

August 1, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“O Help My Unbelief”**

Words by Isaac Watts, Music by Justin Smith © 2007 Justin Smith Music CCLI #801260

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains! And Satan binds our captive minds Fast in his slavish chains But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word: "O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th' almighty call, And runs to this relief I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief! To the dear fountain of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly; Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, My reigning sins subdue; Drive the old dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew. A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On thy kind arms I fall; Be thou my strength and righteousness, My Jesus, and my all.

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■ **“As the Deer”**

Words and Music by Martin Nystrom © 1984 Maranatha! Music; CCLI #801260

As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee.

You alone are my strength, my shield: To you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee.

You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eye.

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 44:9-20 / Prayer for our offerings

■ **“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

■ **Confession of Sin / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Speak, O Lord”** by Keith & Kristyn Getty © 2005 Thankyou Music CCLI #801260

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word Take Your truth, plant it deep in us Shape and fashion us in Your likeness That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes For Your glory

Teach us Lord full obedience Holy reverence, true humility Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity Cause our faith to rise Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority Words of power that can never fail Let their truth prevail over un - belief

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity And by grace we'll stand on Your promises And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glory

■ **“May the Peoples Praise You”** Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend, Ed Cash and David Zimmer © 2016 Allotrop Music, Getty Music Publishing CCLI# 801260

You have called us out of darkest night Into Your glorious light That we may sing the wonders of The risen Christ

May our every breath retell the grace That broke into our strife With boundless love and deepest joy With endless life

May the peoples praise You Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

All the earth is Yours and all within Each harvest is Your own And from Your hand we give to You To make Christ known

May the seeds of mercy grow in us For those who have not heard May songs of praise build lives of grace To spread Your Word

This our holy privilege to declare Your praises and Your name To every nation, tribe, and tongue, Your church proclaim

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty Worthy, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty All creation praise Your glorious Name

■ **Message** –

“Knowing the Good Shepherd” (John 10:10-15) - Scott

■ **Closing Song / Benediction**

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.

John 10:14-15

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep.

MISSION OFFERING TOTALS:

Hand n Hand Pregnancy Help Center "Change for Life" baby bottle campaign Rockport gave a total of \$1059.04. Hand n Hand said to please share our sincere gratitude with your congregation for their generosity in supporting Life.

Trevor Johnsons Ministries Love Offering total is \$2990

Next Women's Bible Study

God of Deliverance

A ten-week study of Exodus 1-18

Tuesday evenings beginning September 7 **OR**

Thursday mornings beginning September 9

Study guides are \$16.00 and will be ordered soon.

If we are able to meet in person, there will be limited childcare on Thursday mornings only.

A Google sign-up form will be emailed.

Flyers, schedule, and sign-up cards will also be on the foyer table.

"Knowing the Good Shepherd"

(John 10:10-15)

- I. We need to know Jesus as the _____ Shepherd promised by God v11
 - (1) The _____ Shepherd Eze 34:11-12, 15-16_____
 - (2) The _____ Shepherd
 - "Kalos" = _____
 - (3) The _____ Shepherd Jn 10:11 , 17-18 ; 15:13
 - "for the sheep" - for (huper) = "on behalf of, in the place of"
 - One Life in exchange for another: 1 Pet 3:18 ; Gal 3:13 ; 2:20
2 Cor 5:20 ; 1 Jn 3:16 ; Rev 5:9

- II. We must know the difference between Him and the _____ v 12-13
 - Who are these "hired hands"?
 - Do they love the sheep? Eze 34:2-6,8
 - This is the condition Jesus found us in Mt 9:36
 - This is you and me Isa 53:6
 - This is also all the lost and broken around us

- III. Know Christ's purpose to bring us into an _____ relationship with God vv 14-15
 - (1) He says, "I know _____" Isa 43:1
 - (2) You also know _____ v14b
 - This is eternal life Jn 17:3 ; Ps 63:1-3What kind of intimacy is this? v15
 - It's a _____ kind of intimacy Jn 1:12
 - It's the kind God Himself has within the TrinityThis is what we are invited into Jn 17:3, 22-26

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - August 1

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

First Sunday Fellowship Meal

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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| Rockport Weekly Budget Goal..... | \$4,341.00 |
| June Weekly Average..... | \$5,006.08 |

Today's Nursery - Debbie McClure and Shealyn Woelm

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

Announcements

- First Sunday Fellowship today
- Wednesday, August 4 at 7 PM -
Congregational Prayer Meeting
- Saturday August 14 - Men's Breakfast at 8 AM -
Bake Ottogy speaking
- Summer D-Groups studying 2 Timothy continue
- Family Camp - September 23-26
"One Anothering in Christ's Church"
- Sunday, September 29 - Annual Congregational Meeting
following morning worship

A Word from Pastor Scott

August, 1 2021

"Go therefore and make disciples"

Matthew 28:19

My regular Bible reading recently took me through Matthew's Gospel once again, where I read these famous words of Jesus to the church, *"Go therefore and make disciples."* Most of us know this as the beginning of the Great Commission where Jesus gives the church its marching orders. So what is the church to be about? We are to be about making "disciples" everywhere we go.

So what then, is a disciple? Somewhere along the line it seems many have gotten the idea that a "disciple" is a very special kind of Christian – a deeper level Christian! Not just your average every day Christian, but one who is truly and radically committed in a way others are not. If this is what you think when you hear the word "disciple", you need to know that you are missing something very important. According to Scripture, every believer is called to be a disciple. This is really clear in the Book of Acts where "disciple" is just another word for a Christian (Acts 6:1-2, 7; 9:1, 10, 26-31, etc). Everyone who claims to follow Jesus must understand that they have been called to be a disciple. To be a Christian is to be a disciple. That's how we should all think of ourselves.

So what, specifically, does that mean? Stephen Smallman helpfully defines a disciple as *"a person who has heard the call of Jesus and responded by repenting, believing the Gospel and following him."* Learning to 'follow Him' is what we mean by discipleship. And it's something every Christian is called to pursue – to take this gift Christ has given through faith and begin to live it out in the practical matters of daily life. That's something each of us must be committed to in our personal lives, and in our life together as Christ's church.

Do you think of yourself as a disciple of Christ? That's the place to begin. Then follow that by asking, where do I need help learning to grow as a disciple?

Kyle or I would love to help you find the answer to that question.

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (8/1/21)

Message Title: "Knowing the _____"

Bible Passages: John 10: _____



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

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| Shepherd | Sheep | Good | Beautiful |
| Wolf | Life | Die | Kill |
| Love | Care | Lost | Save |
| Friend | God | Bible | Children |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

John 10:11-15

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