

April 4, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“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.

■ **Scripture**

■ **“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**.....Hymn 129

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne, Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side, Those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bends His wond'ring eye

At mysteries so bright

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died, and rose on high, Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of lords, who over all doth reign, Who once on earth th'incarnate Word, for ransomed sinners slain, Now lives in realms of light, where saints with angels sing, Their songs before Him day and night, their God, Redeemer, King

■ **Confession of Sin / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”**

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How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son to make a wretch a treasure How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

■ **“Mercy Tree”** by Michael Neale and Krissy Nordhoff ©2012 Universal Music CCLI #801260

On a hill called Calvary Stands an endless mercy tree Every broken weary soul Find your rest and be made whole Stripes of blood that stain its frame Shed to wash away our shame From the scars pure love released Salvation by the mercy tree

In the spot between two thieves Hung the blameless Prince of Peace Bruised and battered, scarred and scorned Sacred head pierced by our thorns “It is finished” was His cry The perfect Lamb was crucified His Sacrifice our victory Our Savior chose the mercy tree

Hope went dark that violent day The whole earth quaked at Love’s display Three days silent in the ground This Body born for Heaven’s crown On that bright and glorious day When Heaven opened up the grave He’s alive and risen indeed Praise Him for the mercy tree

**Death has died Love has won Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Jesus Christ has overcome He has risen from the dead**

One day soon we’ll see His face And every tear He’ll wipe away No more pain or suffering Oh praise Him for the mercy tree  
On a hill called Calvary Stands an endless mercy tree

■ **Message** - "The Death-Shattering Power of Christ's Resurrection"

- Acts 2: 21-24 - Scott

■ **Closing Song** - "**Christ Arose**".....Hymn 216

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior!

Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

**Up from the grave He arose, With a mighty triumph o'er**

**His foes; He arose a Victor from the dark domain,**

**And He lives forever with His saints to reign,**

**He arose! He Arose! Hallelujah! Christ Arose!**

Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior!

Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!

Death cannot keep his prey, Jesus my Savior!

He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

■ **Benediction**

## **A Word from Pastor Scott:**

**Sunday, April 4, 2021**

*"He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said"*

**Matthew 28:6**

What a joy to welcome you here as we come together in Christ's name this morning! I can think of no greater reason to meet than to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. I really mean that!

For us as believers, everything in life comes down to this one great historical event that we are privileged to celebrate each Sunday! It is the source of our hope and life. It's certainly not going too far too say that our faith stands or falls on the validity of Christ having risen bodily from the grave! The apostle Paul said that 1 Corinthians 15:17. Writing to those who questioned the possibility of a man rising physically from the dead, he said, *"If Christ has not been raised, then your faith is worthless and you are still in your sins."* But then he added, *"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead"* (v 20) so that *"Death is swallowed up in victory"* (v 54) and we can sing with great joy, *"Where, O death, is your victory? And where, O grave, is your sting?"* (v 55)

For those who know the power of Jesus' resurrection in their lives, the joy of this declaration has no bounds! How I pray that we will sing this truth with full and grateful hearts this morning – hearts made glad by the knowledge that because of what Christ has done, death has been emptied of its power, sin has lost its grip, and Jesus is Lord of all! And if that's not your song, why not ask someone seated near to share with you how you can come to know the joy of a life set free by the power of the resurrected Christ from the dead!

And for you who are in Christ, let the redeemed of the Lord say so! For *He is risen! He is risen, indeed!* Let your joy and the assurance that comes from knowing that He is alive be seen as you declare the wonder of His salvation!

*Rejoicing in the Hope of Our Resurrected Lord Whom death could not hold!*

*Pastor Scott Lee*

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - April 4

Worship

9:00 AM & 10:45 AM

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

### Saturday, April 10 - Men's Breakfast

8:00 AM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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

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

### Announcements

- **Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM** - Men's Breakfast  
Erik Bird will be speaking.
- **Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>** - Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following the second service. Among the things to be 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. More information will be provided later this week and will be available in the foyer next Sunday
- **Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Grace Bible Conference**  
Information and schedule are available on the foyer table.
- **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
- **D-Groups** - Watch Rockportnews or contact your D-group leader for information about D-Group make-up meetings.  
Last scheduled meeting for Wednesday groups is April 14
- **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!

### Acts 2:23-24

23 this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men.

24 God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

### Grace Bible Conference - April 23 -25

#### 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

“The Death-Shattering Power of Christ’s Resurrection”  
(Acts 2: 21-24)

Kids’ Listening Sheet (4/4/21)



I. The Undeniable \_\_\_\_\_ of His Life (v22)

Message Title: “The Death-Shattering \_\_\_\_\_ ”

Bible Passages: Acts 2: \_\_\_\_\_

II. The Undefeatable \_\_\_\_\_ of His Death (v23)

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

Power	Life	Dead	Grave
Rise	Rejoice	Death	Blind
Hammer	Nails	Cross	Hurricane
Cards	Fingers	Impossible	Light

1) \_\_\_\_\_ nailed Him to the cross

2) Man held the hammer, but God had a \_\_\_\_\_ for the nails

Jn 10:17-18

- Jesus’ death came by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- And according to the pre-determined \_\_\_\_\_ of God  
Eph 1:11 ; Rm 8:28

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

III. The Unstoppable \_\_\_\_\_ of His Resurrection v24

It was not \_\_\_\_\_ for death to hold Him!

Jn 5:25-26

- 1) Death could not hold Him because God \_\_\_\_\_  
to raise Him vv25-36
- 2) Death could not hold Him because the power of his life is  
greater than all the \_\_\_\_\_ of death
- 3) Death could not hold Him because God had a \_\_\_\_\_  
to accomplish. Rm 6:4 , 4:25 , 6:8-11

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

Are you trusting in the finished work of Christ? v21

2.

## The Sin-Shattering Power of Christ's Resurrection! Acts 2:21–24

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And it shall **come** to pass that **everyone** who **calls** upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ “Men of **Israel**, **hear** these words: **Jesus** of Nazareth, a man **attested** to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves **know**— this **Jesus**, **delivered up according** to the **definite** plan and **foreknowledge** of God, you **crucified** and **killed** by the **hands** of **lawless** men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of **death**, **because** it was not possible for him to be held by it.

