

April 11, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Here I Am To Worship”**

Words and Music by Tim Hughes © 2001 Thankyou Music/PRS CCL#801260

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see; Beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

**Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, Here I am to say
that You're my God; You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.**

King of all days, O, so highly exalted, Glorious in heaven
above; Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

I'll never know how much it cost, To see my sin upon that cross

■ **“Come Praise and Glorify”**

Music by Bob Kauflin, words by Tim Chester © 2011 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI#801260

Come praise and glorify our God The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through His Son eternally

**To the praise of Your glory To the praise of Your mercy
and grace To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves**

Come praise and glorify our God Who gives His grace in
Christ In Him our sins are washed away Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us The myst'ry of His will That
Christ should be the head of all His purpose to fulfill

Come praise and glorify our God For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal The Spirit of the Lord The
Spirit guarantees our hope Until redemption's done Until we join in
endless praise to God, the Three in One

■ **Scripture**

■ **“At the Cross”**Hymn 188

Alas! and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I!

**At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light And
the burden of my heart rolled away It was there by faith
I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!**

Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide and shut His glories in,
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died for man the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe
Here, Lord, I give myself away 'Tis all that I can do!

■ **Confession of Sin / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“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.

■ **“His Forever”** by Pat Sczebel © 2003 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

Jesus, friend of sinners Loved me 'ere I knew Him
Drew me with His cords of love Tightly bound me to Him
'Round my heart still closely twined The ties that none can sever
For I am His and He is mine Forever and forever

Jesus, friend of sinners A crown of thorns You wore for me
Bruised for my transgressions Pierced for my iniquities
The wrath of God that I deserved Was poured out on the Innocent
He took my place, my soul to save Now I am His forever

Jesus, friend of sinners I love to tell the story
Redeeming love has been my theme And will be when in glory

**Not death nor life nor anything Can ever separate me
O love that will not let me go Yes, I am His forever**

■ **Message** - “I AM the Light of the World” - John 8:12-20 - Scott

■ **Closing Song** - **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

by Ada Habershon, Music by Matt Merker © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

**He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast**

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast
For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott

April 11, 2021

“Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

John 8:12

I’ve said it several times in our study of John’s gospel, “*Jesus is either who He claims to be, or He’s not*” If He’s not, then go on about your business, because nothing really matters any way. Life is short, and then you die. And there’s nothing beyond that! No resurrection. No salvation from sin! Just an empty oblivion! But if He *is* Who He claims to be (and I’m convinced that He is!) then nothing matters more than knowing Him! There is life to be had, joy to be found, and forgiveness to be received! But it all depends on Him!

So Who does Jesus claim to be? John’s Gospel presents us with seven “I AM” sayings where Jesus claims to be none other than the very God Moses knew and trembled before at the burning bush in the Old Testament – the God Who alone has power to rescue His people from their sins and give them new life. Each of these sayings begins with Jesus declaring “*I AM...something*” using words that take us back to Ex 3:14 where God revealed Himself to Moses as the Eternal One, the Great “I AM.” Jesus picks up on that claim in each of these seven passages from John. Those passages are:

“I AM the bread of life” (John 6:35, 41, 48, 51)

“I AM the light of the world” (John 8:12)

“I AM the door of the sheep” (John 10:7, 9)

“I AM the good shepherd” (John 10:11, 14)

“I AM the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25)

“I AM the way, the truth and the life” (John 14:6)

“I AM the true vine” (John 15:1-5)

Today, we’ll be looking at this second claim: *I am the Light of the World*
May God give each of us eyes to see Him for Who He is!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - April 11

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

March Weekly Average.....\$6,473.38

Announcements

- **Sunday, April 18th** - Our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting is planned for next Sunday, April 18th following the second service and **QUICK LUNCH**. We'll shoot for 1 pm. Among the things being presented is the purchase of a new piano to replace the old one which has reached the end of its life and can no longer be tuned. (Further information about this proposal is available on the foyer table)
- **QUICK LUNCH** next Sunday - the church will provide a light lunch of sandwiches and chips right after the second service next Sunday for all who would like. A sign up sheet for this lunch is in the foyer. **PLEASE SIGN UP!!!**
- **Friday, April 23rd - Sunday, April 25th - Grace Bible Conference** Information and schedule are available on the foyer table. **PLEASE SIGN UP** for the meals online. You can find the sign up link on our website. **PLEASE SIGN UP!!!**
- **D-Groups** - Watch Rockportnews or contact your D-group leader for information about D-Group make-up meetings. Next originally scheduled meeting for Wednesday groups is April 14
- **Pictorial Directory** - We are putting together a new pictorial directory. Information has been sent out via Rockportnews. If you have questions please see Jessica Roberts. If you would like to be added to the Rockportnews e-mail group please see Cindy Boehm
- **Women's Workshop - Front Line Apologetics**
Friday, July 30 from 4-9 PM Registration begins in May

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 week's passage is one every Christian needs to know by heart and bring to mind daily!

John 8:12

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Grace Bible Conference - April 23 -25

See your bulletin or the foyer table for more information.

PLEASE SIGN UP for the meals online. You can find the sign up link on our website

Friday, April 23

5 PM - Supper

6 PM - Message #1 - Tim Gray

Break

7:30 PM - Message #2 - Jamie Haguewood

Saturday, April 24

2 PM - Message #3 - Evan Skelton

Break

3:30 PM - Message #4 - Geoff Ingrum

5 PM - Supper

6 PM - Hymn Sing

6:30 PM - Message #5 - Josh Wilson

Sunday, April 25

9:30 AM - Message #6 - Jacob Adams

10:40 AM - Message #7 - Scott Lee

"I AM the Light of the World"
(John 8: 12-20)

"Jesus is either who He claims to be, or He's not"

I. Christ's Claim: "I AM the _____" v12

(1) A very strategic moment

- Just as the lamps go out and darkness falls,
He says "I AM the _____"

- This is another claim to _____ - Ex 3:14

Light is often used to picture God. Jn 1:4-9 ; 1 Jn 5:1 ; Ps 27:1
Eze 1:4f ; Hab 3:3-4 ; Ps 43:3 ; Isa 60:3 ; 1 Tim 6:16 ; Isa 49:6

(2) He commands us to _____ as light

Jn 3:19-21 ; Lk 9:23 ; Ex 13:21-22 ; Ps 119:105

(3) This walk with Christ leads away from _____ into
greater _____ Col 1:13-14 ; Eph 5:8-10 ; 1 Jn 1:5-7

II. The Challenge to Jesus: Your claim can't be _____ vv13-16

Unbelief always looks for reasons not to _____

(1) The testimony of Jesus is _____ no matter who believes it

(2) Limit your view of Jesus to here and now,
you'll never _____

- Who is Jesus? _____
- One day He will judge all Jn 5:22 ; 2 Cor 5:21

III. The Confirmation of the Truth: God the Father confirms _____
vv17-19

(1) Jesus gives the confirmation they're looking for v18a

(2) Jesus, again, hints at His Diety v18 ; Ex 3:14

(3) God the Father provides the second _____ v18b
not 3:17 ; Rm 10:18

(4) To know God, you have to come through _____ v19
Jn 14:6-7

Kids' Listening Sheet (4/11/21)

Message Title: "I AM the _____"

Bible Passages: Acts 2: _____

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

Light	Dark	World	B
			elieve
Walk	Follow	Lamp	Fire
True	Flesh	Joy	Son
Father	Witness	God	Judge

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

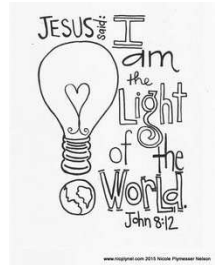
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3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.



Dispute Over Jesus' Testimony (John 8:12-20)

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C E F T C O M E U
O S A N B E A R E
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D I H S A G A I N
I M E S P O K E K
N O R S A I D V N
G N V S E N T E O
P Y J U D G E N W

ACCORDING	AGAIN	ANSWERED
BEAR	COME	EVEN
FATHER	GOING	JESUS
JUDGE	KNOW	LIGHT
SAID	SENT	SPOKE
TESTIMONY	TRUE	WITNESS