



EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 11, 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 ~

O Come to the Altar

Mack Brock, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, & Wade Joye

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Praise Team

Are you hurting and broken within,
overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?
Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself?
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?
Jesus is calling.

*O come to the altar;
the Savior's arms are open wide.
Forgiveness was bought
with the precious love of Jesus Christ.*

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.
Come today; there's no reason to wait.
Jesus is calling.
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.
From the ashes a new life is born.
Jesus is calling. {Repeat Chorus 2x}

O what a Savior. Isn't he wonderful?
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"
Bow down before Him,
for He is Lord of all.
Sing "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" {repeat section}
{Repeat Chorus 3x}

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown.
Tell the world of the treasure you found.

Precious Love

Chris Tomlin & Ben Cantelon, ©2022 Capitol CMG Paragon

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

There is forgiveness flowing down
from where the Savior died.
The Son of Man upon the tree,
exchanging death for life.
See Him there in innocence,
the body and the blood.
Behold the King, crucified,
spotless Lamb of God.

*Oh, the precious love of Jesus,
oh, the fount of grace divine.
Flowing as a mighty river,
washing sinners in its tide.
There will never be another
in whose name we are redeemed.
Oh, the precious love of Jesus,
flowing over you and me.*

Sin and death crushed underneath,
the weight of nail-pierced hands.
He plundered hell and tore the veil
as creation held its breath.
Then on the morning of the third,
the Son began to rise.
Up from the grave, victorious,
Hallelujah, He's alive! {Refrain}

He is worthy, He is worthy,
worthy is the Lamb.
Sing forever, Hallelujah!
Worthy is the Lamb. {Repeat section - Refrain}

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TAG: *Oh, the precious love of Jesus,
flowing over you and me.*

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

House of the Lord

Phil Wickham & Jonathan Smith ©2021 Be Essential Songs
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

We worship the God who was.

We worship the God who is.

We worship the God who evermore will be.

You opened the prison doors.

You parted the raging sea.

My God, You hold the victory, yeah.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

Oh, oh, we shout out Your praise.

We sing to the God who heals.

We sing to the God who saves.

We sing to the God who always makes a way.

'Cause You hung upon that cross,

then You rose up from that grave.

My God's still rolling stones away.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

There's joy in the house of the Lord today.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

There's joy in the house of the Lord.

Our God is surely in this place.

And we won't be quiet,

we shout out Your praise.

We were the beggars, now we're royalty.

We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted,

redeemed by Your grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise.

'Cause we were the beggars, now we're royalty.

We were the pris'ners, now we're running free.

We are forgiven, accepted,

redeemed by Your grace.

Let the house of the Lord sing praise. {Chorus 2x}

TAG: *We shout out Your praise!*

Kid's Time

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Joseph M. Scriven, 1855 / Charles C. Converse, 1868
Congregational Hymn

What a friend we have in Jesus,

all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry

everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit,

O what needless pain we bear,

all because we do not carry

everything to God in prayer.

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Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer

Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayers of the People

Michael Beigay

God, we come into Your presence
with praise and thanksgiving for Your faithful love.
Your love never fails—not even we turn away from You:
when we ignore Your invitation,
or desert You for gods of our own making.
Even then You do not abandon us,
but reach out—again and again—
inviting us back into relationship once more.

As You welcome us, so You welcome our prayers.
We bring them to You with confidence,
knowing that You will hear and answer.

We pray for the world You created,
and the people who share it with us:
- for countries experiencing war or violent conflict,
- for regions of the world struggling with disease,
- for those whose homes and lives
are threatened by natural disaster;

For these and all the other areas in our world
where there is need and despair,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our country and for its people:
- for our government leaders, federal and local,
- for our judicial system, police forces and military,
- for our cities, towns, and rural communities,
- for people in our workforce of all ages

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our local community—
- for those who are unemployed,
- for those in prison,
- for those who are hungry,
- for those who are alone and afraid,
For all our neighbors, both known and unknown to us,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this congregation—
- our brothers and sisters in Christ,
- for those who are ill, or whose loved ones are ill,
- for those who are anxious about the future,
- for those struggling with their faith,
- for those who minister among us,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Pour out Your Spirit on us!
Fix our hearts and minds on what is true, moral and right.
Give us the joy and peace that comes from knowing

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and doing Your will.
Keep us faithful to the call we have received
extending Your loving invitation to the world around us.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Sung Responsively

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Edward H. Plumptre, 1865 / Arthur H. Messiter, 1889

Congregational Hymn

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart;
rejoice, give thanks and sing;
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ Your King.
*Rejoice, (Rejoice), rejoice, (rejoice),
rejoice, give thanks and sing.***

**Your clear hosannas raise,
and alleluias loud;
whilst answering echoes upward float,
like wreaths of incense cloud. {Refrain}**

**Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore. {Refrain}**

Lesson: *Philippians 4:4-9*

Scott Button, reader

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

May this scripture inspire us all...

§ to walk in the way that leads to life.

Cathedral of Praise

Joseph M. Martin, 2006

Chancel Choir Anthem

**Rise up, O church of God!
Lift high your call to praise.
Today we celebrate God's love, our heritage of faith,
Our heritage of faith!**

**Let us praise God with glorious music,
Let us rejoice this day of days.
We are the church, the Lord's congregation.
We are God's temple, living cathedrals of praise.**

**Let us praise God with all of our being.
Let the redeemed of God proclaim.
We are the church, the Lord's congregation.
We are God's temple, living cathedrals of praise!**

Let us rejoice with songs of thanksgiving.

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Let us rejoice in the things God has done.
Let us give voice in all of our living,
We are the children of light.
We are the steeples reaching to heaven,
A pillar of strength for the right.

We are the stones in a firm foundation.
We are the walls standing strong.
We are the doors that are always open,
So that the whole world can hear our song.

For the church is more than the brick and the mortar.
Towers will all pass away,
But the church of God will last forever;
Standing on faith, founded on grace,
A living cathedral of praise.

Let us rejoice with songs of thanksgiving.
Let us rejoice in the things God has done.
Let us give voice in all of our living,
Raising our voices as one.

Let us praise God with glorious music,
Let us rejoice this day of days.
We are the church, a great alleluia.
We are God's temple, living cathedrals of praise.
We are God's temple, living cathedrals of praise.

Prayer for Our Pastor

Scott Button

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Near to the Heart of God

Cleland B. McAfee, 1903
Congregational Hymn

There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot molest,
near to the heart of God.

*O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us who wait before Thee
near to the heart of God.*

There is a place of comfort sweet,
near to the heart of God;
a place where we our Savior meet,
near to the heart of God. *{Refrain}*

There is a place of full release,
near to the heart of God;
a place where all is joy and peace,
near to the heart of God. *{Refrain}*

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

I'm So Blessed

*Logan Cain, Matthew West, Taylor Matz, Jonathan Smith,
& Madison Cain Johnson ©2023 Logan Cain Music*
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

Trouble knocking at my door today,
I ain't gonna let it in.
And worry wanna steal my joy away,
but I ain't gonna let it win.
'Cause on my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why.

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*I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed,
got this heartbeat in my chest.
No, it doesn't matter about the rest,
if I got You Lord, I'm so blessed.*

And when I count the problems that I see,
hope look all but gone.
But when I count the ways You're good to me,
You got me counting all day long. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

On my best day, I'm a child of God,
on my worst day, I'm a child of God.
Oh, every day is a good day,
and You're the reason why. *{repeat section + Chorus}*

*Altar Flowers for October are Sponsored by Bob
Thoman in Honor and Recognition of the Wonder-
ful Epworth Family of Faith.*

Annual Worship Theme

September 13 - October 18, 2026

Love Boldly
Through Covenant Discipleship



Joys and Concerns for your prayers this Week of October 11, 2026

SYMPATHY

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

Diane Kelly

Patricia Kelley

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Mary Ann King
Anya Klein
Stacy Kotch-Jester
George Kuebler
*Barb Kurtz
Lauren
*George Leet
*Tom Lewis
*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
*Peter Plourd
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

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Rene Toney
*Pat Thorton
Steven Trantum
*Rose Verona
Peggy Waltersdorf
Hudson Walton
Donald Walton
*Deb Weber
*Suzanne Weidner
Susan Weiner
Wendy
*Tim Whaley
*Tina Whaley
Michael Wills, Sr
*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

***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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Luke Wilson, USCG Pascagoula, MS
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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

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Epworth Ministry Organization



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

Pastor of Community & Communication:

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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)

Custodian:

Kitchen Sexton: [Maureen Knesel](#)

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