## September 6, 2020

## ■ Welcome / Call to Worship

## ■ "Come, Ye Sinners"

Words by Joseph Hart and music by Matthew S. Smith ©2000, detuned radio music (ASCAP) CCLI #801260

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, Weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full of pity, joined with power. He is able, He is able; He is willing; doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, Every grace that brings you nigh. Without money, without money Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by the fall; If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all. Not the righteous, not the righteous: Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness He requires Is to feel your need of Him. This He gives you, this He gives you, 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of His blood. Venture on Him; venture wholly, Let no other trust intrude. None but Jesus, none but Jesus Can do helpless sinners good.

I'll arise and go to Jesus, He'll embrace me in His arms; In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms. He is Worthy, He is Worthy; He is all I need and more.

#### ■ "All I Have is Christ" By Jordan Kauflin © 2008 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

I once was lost in darkest night Yet thought I knew the way The sin that promised joy and life Had led me to the grave I had no hope that You would own A rebel to Your will And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me Now all I know is grace Hallelujah! All I have is Christ Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone And live so all might see The strength to follow Your commands Could never come from me Oh Father, use my ransomed life In any way You choose And let my song forever be My only boast is You

## ■ Catechism

## ■ "There Is A Fountain"......Hymn 196

There is a fountain filled with blood Drawn from Immanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains, Lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath that flood Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see That fountain in his day, And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away: Washed all my sins away, Washed all my sins away; And there have I, though vile as he, Washed all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r, Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more: Be saved to sin no more;

Till all the ransomed Church of God Be saved to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die: And shall be till I die;

Redeeming love has been my theme And shall be till I die

When this poor lisping, stam'ring tongue Lies silent in the grave, Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save: I'll sing Thy pow'r to save; Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save

## ■ Confession / Pastoral Prayer

#### ■ "Give Us Clean Hands" by Charlie Hall © 1996 Generation Music, OK CCLI License #801260

We bow our hearts We bend our knees O Spirit come make us humble We turn our eyes From evil things O Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts Let us not lift our souls to another Give us clean hands give us pure hearts Let us not lift our souls to another

O God let us be a generation that seeks That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob O God let us be a generation that seeks That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob

#### ■ "Arise, My Soul, Arise" by Samuel Stennett CCL #801260

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears: the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands, my name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His all-redeeming love, His precious blood to plead; His blood atoned for all our race, His blood atoned for all our race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary; they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me. "Forgive Him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive Him, O forgive," they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

The Father hears Him pray, His dear Anointed One; He cannot turn away the presence of his Son. His Spirit answers to the blood, His Spirit answers to the blood, And tells me I am born of God!

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear; He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear; with confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh, and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

- Message "The Joy of the Harvest" John 4:25-42 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")

#### John 14:16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

## This week's Catechism # 36

## What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

## Next week's Catechism # 37

## How does the Holy Spirit help us?

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

# "The Joy of an Unexpected Harvest" (John 4:25-45)

I. The simple of a wayward woman vv25-30
(1) They can't believe he's talking vv27-29
(2) She can't telling everyone what she's seen vi
(3) The simple of her message
II. The central and of Jesus in the harvest vv31-3
(1) His mission priority - To do v3-
John 6:38-39; Luke 19:10; John 17:4,18; John 20:2
(2) An awareness of his mission and its vv35-3
<ul> <li>His presence changes everything</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>This is a fulfillment of prophesy in Amos 9:13</li> </ul>
Lk 15:7; Ps 126:5-6
<ul> <li>Sowers and Reapers rejoice together v37</li> </ul>
• Today you get to be harvesters v38; 1 Cor 3:6-7
III. The celebration comes when the mission is and the harvest comes in
Who is Jesus? v42
The Savior of the

#### THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

## **SUNDAY - September 6**

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

## **WEDNESDAY - September 9**

NO Prayer Meeting this week!

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs
Rockport Weekly Budget Goal......\$4,284.00
August Weekly Average.....\$3.954.61

#### **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.
- 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 27<sup>th</sup>. We hope to have registration information out soon. This year's theme will be "God is Our Refuge" REGISTER NOW!

## A Word from Pastor Scott:

## Sunday September 6, 2020

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

#### **James 1:5**

One of the things we as elders continually have on our minds is the question of when and how we can return to a more 'normal' schedule here at Rockport. As I've said before, "No one dislikes our present situation more than I do." I long for us to return to one service and Sunday School (I love Sunday School!), regular fellowship meals, D-Groups, etc. All these are important aspects of our church's personality or culture or whatever you want to call it. And like many of you, I feel the loss very deeply and long for things to "get back to normal."

Without getting in to all the reasons we have not been able to do so yet, let me call us as a church to prayer that God will give us wisdom about how to begin moving things in that direction in a way that does not jeopardize the concerns of those in our congregation who are more vulnerable. And so looking to that goal, let me ask you to please do three things:

- (1) Please Pray. As elders we need heavenly wisdom to make good decisions in this confused and confusing time. Like you, we are weary of having to deal with this thing and of trying to juggle scads of information about things that weren't even on our radar six months ago. In times when human wisdom fails, we need wisdom from heaven. Thank God He promises to give it as we pray! So pray!
- (2) Please be Patient. Whether you think we're moving too fast or too slow, please be patient with us as we seek to give biblical care to everyone in our congregation. We will surely make mistakes. We won't please everyone. But we are doing all in our power to be faithful to Christ in what we do.
- (3) Please Continue to Persevere! When things drag on, it's easy to just give up. But don't give up! Keep looking to Christ! Keep encouraging one another daily as long as it is called today. Keep striving to walk together by faith in Christ!.

These present troubles will soon give way to a glory that has no end! Pastor 5. Scott Lee

## **Kids' Listening Sheet (9/6/20)**

Message Title: "The Joy of _	·
Rible Passages	



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

Movie	Woman	Joy	Harvest
Seed	Town	Sandwich	Truck
Messiah	Food	Eyes	Work
Party	Fish	Celebration	Tears

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.