

August 23, 2020

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Jesus, My Only Hope”** Words and Music by Mark Altrogge © 2002 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

I come into Your presence with nothing in my hands. I only bring thanksgiving for Jesus, God, and Man. I cast myself on mercy, I cast myself on love. I trust Your gracious promise to wash me with Your blood.

I will not fear Your judgment. For me, no wrath I dread. For it was spent on Jesus, poured out upon His head. When Satan’s accusations make my poor heart afraid, I hear my King declaring, “Father, that debt is paid!”

Jesus, my only hope, my only plea. My righteousness, my Great High Priest, Who intercedes for me before the throne. Jesus, I trust in You alone.

Though I am poor and naked, Your prodigal come home, You place Your robe upon me, Your holiness alone. Though I be dry and barren, by grace this love springs forth, love for You and Your Kingdom, joy in Your glory, Lord.

■ **Catechism**

■ **“Here is Love”** by Matt Redman and Matthew James © THANKYOU MUSIC CCLI#801260

Here is love vast as the ocean Lovingkindness as a flood Where the prince of life, our ransom Shed for us His Precious blood. Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise? He can never be forgotten Throughout Heaven’s eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion Fountains opened deep and wide Through the floodgates of God’s mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide. Grace and love, like mighty rivers Poured incessant from above And Heaven’s peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Your love accepting Love You ever all my days Let me seek your Kingdom only And my life be to Your praise. You alone shall be my glory Nothing in the world I see You have cleansed and sanctified me You Your self have set me free

In Your truth You do direct me By Your Spirit through your Word And Your grace my need is meeting As I trust in You, my Lord Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love and power on me Without measure, full and boundless Drawing out my heart to You

■ **“All Glory Be To Christ”** Words by Dustin Kensrue CCLI #801260

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive To you who boast tomorrow’s gain, tell me what is your life A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

All glory be to Christ our King! All glory be to Christ! His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, All glory be to Christ!

His will be done, His kingdom come, on earth as is above Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price We’ll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true The Lamb who was for sinners slain, is making all things new. Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light And we shall ere his people be, all glory be to Christ!

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“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.

■ **“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** - “Grace for Those on the Other Side of the Cultural Divide” - John 4:1-26 - Scott

■ **Closing Song / Benediction**

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 are drawn from our weekly catechism (See "The New City Catechism")

1 Peter 2:9-12

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

This week's Catechism # 34

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God's Word?

Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

Next week's Catechism # 35

Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?

All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

"Grace for Those on the Other Side of the Cultural Divide"

(John 4:1-26)

I. The Setting: How did Jesus end up in _____ vv1-6

- Jesus "had to" go through Samaria
- Why did Jews and Samaritans hate each other?

II. The Woman: Why Jesus and this woman should never have

_____ vv5-7

Barriers

- (1) The _____ barrier
- (2) The _____ barrier
- (3) The _____ barrier
- (4) The _____ barrier

III. The Savior: How Jesus broke down every barrier to bring _____ to broken people vv7-26

- Jesus treats her with _____
 - Jesus entices her with the beauty of the Gospel vv10
- (1) The _____ of God
 - (2) The _____ of Grace

(1) There is a _____ to be had vv10-14

(2) Her real need - Forgiveness of sin vv16-18

(3) Jesus answers her _____ questions as He guides her thinking back to God vv19-30

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - August 23

Worship 9:00 AM
(Please enter/leave w mask & strict social distancing)
Worship (less strict social distancing) 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY - August 26

Prayer Meeting at Rockport 7 PM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,284.00
July Weekly Average.....	\$3,731.78

Announcements

- **Nursery** - If you are willing to serve in the nursery during the 10:45 hour please let Mayci Loving know. We will only be able to restart the nursery when we its safe and we have enough volunteers to fill out the schedule for at least one month.
- **Wednesday, August 26 at 7 PM** - We do want to encourage those who can to join us for prayer right here this Wednesday at 7 PM.
- **Sunday, August 30** - We will have a short business session at the end of each service to vote on next year's budget. You can find a copy of that budge to take home and look over in the foyer. Given present circumstances, we are making only minimal changes from last year.
- **Saturday, September 12** - Men's Breakfast at 8 AM
Bring Your Own Breakfast - Aaron Sutton will be speaking
- **September 25-27** - Family Camp this year, will begin on FRIDAY September 25 and run through Sunday September 27th. We hope to have registration information out soon. This year's theme will be "God is Our Refuge"

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday August 23, 2020

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost

Luke 19:10

This morning in our study of John's Gospel, we come to the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, often called "the woman at the well." One thing we see as we look at this story is how the encounter between Jesus and this woman is surprising in every detail! There is no reason they should have even met, let alone had the conversation John records for us John 4. Everything about her stands in stark contrast to him. She was a Samaritan. He was a Jew. And as John tells us in John 4:9, "*Jews have no dealings with Samaritans*" She was a woman in a culture where women were expected to be seen and not heard and where the Rabbis actually debated whether or not women were capable of learning anything. He was a man and a Rabbi. Most Rabbis would have considered it scandalous to be seen talking to any woman in public, let alone a Samaritan woman with the kind of reputation she had! In short, there was no reason she and Jesus should have had any conversation. And yet Jesus, moved by a love that came to seek and save the lost, sought out this woman even though she was as far removed from him culturally, politically and morally as she could possibly be. And through his gentle grace, she became a vibrant believer.

As I was studying this event in the life of Jesus this week, it occurred to me how relevant it is for us today. We live in a nation divided in every way, where it's common to dismiss people across the cultural divide as enemy combatants in the cultural war and political opponents to be despised. And it's only going to get worse as we head toward November. There's a lot of hate out there! So how should we as Christians living in this divided culture treat those on the other side of the cultural divide? How can we love others in this world of conflict where hate seems so natural? That's what Jesus will show us as we watch him gently lead this woman of Samaria out of her darkness into His marvelous light!

Oh, how I want to be more like Jesus!

Pastor S. Scott Lee

Kids' Listening Sheet (8/2/20)

Message Title: "Grace for those on the _____"

Bible Passages: _____



Key Words: Circle each word every time you hear it.

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| Woman | Enemy | Water | Well |
| Hand | Samaritan | Hate | Love |
| Temple | Village | Drink | Grace |
| Gift | Life | Spirit | Believe |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

- 1.
- 2.