

January 24, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Create in Me a Clean Heart”**

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Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord, and take not
Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and renew a right spirit within me.

■ **“I Need Thee Today”**

by Frederick Whitfield, Music by Matthew Smith ©2007 Detuned Radio Music CCLI # 801260

I need Thee, precious Jesus For I am full of sin My soul is
dark and guilty My heart is dead within I need the cleansing fountain
Where I can always flee The blood of Christ most precious The
sinner's perfect plea

I need Thee, I need Thee, Jesus I need Thee today

I need Thee, blessed Jesus For I am very poor
A stranger and a pilgrim I have no earthly store I need the love of
Jesus To cheer me on my way To guide my doubting footsteps To
be my strength and stay

I need Thee, blessed Jesus I need a friend like Thee
A friend to soothe and pity A friend to care for me I need the heart of
Jesus To feel each anxious care To tell my every trial And all my
sorrows share

I need Thee, blessed Jesus And hope to see Thee soon
Encircled with the rainbow And seated on Thy throne There, with Thy
blood-bought children My joy shall ever be To sing Thy praise, Lord
Jesus, To gaze, My Lord, on Thee

■ **Scripture**

■ **“Abide With Me”**

Words by Henry Lyte alt by Justin Smith, Music by Justin Smith. © 2007 Justin Smith Music CCLI #801260

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide the darkness deepens;
Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help
of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile And though
rebellious and perverse meanwhile Thou hast not left me
oft as I left Thee On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace
can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can
be? Thro' clouds and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless, Ills have no weight,
and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy
victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes. Shine thro' the
gloom and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks and
earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Rock of Ages”**Hymn 204

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee; Let
the water and the blood, From Thy wounded side which flowed, Be
of sin the double cure; Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die!

While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyes shall close in
death, When I soar to worlds unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment
throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.

■ **“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”**

by Steve and Vikki Cook © 2000 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

I will glory in my Redeemer Whose priceless blood has
ransomed me Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails And hung
Him on that judgment tree I will glory in my Redeemer Who
crushed the power of sin and death My only Savior before the Holy
Judge **The Lamb Who is my righteousness**

I will glory in my Redeemer My life He bought, my love He
owns I have no longings for another I'm satisfied in Him alone

I will glory in my Redeemer His faithfulness my standing
place Though foes are mighty and rush upon me

My feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness His triumph song I'll ever sing

I will glory in my Redeemer Who waits for me at gates of
gold And when He calls me it will be paradise

His face forever to behold His face forever to behold

■ **Message - “Offended by Jesus”** John 6:60-71 Scott

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott

January 24, 2021

*Simon Peter answered Jesus, "Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed,
and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."*

John 6:68-69

So where do you turn in times like these? In whom do you place your trust? Ultimately, it can't be in government. Governments, as we've seen, are always changing. And even the best governments, because they're made up of sinful people like us, ultimately fail to deliver on their promises (Psa 146:3). And though it is true that a man (or woman) is blessed who has friends, even the best of friends can fall short. Sadly, there are times even friends will betray you (Psa 41:9). And certainly, we can't just look to ourselves. How often has your own heart deceived you? (Jer 17:9). So where can we turn?

Peter knew the answer (See John 6:68-69 above). As we'll see in this morning's message, Peter speaks these words to Jesus just as many were beginning to turn away from Him because they thought his message was too difficult, too demanding. That's when Jesus asked the disciples, "Do you want to go away as well?" But Peter knew the right answer. "Lord to whom shall we go? You (alone) have the words of eternal life!" In all this temporary, broken world there is no one else who can give us the life Jesus alone possesses. There are others we might try to put our hope in. But they are sorry substitutes at best. The very best they can give is always temporary and second rate compared to what he gives. And so Peter isn't falling for it. He won't run to Caesar, or even to his good friend John. Peter is determined to hold fast to Christ no matter what the cost. No matter who leaves or strays. Because Peter has found in Christ alone all He needs for life and eternity. How about you? Have you found that it is worth losing everything and everyone just to have Christ?

May God give us grace to trust Christ as revealed in His Word

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - January 24

Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY - January 27

7:00 PM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,284.00

December Weekly Average.....\$5,901.15

Announcements

- Join us for Congregational Prayer meeting - Wednesday, January 27 at 7:00 pm
- God of Creation: Bible study for women beginning Tues. Feb. 9th, 6:30pm or Thurs. Feb. 11, 9:00am.
Zoom option only.
Walk alongside the fathers of our faith—Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph—to discern Jesus in the stories of His people. Discover how God orchestrates everything for His glory and the good of His people, and that the God of creation and covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever.
Study guides \$16 - scholarships available. Contact Tynetta Chastain 314-795-5268
- Our D-Groups will start again the first week of February. There's information on the foyer table
- Sunday, February 28 - Brief Congregational Meeting. The Stewardship Committee will give a brief update on the church budget status at the end of each service on Sunday, February 28. In addition, the church will be asked to vote on the restoration of the 1% cost of living increase our staff voluntarily deferred this past September due to uncertainty over the pandemic. The plan at that time was to revisit this increase when possible. Stewardship is recommending that it be restored retroactively back to the beginning of the budget year this past September.

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.

John 6:68-69

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Christmas Mission Offering Totals

HeartCry	\$640
Lottie Moon	\$665
Psalm 67	<u>\$1340</u>
 Total	 \$2645

Congregational Vote

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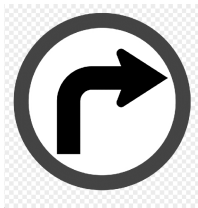
"Offended by Jesus"
(John 6:60 -71)

- I. The demands of Jesus for discipleship are offensive to _____ vv60-62
- (1) Who has taken offense? v60 many of His _____
- These are _____ ground disciples Mk 4:16-17
 - Not everyone who claims to be a disciple is a _____ Jn 8:31
- (2) Why are they offended? v60
- They don't like what they _____ 2Tim 4:3-4
 - Jesus demands our complete allegiance Lk 9:23 , 14:27
- Jesus knows our _____: All depends on _____
- II. We don't like being told salvation is not in _____ vv63-65
- (1) The Gospel makes no sense to _____
- 1 Cor 21-23 , 2:14
- The flesh is "_____" at trying to figure out God
 - We need the gift of the _____:
John 3:3-6 ; Eze 36:26-27
 - This gift comes to us through _____
Rm 10:17 ; Jn 5:24
- (2) New Life and faith must be _____ by the Father v65
v44 , Jn 11 ; Eph 2:1-5 , 8-9
- III The Gospel will either _____ you from Christ or _____ you to Him vv66-69
- They "turned back" They de-converted!
- How does Jesus respond? v67 - There's the _____!
- How does Peter answer?
- (1) There's _____ we can turn to!
- (2) We've come to a full _____ about you
- This is the settled confidence of faith
 - By believing, we come to know

Kids' Listening Sheet (1/24/21)

Message Title: “ _____ by Jesus”

Bible Passages: John 6: _____



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

Hard	Pride	Ears	Word
Cross	Mind	Heart	Disciples
Offend	Believe	Seed	Ground
Gift	Turn	Door	Hand

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.