come, Jesus, come. Come, Jesus, come.*

There'll be no war. And there'll be no chains.
When Jesus comes. Let today be the day.
He'll come for the weak, and the strong just the same.
And all will believe, in the power of His name.
{Chorus}

One day He'll come, and we'll stand face to face.
Come and lay it all down, 'cause it might be today.
The time is right now, there's no need to wait.
Your past will be washed, by rivers of grace. *{Chorus}*

TAG: Come, Jesus, come. Come, come, Jesus, come.

For Everyone Born

Shirley Erena Murray / Brian Mann, 1998

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

For everyone born, a place at the table.
For everyone born, clean water and bread.
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead.
*And God will delight
when we are creators of justice
and joy---, compassion and peace:
Yes, God will delight
when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

For young and for old, a place at the table.
A voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.
{Repeat Chorus}

For gay and for straight, a place at the table.
A covenant shared, a welcoming space.
A rainbow of race and gender and color.
For gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.
{Repeat Chorus twice}

TAG: Of justice, justice and joy!
Of justice, justice and joy!
Of justice, justice and joy!

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Come to the Table

Ben Glover, Ben McDonald & Dave Frey ©2015 9Tone Songs

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

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We all start on the outside,
the outside looking in.
This is where grace begins.
We were hungry, we were thirsty,
with nothing left to give.
Oh, the shape that we were in.
And just when all hope seemed lost,
Love opened the door for us. He said:

Come to the table.

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free.

Come to the table.

Come meet this motley crew of misfits,
these liars and these thieves;
There's no one unwelcome here.
And that sin and shame
that you brought with you,
you can leave it at the door
and let mercy draw you near.

So, come to the table.

Come join the sinners who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free.

Come to the table. Come to the table.

To the thief and to the doubter,
to the hero and the coward,
to the pris'ner and the soldier,
to the young and to the older,
all who hunger all who thirst,
all the last and all the first,
all the paupers and the princes,
all who fail, you've been forgiven,
all who dream and all who suffer,
all who loved and lost another,
all the chained and all the free,
all who follow, all who lead,
anyone who's been let down,
all the lost, you have been found,
all who've been labeled right or wrong,
to ev'ryone who hears this song:

Come to the table.

Come join the sinners; who have been redeemed.

Take your place beside the Savior.

Sit down and be set free.

Sit down and be set free.

Come to the table, come to the table.

Sit down and be set free. Come to the table.

Kid's Time

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Tell John His Prophecy Was True

Gracia Grindal, 2006 / J. L. Macbeth Bain, 1881
Congregational Hymn

Tell John his prophecy was true
the desert will rejoice,
the wilderness burst forth in bloom
and shout with joyful voice:
"Behold the Lamb of God today,
who takes our sins away!"

When Christ has come, the blind will see
and all the sick be healed.
The deaf will hear; the dead be raised;
good news will be revealed.

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To these the kingdom will be giv'n,
for they are born of heav'n.

Christ comes to each of us today
who hear his holy Word
to straighten out our crooked ways,
so we can be prepared
to live with him in righteousness
and perfect blessedness.

Lesson: *Luke 4:16-21*

Kevin Pelland, reader

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Let the People of God Go Singing

Ken Medema, 1992

Chancel Choir

Let the people of God
go singing all around the world.
Let the people of God
sing the music of peace and freedom
all around the world.
Let the people of God sing
till ev'ryone hears the music all around the world.

We Pray for Our Pastor

Kevin Pelland

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

Christ for the World We Sing

Samuel Wolcott, 1869 / Felice de Giardini, 1769

Congregational Hymn

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow worn, whom Christ does heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;
the wayward, and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring, with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;

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the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

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

Music during Communion:

The Welcome Table

Arranged by Joel Raney ©2009
Chancel Choir

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, O Lord,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.
Hallelujah!

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table.
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table, one of these days.
And we'll break bread together on our knees.

I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven, O Lord,
I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven
one of these days. Hallelujah!
I'm gonna feast on the bread of heaven,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus, O Lord,
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus one of these days.
Hallelujah!
I'm gonna share my cup with Jesus,
I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

And we'll break bread together on our knees.
Yes! We'll break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees

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with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

O, I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir, O Lord,
I'm gonna sing with the heavenly choir
one of these days. Hallelujah!
I'm gonna sing with the heavenly,
with the heavenly choir,
And I'll sit at the welcome table one of these days.
One of these days...
gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

I Am

David Crowder & Ed Cash, 2013

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

There's no space that his love can't reach.
There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to amazing grace.
Take me in with your arms spread wide.
Take me in like an orphaned child.
Never let go, never leave my side.

I am holding on to you.

I am holding on to you.

In the middle of the storm,

I am holding on, I am.

Love like this, oh, my God, to find.
I am overwhelmed; what a joy divine.
Love like this sets our hearts on fire. {Chorus 2x}

This is my resurrection song.
This is my "Hallelujah, come!"
This is why it's to You I run.

This is my resurrection song.
This is my "Hallelujah, come!"
This is why it's to You I run.

There's no space that his love can't reach.
There's no place where we can't find peace.
There's no end to amazing grace...

I am holding on to you.

I am holding on to you.

In the middle of the storm,

I am holding on,

I am holding on to you.

I am holding on to you.

In the middle of the storm,

I am holding on,

I am holding on to you.

I am holding on to you.

In the middle of the storm,

I am holding on, I am. (Oh, oh.)

I am. (Oh, oh.)

In the middle of the storm,

I am holding on, I am.

*Altar Flowers for October are Sponsored by Bob
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ful Epworth Family of Faith.*

Annual Worship Theme

September 13 - October 18, 2026

Love Boldly
Through Covenant Discipleship



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Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 4, 2026

SYMPATHY

*To Jeannie Marsh, family and friends, on the death of Lynne Wilmer on Monday evening.

*To the family and friends of Lois Crosby, family and friends

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

Sheila Hass

Kathy Hertley

Ryan Johnson

Martha Kallaher

Mark Gruber-Lebowitz

*Jimmy/Linda Hess

Connie Ann Holms-Tatom

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Diane Kelly
Patricia Kelley
Mary Ann King
Anya Klein
Stacy Kotch-Jester
George Kuebler
*Barb Kurtz
Lauren
*George Leet
*Rob Linder
Val Linder
*Donna Lipscomb
Leonard Logan
Carolyn Lorenzo
Bob Luedel
Janis Lunn
Trina Lyles
Carol Lynch
Mo Madden
*Loretta Mahan
Patrick Mahan
Donald Mahon
Jerry Mahon
*Marv Malone
*Stephanie Manos
Jeanie Marsh
Karen Mascola
Bob Mazur
Sean and Adrienne McCullough
Kaitlyn McCutcheon
Ellen McKeon
*Missy Mehring
Tai Mercer
Josh Mikalowski
Frank Milligan
Moore Family
Robert Morris
Russ Mullen
*Ron Paxton
*Bob Paulen
*Kevin Pellard
Wayne Perry
*Sandy & Glenn Pierce
Annette Predeux
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 Safrin
*Carl Schloegel
*Loretta Smith
*Susie Spencer
Melanie and John Steinmetz
Carol Streets
Laurie Sunderland
Tony
Owen Thompson
Rene Toney

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*Pat Thorton
Steven Trantum
*Rose Verona
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*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
Matthew
Bob and Dick
George
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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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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