

Sunday, May 3, 2020 – Livestream

■ Welcome / Catechism with Scripture / Call to Worship

■ “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne,
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake,
my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy
matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side,
Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the
sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends His wond’ring eye
At mysteries so bright

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o’er the grave,
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His
glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high, Who died,
eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign, Who
once on earth th’incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, Now
lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing, Their songs
before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King

■ “Grace Unmeasured”

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Grace unmeasured, vast and free, that knew me from eternity,
That called me out before my birth, to bring You glory on this earth.
Grace amazing, pure and deep, that saw me in my misery, That took
my curse and owned my blame, so I could bear Your righteous name.

Grace paid for my sins and brought me to life.

Grace clothes me with pow’r to do what is right.

Grace leads me to heav’n where I’ll see Your face,

And never cease to thank You for Your grace.

Grace abounding, strong and true, that make me long to be
like You, That turns me from my selfish pride, to love the cross on
which You died. Grace unending, all my days, you’ll give me strength
to run this race. And when my years on earth are through, the praise
will all belong to You.

■ Confession / Pastoral Prayer

■ “Alas and Did My Savior Bleed”

Words by Isaac Watts, music by Bob Kauflin © 1997 sovereign Grace Music CCLI #801260

Alas! and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sov’reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!
Was it for sins that I had done He groaned upon the tree? Amazing
pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

My God, why would You shed Your blood So pure and undefiled To make a sinful one like me Your chosen, precious child?

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature’s sin.
Thus might I hide my blushing face While His dear cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness And melt my eyes to tears

■ “Grace”

Words and music by Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAlight Music CCLI #801260

Your grace that leads this sinner home From death to life
forever And sings the song of righteousness By blood and not by
merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide To every tribe and
nation Has called my heart to enter in The joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed By grace I am restored

And now I freely walk into The arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain Not by my earthly wisdom
The prince of life, without a stain Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow My song resound forever For
grace will see me welcomed home To walk beside my Saviour

■ Message - John 1:14-18 – “The Fullness of God in the Flesh”

■ Closing Song - “Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

Words by Julia H. Johnston and Music by Daniel B. Townner ©1986 Word Music CCLI#801260

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our
sin and our guilt! Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

**Grace, grace, God’s grace, Grace that will pardon and
cleanse within, Grace, grace, God’s grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!**

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide What can avail to wash
it away? Look! there is flowing a crimson tide
Whiter than snow you may be today.

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, Freely bestowed on all
who believe! You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?

■ Benediction

“The Fullness of God in the Flesh”

(John 1:14-18)

I. The fullness of God’s glory came to earth in _____
v14

“Incarnate” = To become flesh (Latin: carne)

“Dwelt among us” = to _____

- A picture of God’s “tent” in Ex 25 , 40:34-35, etc

- In Jesus God has pitched His tent among us

Even Moses never saw God’s glory like this! Ex 33:18 - 34:6

- Loving kindness (Ex 34:6) HESED = Grace (John 1:14)

- Faithfulness (E 34:6) EMET = Truth (John 1:14)

II. As the fullness of God’s Glory, Jesus surpasses _____
vv 15-17

• Only Jesus is the fullness of God - Col 1:19 ; 2 Cor 4:6

• John says, “Don’t look at Me, Look at _____!”

(1) Out of His overflowing _____ we receive grace upon grace

(2) His fullness brings a new and _____ grace

“Grace against grace” “one grace _____ another grace”

• The OT Law - Grace was given through _____

• But now the far richer Gospel Grace has come through _____

III. We cannot know God apart from the fulness _____ v18

(1) No one has ever _____

(2) Only the One who is God can make God truly _____

• The Title of Jesus: “The Only _____ God”

• The Location of Jesus: “In the _____ of the Father”

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.

Ephesians 5:5-6

For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶ Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

Bonus passage from today’s message: **John 1:14**

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth

This week’s Catechism #18

Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment No, every sin is against the both in this life, and in the life to come.

Next week’s Catechism # 19

Is there any way to escape punishment and be brought back into God’s favor?

Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer.

Easter Missions Offering Opportunities

- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through supporting Savannah Weber to be on staff with Rio Grande Bible Ministries in Texas
- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through the North American Mission Board (Annie Armstrong Missions Offering)
- Giving for the spread of the Gospel through the Jail Ministry

A Word from Pastor Scott:

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“Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.”

Romans 14:13

Lord willing, many of us will be able to gather again in person next week to worship our risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! I am sure that you, like me, have missed this so very much and can't wait to return. But as we prepare to do so, please keep in mind that this will not be easy, nor will it be a simple return to normal. Normal may still take a while.

With that in mind, please be aware that, as we gather, there are a number of restrictions that will have to be put in place. Some are required by state and county orders. Others will be a matter of prudent wisdom as judged by the elders. Be aware, also, that there will be bumps and difficulties along this road. Not all will feel comfortable returning to public worship immediately. Not all will agree with the precautions we put in place. Some will want more. Others would prefer less. But whatever we do, let's agree now that we will do it with patience, grace and love toward one another. Romans 14:13 warns us not to pass judgment on a fellow believer for his or her differing views on non-essential things. Certainly working out the details of how we meet together in a time of pandemic would qualify as theologically non-essential. Your elders are committed to seeking the best wisdom we can find and doing what we believe is best for the health of our body, both physically and spiritually! And so, we ask that all members willingly abide by any restrictions we put in place, and that each of us keep in mind that none of us have ever walked this road before. None of us knows with perfect certainty what should be done. And so together with God's help, we will seek to be wise and prudent as we lovingly guard the health and dignity of those around us. There will be much more to say about all this later. But for now, let's move forward together with joy!

Looking forward to being back together!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - May 3

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
April Weekly Average.....	\$4,987.71

Announcements

- Lord willing, we are making plans for a return to public worship beginning next Sunday, May 10th for those who are able! We will be taking precautions. Social distancing is still the rule. If you are sick or think you might be sick, stay home. If you are in a high risk group, you should probably stay home. We will continue to have live stream worship as well
- Check Rockportnews for a list of the precautions we are taking, and for what will be expected of those who come! If you don't have Rockportnews, email the church and we'll send it to you.
- We'll have two worship services. One meeting at 9 AM. The other at 11 AM. Please register online so we can make plans to accommodate all who wish to come.
- We'll have a “social distance” prayer meeting at the church at 7 PM Wednesday for those who are able to attend.
- The final D-Group of this session will be on Wed. May 13 at 7 PM
- Family Camp - September September 24-27