

Sunday, April 19, 2020 – Livestream

■ **Welcome / Catechism with Scripture / Call to Worship**

■ **“O for a Thousand Tongues”**.....Hymn 76

O for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise, The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace.

Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease, 'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, Your loosened tongues employ; Ye blind, behold your Savior come; And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim, To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.

■ **“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”** by Henry Francis Lyte © 2001 Bill More Music CCLI #801260

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my All shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known,
Yet how rich is my condition God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast,
Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me,
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure. With Thy favor loss is gain I have called
Thee Abba, Father I have stayed my heart on Thee. Storms may howl and clouds may gather,
All must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care,
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear. Think what
Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine Think that
Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**.....Hymn 26

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our
ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing,
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win
the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure; One little word
shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

■ **“Whate'er My God Ordains is Right”** by Samuel Rodgast ©1998 David Braud Music CCLI#801260

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;
I will be still whate'er He does; And follow where He guideth;
He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:
Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive me;
He leads me by the proper path: I know He will not leave me.
I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away,
And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: Though now this cup, in drinking,
May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking.
My God is true; each morn anew Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right; Here shall my stand be taken;
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken.
My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall,
And so to Him I leave it all.

■ **Message - 2 Cor 1:8-9 – Nevin**

■ **Closing Song - “It Is Well with My Soul”**.....Hymn 493

Words by Horatio G. Spafford and Music by Philip P. Bliss ©1986 by WORD MUSIC CCLI#801260

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul,”

It is well, with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, Let this
blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless
estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin - O, the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin - not in
part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the
Lord shall descend, "Even so" - it is well with my soul.

Sermon Notes
(2 Cor 1:8-9)

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.

1 John 3:4

Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

This week's Catechism #16

What is sin?

Sin is rejecting or ignoring God in the world he created, rebelling against him by living without reference to him, not being or doing what he requires in his law—resulting in our death and the disintegration of all creation.

Next week's Catechism # 17

What is idolatry?

Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

A Word from Pastor Scott:

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"Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 74:25-26

I suppose I could have begun this "pastor's word" with the opening line from Psalm 13, "How long O Lord?" I think that's what many of us are wondering at this point. How long will this lock down continue? How long will we have to continue not meeting while we "meet" by video, which I have constantly reminded you is "second best at best!"

It looks like there may actually be some hope on the horizon. Governor Parsons has said that, even though the present "stay-at-home" order has been extended to Sunday May 4th, after that he plans to begin the process of reopening Missouri. This will take place in stages, so we don't know exactly what it will mean for public gatherings and church services. But the elders are keeping a close watch on the situation and will publish our plan for restoring public worship as soon as it is possible.

What will this "return toward normal" look like? I can't be sure at this time, but I imagine it will be implemented in steps. We will likely continue to need to practice some form of social distancing (refraining from handshakes, hugs, etc – bummer!). Initially we will probably continue to encourage those who are most at risk to stay home. And of course, that will go double for any who are showing signs of possible illness! If you think you may be sick, please stay home! That should probably always be the rule!

But that's what I think it will probably look like! And as soon as we are able, we will publish a schedule for what we will do! For now, continue to pray. Keeping checking on those around you! Fix your eyes on Jesus as your hope! And don't get used to "not assembling". This is a strange time. Praise God, it will also be a temporary time! Soon we hope to be back together!

Keeping my eyes fixed on Jesus as I long for you!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - April 19

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.....\$4,284.00

March Weekly Average.....\$4,129.24

Announcements

Family Camp - September September 24-27