

May 9, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”**

by John Newton, Christ Tomlin, Louis Giglio ©2006 worshiptogether.com CCLI #801260

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now I'm found, Was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior, has ransomed me. And like a flood, His mercy reigns, Unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine. But God who called me here below, **will be forever mine.**

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, **we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.**

■ **“Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”** by Matthew Smith/Jeff Pardo

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Once on a dreary mountain We wandered far and wide, Far from the cleansing fountain Far from the pierced side But Jesus sought and found us And washed our guilt away With cords of love He bound us To be His own today

Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pardoning God

Dear Lord receive the glory Of each recovered soul Oh who can tell the story Of love that made us whole? Not our, not ours, the merit Be Yours alone the praise And ours a thankful spirit To serve You all our days Now keep us, holy Savior In Your true love and fear And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere Till in Your new creation When Earth meets Heaven's shore We find our full salvation And praise You evermore

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 30:1-18

■ **“Jesus Paid It All”**Hymn 210

I hear the Savior say, “Thy strength indeed is small; Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all.”

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete, “Jesus died my soul to save,” My lips shall still repeat

Bridge: O praise the One who paid my debt And raised this life up from the dead

■ **Confession / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Depth of Mercy”**

Words by Charles Wesley Music by David L Ward © 1999 ReformedPraise CCLI#801260

Depth of mercy, can there be, Mercy still reserved for me? Can my God His wrath forbear, Me the chief of sinners, spare? Many times my heart has strayed, From His kind and perfect ways Depth of mercy, can there be, Mercy still reserved for me?

I have spilt His precious blood, Trampled on the Son of God Filled with pangs unspeakable; I, who yet am not in hell! Many times my heart has strayed, From His kind and perfect ways Depth of mercy, can there be, Mercy still reserved for me?

Jesus speaks, and pleads His blood! He disarms the wrath of God; Now my Father's mercies move, Justice lingers into love. Heaven find me on my knees, Hear my soul in-passioned plea Depth of mercy, can there be, Mercy still reserved for me!

Now incline me to repent, Let me now my sins lament, Now my foul revolt deplore, Weep, believe, and sin no more.

Heaven find me on my knees, Hear my soul's desperate plea Son of David, have mercy on me! Go, thy faith hath saved thee

■ **“Jesus, Thank You”**

by Pat Sczebel © 2003 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend The agonies of Calvary You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me

Your blood has washed away my sin Jesus, thank You The Father's wrath completely satisfied Jesus, thank You Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table Jesus, thank You

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near Your enemy You've made Your friend Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace Your mercy and Your kindness know no end **Lover of my soul I want to live for You**

■ **Message** -“What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?”

(Mark 10:46-52) – Nevin

■ **Closing Song**

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott

May 9, 2021

"The truth (of the Gospel) will set you free"

John 8:32

What does the church need most? More information about the world and its errors, or a greater understanding of Christ and His Gospel? What the church needs above all is know Christ deeply! By that I mean to gain a personal, life-changing knowledge of Him that only the Gospel can bring. That means more than just "knowing facts about Him." It means actually knowing Him in a way that is real and person, just as Paul prays in Php 3:10, "...that I may know Him!" This, indeed, is what Jesus says eternal life is all about, according to John 17:3 – "And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent."

So how does a Christian come to this knowledge? Only by means of the Gospel heard, proclaimed, dwelt upon, yielded to, celebrated and enjoyed (Rm 10:17). That's why the best thing your pastors can do for you each week is give you a steady diet of Christ-centered Gospel truth!

Does that mean we should never stop to address the "big issues" everyone else is talking about? Of course not. There are times when it is right to stop and address a hot-button issue that is disturbing the church. We have done so in the past and will do it again. But a regular focus on such "issues" is not a healthy diet and will not produce a healthy church. The church is best served by the faithful preaching of God's word verse by verse in a way that lays a solid foundation for Christ-centered thinking and practice in every area of life. It is this steady diet of biblical truth that equips us with the knowledge of Christ so we can discern error when it arises and turn and cling to Him. It is in knowing the truth of Christ that we will be set free from the lies swirling around us.

When the Son sets you free, you are truly free!

Pastor Scott

PS – Missing you all as we travel! See you when we return May 23rd!

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - May 9

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM

WEDNESDAY - May 12

Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM
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Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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

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

Today's Nursery	B - Phoebe Davis
	T - Amanda Boyer

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

Announcements

- **Pictorial Directory** - Please see Jessica Roberts today if you have not gotten your picture in for the directory.
- **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)
- **Wednesday, May 12** - Our next prayer meeting will be Wednesday May 12 at 7 PM
- **Friday, July 30** - Women's Workshop - Front Line Apologetics
Friday, July 30 from 4-9 PM Registration begins in May

Sermon Text
Mark 10:46-52

“What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus?”
(Mark 10:46-52)

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

46 And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” 48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” 49 And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” 50 And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” 52 And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.