

■ Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship

■ **“How Firm a Foundation”** CCLI L #801260

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word
What more can He say than to you
He hath said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled
Fear not I am with thee oh be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause thee to stand
Upheld by My righteous Omnipotent hand
When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress
When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be thy supply
The flame shall not hurt thee I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine
The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

■ **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**.....Hymn 435

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!
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 thy 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.

■ Catechism / Scripture / Pastoral Prayer

■ **“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”**.....Hymn 350

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, “Thus saith the Lord”
**Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!**

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking Life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust Him, Precious Jesus, Savior,
Friend; And I know that He is with me, Will be with me to the end.

■ **“Behold Our God”**

by Jonathan, Meghan, and Ryan Baird & Stephen Altrogge ©2011 Sovereign Grace Worship; CCLI #801260

Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered every grain of sand?
Kings and nations tremble at His voice All creation rises to rejoice

**Behold our God seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him
Behold our King nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him**

Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?
Who can teach the One who knows all things? Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign

You will reign forever! (Let Your glory fill the earth)

■ **Message - “Putting Fear Where It Belongs”** (Luke 12:4-7)

■ **Closing Song**

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

by Ada Habershon, Music by Matt Merker © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

**He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast**

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

■ **Benediction**

“Putting Fear Where it Belongs”

(Luke 12: 4-7)

- I. Don't fear the things that can only _____ v4
- He addresses us as _____ Jn 15:14
 - Luke 21:16-18
- Don't fear them - Psa 56:11 : 91:5-6 : 46:1-2
- II. Do fear the One who holds _____
in sovereign hands v5
- Fear Him! Dt 6:13 ; Ps 111:10 ; Rev 14:7
 - The way to overcome an unworthy fear is fix your eyes on the One _____
- (1) Why fear God? Dt 32:39 ; Isa 43:13
- (2) What is the fear of God? - It is having a right view of the universe that puts _____ first and understands my existence hangs on Him
- (3) Wake up and put _____ first
- Ps 19:9 - “The fear of the Lord is _____ “
 - Prov 16:6 : 14:27 ; 2 Cor 7:1
- III. Do trust the One who _____ more than you can imagine
vv6-7
- “The God who is worthy of your fear, is also worthy of your _____”
- The God who is worthy of your fear, _____ more than you can imagine
- God's tender care for sparrows Ps 84:3 ; Mt 6:27
If He cares for them, He will care for you!
- Jesus didn't die to save sparrows, He died to save _____
Jn 15:13-14

This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture!
Each week's *'Fighter Verse'* is meant to help you “fight the good fight” of faith. This year's fighter verses will relate to each week's Catechism question. Memorize it in the translation of your choice as part of your arsenal to help you stand firm against the enemy.

James 2:8

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

This week's New City Catechism # 13

What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love.

Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

Next week's Catechism #14

Did God create us unable to keep his law?

No, but because of the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, all of creation is fallen; we are all born in sin and guilt, corrupt in our nature and unable to keep God's law.

Mark Your Calendar!

- **D Groups** are on hold
- **Wednesday, April 1 at 7 PM** - Congregational Prayer Mtg may be possible via Zoom - watch for more info!
- **April 5th Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting** is cancelled
- **Saturday, April 11 at 8 AM** - Men's Breakfast may be cancelled - watch for more info!
- **Saturday, April 18 at 1 PM** - Koranda ♥ Johnson wedding
PLEASE Pray and RSVP by April 4
- **Grace Bible Conference - April 24-26** may be cancelled
- decision by April 1
- **Family Camp (tentative) September 24-27**

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday March 22, 2020

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear . . . “

Psalm 46:1-2a

These are truly strange times! But then, you knew that already! Who would have thought even a month ago that we would have to suspend public gatherings like this? And while I hope we are able to meet together again soon, there is no guarantee we will! Like I said, these are crazy times! But one thing we also know is that these remain times that are in God’s hands. We were caught off guard. He was not! We’re not sure what the next few weeks may bring. He knows completely and is working even these strange events with sovereign hands for our ultimate good and his greater glory. All we can do now is keep trusting Him and walking with Him.

With that in mind, you will notice that I have decided to postpone our study of John for now. Instead, this morning, we’re going to look at Luke 12:4-7 where Jesus encourages us to exchange our fear of earthly threats for the fear of God that is at the heart of our faith. I’ve found this study to be a great encouragement for my soul this week and hope you will as well.

As we join together via livestream rather than in person, let me encourage you to do the following things:

- 1) Gather together and worship as a family just as if it was a regular Sunday
- 2) Do your best to participate in the songs and readings, even if that means turning the TV up really loud so it’s easier to sing out loud.
- 3) Pay attention to the message just as you would at church. Take notes if that is your practice. Help your children pay attention.
- 4) Don’t get used to this! Meeting by video is second or third best at best. We have much more to gain by meeting together physically! Hopefully soon!
- 5) Pray we can be together soon. Check on those who in need! Stay safe!

Oh, and wash your hands! Love to you all!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - March 22

Livestream*

10:40 AM

*For the time being, due to coronavirus restrictions, we will be “gathering” by livestream only. If you have a need, please contact your deacon or one of the elders

Prayerfully consider Rockport’s Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,072.00

February Weekly Average.....\$3,920.10

Please be advised that our worship services are streamed live on YouTube for the benefit of our sick and homebound as well as for the purpose of Gospel outreach in the community. If you have any concerns please feel free to speak to one of our elders. Please find the full **Picture/Video Disclaimer Policy** on the foyer table

Wifi is available at Rockport_Guests (password is 1689confess)
Wifi will be limited during the service so we can stream the message online