

May 30, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

By Robert Robinson, adapted by Margaret Clarkson, Music by John Wyeth CCLI# 801260

Come Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the Mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh that day when freed from sinning I shall see Thy lovely face Full arrayed in blood-washed linen How I'll sing Thy Sovereign Grace Come my Lord no longer tarry Bring Thy promises to pass For I know Thy power will keep me 'Til I'm home with Thee at last

■ **“The First Place”**

By Matthew Westerholm © 1999 Matthew Westerholm CCLI#801260

Jesus the perfect picture of the unseen God. Maker, of things we cannot comprehend. Wisdom, the earth displays Your strength and beauty. Sovereign, yes every throne knows You are God.

Every inch of this universe belongs to You, O Christ. For through You and for You it was made. Your creation endures by the order of Your hand. So You must have in all things the first place.

Victor, over sin and death You triumphed. Firstborn, You've shown us life beyond the grave. Bridegroom, we long for You in expectation. Jesus, Your church rejoices to proclaim.

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 33:5-22 / Prayer for our giving

■ **“Before The Throne”**

Words by Charitie Less Bancroft, alt. lyrics and music by Vikki Cook © 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea A great High Priest whose name is love Who ever lives and pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free

For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb My perfect, spotless, Righteousness The Great unchangeable I AM The King of Glory and of Grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

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

by Stuart Townend © 1995 ThankYou Music CCLI #801260

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His 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.

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

by Rustie 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.

■ **Message** -

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott

May 30, 2021

“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:13-14

It's time for us to look to the future. No more looking back over this past year and wondering what might have been. God has given us opportunities today and called us to take hold of them. It's no use wondering what life might have been like if we lived in a different culture. God has placed us in this culture and called us to serve Him faithfully here. So let's determine to make that our goal. We are called to be His people in this time and place. So let's work together to encourage each other and live for His glory here and now.

So what will that mean as we move through the halfway point of 2021. To begin with, I think it means we need to have a renewed commitment to the basics of faithful Christian living. What are those things God calls us to keep at the center of our life together in Christ? First, of course, he calls us to meet together for worship (Heb 10:25) and to encourage one another regularly. He calls to be a people of His word (2 Tim 3:16-17, 4:2, etc) and prayer (1 Thess 5:17) who genuinely care for one another (1 John 3:11) and are active in proclaiming Christ to our community and world (Mat 28:19-20). Above all we are commanded to love God, first and foremost (Mat 22:37), and to love and serve our neighbors as ourselves (Mt 22:39). As to what that looks like in the practical, day to day matters of life, that's the question we need to work together to answer. And that's what I want to invite you to join me in doing. Rockport, let's think hard about what it means for us to live together as God's people here and now. Let's look for ways to serve Him faithfully in this present age, as we seek to live together as His church by His grace and for His glory!

Knowing and serving Him is Life's greatest adventure!

Pastor Scott

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - May 30

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship

10:40 AM

SUNDAY - June 6

First Sunday Fellowship Meal after worship

For those who may not be familiar, since it's been a while, we ask everyone to bring a dish, whether soup, or desert, main course, or a couple of side dishes, with plenty to share. Then stick around to share in the meal and fellowship. If weather is nice, bring toys and games for the kids, games for adults, etc.

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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

April Weekly Average.....\$6,195.21

Today's Nursery - Ellie Boehlke & Megan Blunt

Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

Announcements

- **Sunday, June 6** - First Sunday Fellowship Meal after worship
- **Saturday, June 12** at 8 AM - Men's Breakfast
- **Please support Hand 'n Hand Pregnancy Help Center in Barnhart**
Take a baby bottle and fill it with change/currency or a check (made out to Hand 'n Hand PHC)
See <http://www.hnhcenter.org> for more information.
Please return bottles (**EMPTY OR FULL**) by Father's Day (June 20)
- **Friday, July 30** - Women's Workshop - Front Line Apologetics
Friday, July 30 from 4-9 PM Registration has begun!
See your e-mail or contact Tynetta

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 should know by heart.

1 John 5:12

Whoever had the Son has life;

Whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

"Who Are You Following?"

(John 8:37-47)

- I. You're not following the _____ of Abraham vv 37-41a
- _____ speak louder than _____
- (1) They claim to belong to God, but are eager to be rid of _____
- (2) They claim to follow Abraham, but give no evidence of Abraham-like _____
- 1) Abraham's faith made him willing to _____ God
Gn 26:5 ; Gn 12:1-4 ; Gn 15:6
- 2) Abraham's faith made him ready to _____ Gn 18
- II. You're not living in faithful obedience _____ vv41b-43
_____ is the first mark of a true child of God
Only in _____ do we meet the true God Jn 14:6 ; 1 Jn 5:12
Jn 3:36 ; Lk 10:16
Why do so many find it difficult to understand the Gospel?
• v43 ; 2 Cor 4:4 ; 1 Cor 2:14 ; John 6:44-45
- III. You've fallen under the authority and power of the _____ v44-47 ; 1 Pet 5:8
- What pattern does your life follow?
 - Luther: The human will is like a _____
- The life of someone being ridden by Satan v44
- (1) A life _____
- (2) A life not anchored in the _____
- (3) A life of _____
- Ask yourself: Who am I following? vv45-47
- It is all about _____ v46
 - His challenge to me:

Kid's Listening Sheet (5/30/21)

Message Title: "Who are you _____?"

Bible Passages: John 8: _____



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

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| Follow | Crowd | Faith | Abraham |
| Hear | Obey | Love | Christ |
| Devil | Liar | Murder | Hate |
| Trust | Believe | Walk | Lion |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

Abraham's Seed and Satan's (John 8:37-47)

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