

March 28, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Open the Eyes of My Heart”**

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Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, Open the eyes of my heart,
I want to see You, I want to see You,
To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your
glory, Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing, Holy, Holy, Holy.
Holy, Holy, Holy Holy, Holy, Holy Holy, Holy, Holy
I want to see You.

■ **“His Mercy Is More”**

Words and music by Matt Papa, Matt Boswell © 2016 Common Hymnal Publishing CCLI #801260

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

**Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more**

■ **Scripture**

■ **“Joy to the World!”**Hymn 125

Joy to the world! the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room, And heav'n and nature sing, And
heav'n and nature sing, And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns; Let men their songs
employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the
sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding
joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, Nor thorns infest the
ground; He comes to make His blessings flow Far as the curse is
found, Far as the curse is found, Far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the
nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His
love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders of His love.

■ **Confession of Sin / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“The Power of the Cross”**

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Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day: Christ on the road
to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a
cross of wood.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; Took the
blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face, Bearing the
awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath Quakes as
its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to
life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name Written in the wounds, For through Your
suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.**

■ **“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.

■ **Message** - “A Savior that Sighs” - Mark 7:31-37 - Nevin

■ **Closing Song** - **“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.

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott

March 28, 2021

“For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”

Romans 1:11-12

Paul’s words to the Romans, here, have seemed amazingly relevant to me this past week. For even though it has only been two weeks since I have seen most of you, I can truly say that I find myself longing for your presence and fellowship. And, indeed, for some of you it has been even longer due to this past year of pandemic craziness. So, yes, I am longing for the day when all these temporary restrictions and limitations will be nothing but a faint memory. But then, of course, life on this broken planet will present other challenges for us to face! So it’s a good thing that we have an All-Sufficient, Sovereign Lord!

As most are aware, I tested positive for the virus and so have been confined at home since a week ago last Thursday. The good news is that my journey has not been nearly as rough as some, partly due to the fact that I had already had the first vaccine which likely primed my body to recognize and fight this invader (but above all due, of course, to God’s undeserved mercy to such a rotten sinner!) At this point, I am mostly just very tired and wear out after a couple hours activity. But I do seem to be improving, praise the Lord! So, while I long to be there with you all this morning, wisdom dictates that I give this thing at least one more day of rest before trying to return to my normal activity!

So please continue to pray for me and my wife (Daughter, Kim, fled the house and escaped infection by staying with friends!) Pray also for Stuart and Jennifer and others who are also staying home to recover from the virus as well. And pray that all of us will recover quickly, with no one else getting sick so that we can gather once more to celebrate our risen, reigning Lord next Sunday.

Resting in the Lord and His faithfulness to those who trust Him!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - March 28

Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

Tuesday and Thursday - Women’s ZOOM Bible Study

Prayerfully consider Rockport’s Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,341.00

February Weekly Average.....\$5,199.13

Announcements

■ **Women’s Discipleship Ministry**

God of Covenant Bible study for women is underway.
Zoom option only. You can still join
Contact Tynetta Chastain 314-795-5268

■ **Women’s Workshop - Front Line Apologetics**

Friday, July 30 from 4-9 PM
Registration begins in May

■ **D-Groups** - Wednesday groups will meet on

March 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 Sermon Text

“A Savior that Sighs”

Mark 7:31-37

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31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.

34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

