

February 28, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“To Christ the Lord”**

Words by Samuel Stennett and Laura Taylor, Music by Laura Taylor © 2001 double v music CCLI #801260

To Christ the Lord let every tongue  
Its noblest tribute bring  
When He's the subject of the song  
Who can refuse to sing? Survey  
the beauties of His face  
And on His glories dwell

Think of the wonder of His grace  
And all His triumphs tell  
Majestic sweetness sits enthroned  
Upon His awful brow  
His head with radiant glories crowned  
His lips with grace  
overflow  
No mortal can with Him compare  
Among the sons of men  
And fairer He than all the fair  
That fill the Heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress  
He fled to my relief  
For me He bore the shameful cross  
And carried all my grief  
His hand a thousand blessings pours  
Upon my guilty head  
His presence gilds my darkest hours  
And guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath  
And all the joys I have  
He makes me triumph over death  
And saves me from the grave  
To Heaven the place of His abode  
He brings my weary feet  
Shows me the glories of my God  
And makes my joy complete

Since from His bounty I receive  
Such proofs of love divine  
Had I a thousand hearts to give  
Lord, they should all be  
Thine **A thousand men could not compose  
A worthy song to bring  
Yet Your love is a melody  
Our hearts can't help but sing!**

■ **“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

by Rusty Edwards © 1987 Hope Publishing Company CCLI #801260

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev'ry dread  
disease, Calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet  
gentle word. Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing  
two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand. from this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our  
place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by  
grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has  
done. Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us  
one.

■ **Scripture**

■ **“He Who is Mighty”** by Rebecca Elliott and Kate DeGraide © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

Oh, the mercy our God has shown  
To those who sit in death's  
shadow  
The sun on high pierced the night  
Born was the  
Cornerstone

**Unto us a Son is given, unto us a Child is born  
He Who is mighty has done a great thing  
Taken on flesh,  
conquered death's sting  
Shattered the darkness and lifted our  
shame  
Holy is His name**

Oh, the freedom our Savior won  
The yoke of sin has been  
broken  
Once a slave, now by grace  
No more condemnation  
**Now my soul magnifies the Lord  
I rejoice in the God Who saves  
I will trust His unfailing love  
I will sing His praises all my days**

■ **Confession of Apostle's Creed / Lord's Supper**

■ **“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend  
thee; Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do, If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

■ **“O for a Thousand Tongues”** .....Hymn 76  
O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of His grace.

**Jesus!** The name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease,  
Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
Tis life and health and peace.  
**He breaks** the power of canceled sin,  
He sets the prisoner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean;  
His blood availed for me.

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy.

My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad,  
The honors of Thy name.

■ **Message** - “So Many Opinions About Jesus” John 7:40-52 Scott

■ **Closing Song / Brief Business Meeting / Benediction**

## A Word from Pastor Scott

February 28, 2021

*“Lord, teach us to pray”*

**Luke 11:1**

When Jesus’ disciples asked him in Luke 11, “Lord teach us to pray,” He didn’t give them a class on prayer with lists of pointers and rules for “calling down heaven’s power” or any such thing. What he did was begin to pray in their hearing. “Pray like this” He said, “Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name . . . “ (Luke 11:2-4). In other words, one of the best ways to learn how to pray with confidence is to listen to others pray who are experienced in prayer. I found this to be true in seminary. Though I took a class or two on the topic of prayer, I learned the most about prayer from praying with some of my professors and fellow students. To hear a godly man or woman pray with an earnest heart is to learn from them the joy and power of praying. When I hear others who know God praying with confidence, I gain confidence in my own praying! That’s true when we pray together in person (one good reason to attend prayer meetings!) It can also be true when we read the faithful prayers of saints from the past. Lately I’ve been learning much from the prayers of John Calvin which I’ve included as part of my daily devotions. Here’s an example:

*Grant, Almighty God, that as you have show yourself this day to be such a kind and faithful father, and have presented to us the priceless promise of your favor to us in your only begotten Son—O grant that we may fully devote ourselves to you, and truly render to you the willing service and obedience which is due to you as our Father, so that we may have no other object in life but to confirm our adoption as your children which you have favored us with, until we are finally gathered into your eternal kingdom, to enjoy its fruit together with your true Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

This is only brief sample and so may not seem to offer much. But as I have prayed each day with Bro Calvin, I’ve found myself praying much that I might not otherwise have thought to seek with a confidence greater than my own.

*I recommend praying with such saints, both present and past!*

**Pastor Scott**

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - February 28

Worship & Brief Business Session 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

### Tuesday and Thursday - Women’s ZOOM Bible Study

### Wednesday- March 3 - Most D-groups meet this week

Prayerfully consider Rockport’s Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,341.00
January Weekly Average.....	\$4,651.40

### Announcements

- **Today, February 28** - Brief Congregational Meeting. The Stewardship Committee will give a brief update on the church budget status at the end of each service today. 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.
- **God of Creation:** Bible study for women has begun Zoom option only. You can still join Contact Tynetta Chastain 314-795-5268
- **D-Groups** - Wednesday groups will meet on March 3,17,31 and April 14 Studying Obadiah & Malachi There is still room for you. Information sheets on foyer table
- **Grace Bible Conference,** April 23-25 - Mark your calendars for this year’s Grace Bible Conference. This year’s topic is “Walking in Hope” (Romans 15:13)

**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.

### **1 Corinthians 1:26-29**

<sup>26</sup> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong;

<sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

## **Rockport's Women's Discipleship Ministry -**

Questions? Flyers available on foyer table or contact

Tynetta Chastain 314-795-5268 or tynetta.chastain@yahoo.com

■ **Zoom Winter Bible Study** – God of Covenant (Genesis 12-50)

Choose Tuesday Evenings or Thursday mornings:

Tuesday 6:30pm – 8:30pm – February 9, 2021 – April 13, 2021

Thursday 9:00am – 11:00 am – February 11, 2021 – April 15, 2021

■ **Women's Workshop** - Friday, July 30, 2021 from 4 - 9 PM

FRONT LINE APOLOGETICS- Recognizing & Responding to Cultural Lies. Rockport Fellowship Hall. No Childcare Provided

Who doesn't need to be equipped & encouraged to think through and address the lies our culture believes and teaches? Join us for an evening of discipleship and camaraderie. Dinner will be catered for a small fee.

■ **Fall Bible Study** – God of Deliverance (Exodus 1-18)

Ten Consecutive Weeks choose Tuesday Evenings OR Thursday

Mornings in the Rockport Fellowship Hall. Limited Childcare provided

Tuesday 6:30pm – 8:30pm, September 7 – November 9, 2021

Thursday 9:00am – 11:00 am, September 9 – November 11, 2021

■ **Coming in 2022**

- Winter Women's Workshop on Saturday, January 22, 2022
- Winter Bible Study on Tuesday nights Feb. 17-Apr. 12 or Thursday mornings Feb. 19-Apr. 14

"So Many Opinions About Jesus"  
(John 7:40-53)

Jesus has always been a \_\_\_\_\_ figure Mt 10:34-35

I. People are divided in their \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus (v40-44)

(1) Some say "This is surely \_\_\_\_\_ Dt 18:15

(2) Others say "This is the \_\_\_\_\_"

(3) Others: "He's \_\_\_\_\_ the Christ"

• Christ (Messiah) comes from \_\_\_\_\_ line Isa 9:7

• Christ comes from \_\_\_\_\_ Mich 5:2

Don't let differences of opinion trouble you v43

Truth is \_\_\_\_\_ thing. Error can wear many faces 2 + 2 = 4

II. Many 'cultural elites' are \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus and those who believe in Him vv45-49

Hearing about Jesus from others is one thing. Hearing Him for \_\_\_\_\_ changes everything v46

The Elitist \_\_\_\_\_ vv47-49

• "If we don't believe, neither should you"

• Unbelief assumes the rationality of \_\_\_\_\_ and the irrationality of \_\_\_\_\_

You must know \_\_\_\_\_ you believe and \_\_\_\_\_ you believe it!

III. Even fellow "elites" who believe Jesus face opposition and \_\_\_\_\_ vv50-52

• Belief and unbelief have nothing to do with \_\_\_\_\_

• Rm 9:16

They say "None of us is falling for this stuff?"

But there sits Nicodemus! John 3:1 ; Jn 12:42

These men who accuse the crowds of being ignorant of the law act in ignorance of the law (Dt 1:17 , 19:18)

They say "No prophets come out of Galilee"

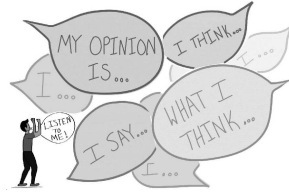
And yet.....

You must know what you believe and why you believe it!

## Kids' Listening Sheet (2/28/21)

Message Title: "Opinions about \_\_\_\_\_"

Bible Passages: John 7: \_\_\_\_\_



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

Nest	Prophet	Priest	King
Truth	Error	Opinion	Belief
Fact	Officer	Arrest	Button
Ruler	Smart	Bible	Read

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

## So Many Opinions About Jesus! (John 7:40-52)

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BRING	CAME	CHIEF
CHRIST	COME	DAVID
DIVISION	EVER	GALILEE
OFFICERS	PEOPLE	PHARISEES
PROPHET	SAID	SOME