

January 31, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery”**

Words and Music by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, Michael Bleecker © 2013 Love Your Enemies Publishing. CCLI#801260

Come behold the wondrous mystery in the dawning of the King. He the theme of heaven's praises robed in frail humanity.

In our longing, in our darkness now the light of life has come.

Look to Christ, who condescended took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery. He the perfect Son of Man. In His living, in His suffering never trace nor stain of sin.

See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man.

Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in Him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery. Christ the Lord upon the tree. In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.

Bringing many sons to glory grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life. But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive! What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope. Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

■ **“What A Savior” (Man of Sorrows)**

Words by Philip Bliss Music by Devon Kauffman © 2007 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

Man of Sorrows, what a name For the Son of God who came Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah Bearing shame and scoffing rude In my place condemned He stood Sealed my pardon with His blood Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Savior, You showed Your love Defeated our sin, poured out Your blood So we praise You, Lamb that was slain We offer our lives to proclaim What a Savior

Guilty, vile, and helpless we Spotless Lamb of God was He Full atonement, can it be, Hallelujah Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished”, was His cry Now in heav'n exalted high, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

When He comes, our glorious King All His ransomed home to bring Then anew this song we'll sing Hallelujah, Hallelujah

■ **Scripture**

■ **“This Is My Father's World”**

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas— His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise, The morning light, the lily white, Declare their Maker's praise. This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair; In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me ne'er forget That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done Jesus who died shall be satisfied And earth and heav'n be one

■ **Apostle's Creed and Lord's Supper**

■ **“God Moves”**

Words by William Cowper, Music plus alternate and additional words by Bob Kauffman © 2005 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI) CCLI #801260

God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm Deep in His dark and hidden mines With never-failing skill He fashions all His bright designs And works His sovereign will

So God we trust in You O God we trust in You

O fearful saints new courage take The clouds that you now dread Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head Judge not the Lord by feeble sense But trust Him for His grace Behind a frowning providence He hides a smiling face

So God we trust in You O God we trust in You

When tears are great And comforts few

We hope in mercies ever new We trust in You

God's purposes will ripen fast Unfolding every hour The bud may have a bitter taste But sweet will be the flower Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain God is His own interpreter And He will make it plain

■ **“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”**

Music and Words by Nathan Stiff © 2017 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul My God, like You there is no other; true delight is found in You alone Your grace, a well too deep to fathom Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my weary heart My sword to fight the cruel deceiver and my shield against his hateful darts My song when enemies surround me, my hope when tides of sorrow rise My joy when trials are abounding Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my ruined life My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders In my place You suffered bled and died

You rose! the grave and death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame

○ Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer **May all my days bring glory to**

Your Name

■ **Message** - “Opposing Jesus” John 7:1-13 Scott

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott

January 31, 2021

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

Our real war is not against flesh and blood people like us. Our real war is spiritual in nature. Yes, certainly there are enemies to contend with and battles to be fought. But they aren't really against that neighbor down the street, or even that guy who belongs to the “other” party. Our real war must be waged against “*spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places*” using our true weapons of Gospel proclamation and persistence in prayer (Eph 6:14-18)

That can be a hard thing to keep in mind when there's a culture war raging, as we see today. The stakes feel so high! We fear our nation is being take from us! We're tempted to put our hope in the next election, or a sudden favorable change in government policy. But while all these things may be desirable, none of them gets to the real issue. The real issue facing us is not the “wrong party” in power. The real issue facing us is that sin reigns over every human heart – not just the hearts of my opponents, but also my own heart as well.

But that's why Jesus came! Paul says, “*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost!*” That's both good news and bad. It's bad news because it means that sin has ruined everything and everyone. Nothing in this world is what it should be. Everything has been effected by sin. And we are powerless to do anything about it. But it's good news since, if sin is the problem, there is a solution. His name is Jesus! And the Gospel He gave has power to save every sinner who trusts in Him! Keep that in mind. The world IS broken. Bad things happen here, including bad decision from Washington. But Jesus is Lord. And our faith was built for times like these (and far, far worse!)

*So dear one, be confident in Him! Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus!
And with hope-filled prayer, rest your all cares on Him,*

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - January 31

Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

MOST D-GROUPS BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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

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

Announcements

- Most D-Groups will start again next week. There's information on the foyer table and in the bulletin
- 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 Covenant is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Study guides \$16 - scholarships available. Contact Tynetta Chastain 314-795-5268
- **Saturday, February 13 at 8 AM** - Men's Breakfast
It's a Bring Your Own Breakfast event.
Jason Woelm will be speaking!
- **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 Verses: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing Scripture! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith.

Romans 10:13-14

13 For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?

Christmas Mission Offering Totals

HeartCry \$640

Lottie Moon \$665

Psalm 67 \$1340

Total \$2645

Congregational Vote

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“Opposing Jesus”
(John 7:1-13)

The claims of Jesus have always brought _____
Lk 12:51 ; Jn 5:18

I. _____ about Jesus brings misunderstanding and opposition to

His claims vv1-5

Who are His brothers? vv2-5 ; Mt 13:55 ; Acts 1:14

Why do they oppose Him? v5 ; Mk 3:21

“The Feast of Booths” - A big joyful celebration (Lev 23 ; Dt 16)

- Commemoration Dt 16:15
- Celebration Dt 16:14
- Anticipation

II. The unbelief of the world brings _____ to Jesus and His
claims vv6-9

(1) His answer (v6) It’s not yet my _____

Why is it “always their time”?

(2) Those who refuse to march with the world in its unbelief will
know the _____ of the work for Jesus

- Why does the world hate Him? v7 ; Jn 3:19-20
- Why will it hate us who belong to Him?
Jn 15:18-21 ; 1 Jn 3:13
- Why is it worth being hated by them if we know His love?

III The majority of people are _____ about Jesus and His
claims vv10-13

They need the _____!

1) The authorities were _____ for Him v11

2) The crowds were _____ Him v12

- The pro-Jesus Party:
- The anti-Jesus Party:

Why do people need the Gospel? Rm 10:13-14

Why are we afraid to share the Gospel? v13

How can we overcome our fear and share Christ?

1 Cor 9:16 ; Acts 4:18-20

Kids’ Listening Sheet (1/31/21)

Message Title: “ Opposing _____ ”

Bible Passages: John 7: _____



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

Passover	Booths	Festival	World
Unbelief	Streets	Mock	Time
Sin	Hate	Love	Jesus
Search	Whisper	Police	Shout

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.