



# EPWORTH REHOBOTH BEACH

Worship Order, Announcements & Prayers

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Sunday, October 18, 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 ~

### Made to Worship

Chris Tomlin, Stephan Sharp, & Ed Cash

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Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Before the day, before the light,  
before the world revolved around the sun.  
God on high stepped down into time  
and wrote the story of His love for ev'ryone.  
He has filled our hearts with wonder  
so that we always remember:

*You and I are made to worship,  
you and I are called to love;  
you and I are forgiven & free.  
When you and I embrace surrender,  
when you and I choose to believe,  
then you and I will see  
who we were meant to be.*

All we are and all we have,  
is all a gift from God that we receive.  
Brought to life, we open up our eyes,  
to see the majesty and glory of the King.  
He has filled our hearts with wonder  
so that we always remember: *{Repeat Chorus}*

And even the rocks cry out,  
and even the heavens shout  
at the sound of His holy name.  
So let ev'ry voice sing out  
and let ev'ry knee bow down;  
He's worthy of all our praise.

*You and I are made to worship,  
you and I are called to love;  
you and I are forgiven & free.  
When you and I embrace surrender,  
when you and I choose to believe,  
then you and I will see - you and I will see:  
{Repeat Chorus}*

### The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman, 1999

Praise Team / Chancel Choir

When the music fades, all is stripped away,  
and I simply come;  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
that will bless Your heart.  
I'll bring You more than a song,  
for a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within  
through the way things appear.  
You're looking into my heart.

*I'm coming back to the heart of worship,  
and it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it,  
when it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.*

King of endless worth, no one could express  
how much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours,  
ev'ry single breath.  
I'll bring You more than a song,  
for a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within  
through the way things appear.  
You're looking into my heart. *{Repeat Chorus 2x}*

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Welcome

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Bo Gordy-Stith

### Ancient of Days

*Gary Sadler & Jamie Harvill ©1992 Integrity's Hosanna Music*  
Praise Team / Chancel Choir

**Blessing and honor, glory and power**

**be unto the Ancient of Days;**

**From ev'ry nation, all of creation,**

**bow before the Ancient of Days.**

*Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth*

*shall declare Your glory,*

*ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne*

*in worship.*

*You will be exalted, O God,*

*and Your kingdom shall not pass away,*

*O Ancient of Days. {Repeat to top}*

**Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth,**

**sing unto the Ancient of Days.**

**For none can compare to Your matchless worth-**

**Sing unto the Ancient of Days. {Refrain}**

**TAG: O Ancient of Days. O Ancient of Days.**

### **Kid's Time**

#### Christians, We Have Met to Worship

*William Moore, 1825 / George Askins, 1801*

Congregational Hymn

**Christians, we have met to worship,**

**and adore the Lord our God.**

**Will you pray with all your power**

**as we try to preach the Word?**

**All is vain unless the Spirit**

**of the Holy One comes down.**

**Christians pray and holy manna**

**will be showered all around.**

**Sisters, will you join and help us?**

**Moses' sister aided Him.**

**Will you help the trembling mourners**

**who are struggling hard with sin?**

**Tell them all about the Savior.**

**Tell them that He will be found.**

**Sisters, pray and holy manna**

**will be showered all around.**

**Let us love our God supremely,**

**let us love each other, too;**

**Let us love and pray for others**

**till our God makes all things new.**

**Then He'll call us home to heaven,**

**at His table we'll sit down.**

**Christ will gird Himself and serve us**

**with sweet manna all around.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Lee Ann Walling

Merciful God,

In love You created us,

and in love You sustain us, day after day.

So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers

to You, knowing that You will hear and respond.

We pray for those who are estranged

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from spouse or family, friends or neighbors;  
for all who can't find the way to forgive past  
wrongs.

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who carry feelings of guilt or regret  
for something they did  
or something they neglected to do;  
for those who find it difficult to ask for forgiveness  
or forgive themselves;

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

For those who find themselves far away from You,  
struggling to overcome their doubts  
or disillusionment,  
and who wonder how to find their way back;

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

For those watching someone they love  
try to cope with serious illness or injury,  
and who long for Your miraculous intervention;

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

For those in our world who are suffering this day—  
from grief, or loneliness,  
hunger, poverty, violence or illness;

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

Sustain all those who look to You in hope.  
And strengthen us—Your people—  
so that we may be a light to all those  
who find themselves in darkness.

***Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.***

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*Spoken*

### **Just As I Am**

*William B. Bradbury, 1849 / Arranged by Anna Laura Page  
Epworth Bell Choir*

**Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Lesson:** *John 4:19-26*

Roger Truitt, reader

The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus

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said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

May this scripture inspire us all...

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

## **Here in the House of the Lord**

Words by Don Besig and Nancy Price; Music by Don Besig ©2005  
Chancel Choir Anthem

The light of God is in this place,  
clear and warm and bright;  
And all who share this time and space  
are precious in His sight.  
We come to join in worship  
and we find an open door;  
For we know that all are welcome  
here in the house of the Lord.

The love of God is in this place,  
touching ev'ry soul;  
And all who gather in His name  
will find their hearts made whole.  
We come to seek forgiveness  
and we find our hope restored;  
For we know that all are welcome  
here in the house of the Lord.

We have found throughout life's journey,  
our God is always near  
To challenge us to serve Him  
and keep our mission clear.  
With love for one another,  
and help for those in need,  
Together we will follow wherever He may lead.

The Word of God is in this place,  
ever strong and true;  
And all who seek God's truth and grace  
will find their lives renewed.  
We come to lift our voices  
and we sing in one accord;  
For we know that all are welcome  
here in the house of the Lord

**Prayer for Our Pastor**

Roger Truitt

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

## **I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger**

*Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, 1905*  
Epworth Bell Choir

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,  
I'm trav'ling through this world below;  
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger

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In that bright world to which I go.  
I'm going there to see my father,  
I'm going there no more to roam;  
I'm just a going over Jordan,  
I'm just a going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,  
I know my pathway's rough and steep;  
But golden fields lie out before me,  
Where weary eyes no more shall weep.  
I'm going there to see my mother,  
She said she'd meet me when I come;  
I'm just a going over Jordan,  
I'm just a going over home.

I want to sing salvations story,  
In concert with the blood-washed band;  
I want to wear a crown of glory,  
When I get home to that good land.  
I'm going there to see my brothers,  
They passed before me one by one;  
I'm just a going over Jordan,  
I'm just a going over home.

## Benediction

Rev. Dr. Vicki Gordy-Stith

### Every Praise

*Hezekiah Walker & John David Bratton ©2013 Li'l Eva Music*  
Chancel Choir / Praise Team

Ev'ry praise is to our God,  
ev'ry word of worship with one accord.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.  
Sing hallelujah to our God.  
Glory hallelujah is due our God.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.  
*{Repeat section 3x}*

God, my savior. God, my healer.  
God, my deliverer. Yes, He is. Yes, He is.  
God, my savior. God, my healer.  
God, my deliverer. Yes, He is. Yes, He is.  
Yes, He is. Yes, He is.

Ev'ry praise is to our God.  
Ev'ry word of worship with one accord.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise.  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise,  
Ev'ry praise, ev'ry praise is to our God.

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ful Epworth Family of Faith.*

# 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

### **Servicemen/Women:**

Michael Sakurai Wills, US Army Ft. Jackson, Alaska  
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

### **College/Grad Students**

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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Pastor of Community & Communication:

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

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

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

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