

July 18, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

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

■ **“Facing a Task Unfinished”**

Original Words by Frank Houghton/Music by Samuel Wesley. New Words/ Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, Fionan de Barra; © 2015 OMF International, Getty Music Publishing CCLI #801260

Facing a task unfinished That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known
Where other lords beside Thee Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying And pass into the night

**We go to all the world With kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save But Jesus Christ The Lord**

We bare the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them O Spirit who inspired
Saviour, whose love constrained them To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us To labour for Thy sake

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 43:1-21 / Prayer for our giving

■ **“For the Cause”**

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For the cause of Christ the King We give our lives, an offering
'Til all the earth resounds With ceaseless praise To the Son

For the cause of Christ we go With joy to reap, with faith to sow
As many see And many put their trust in the Son

**Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name: For all
creation, Ev'ry nation, God's salvation Through the Son!**

For the King once lifted high To cries of rage, of 'Crucify!'
Endured the cross As every sin was laid On the Son

To the King who conquered death To free the poor and the
oppressed For lasting peace For life and liberty In the Son

**Let it be my life's refrain: To live is Christ, to die is gain;
Deny myself, take up my cross And follow the Son**

■ **Confession and Assurance of Pardon / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Across the Lands”**

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You're the Word of God the Father From before the world
began. Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your
hand All creation holds together By the power of Your voice. Let
the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!

**You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man; And
Your cry of love rings out across the lands.**

Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the
lost, And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea;
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free!

With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting vict'ry from the
grave, And ascended into heaven, Leading captives in Your way.
Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own; From
each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home

■ **“O Church Arise”** by Keith Getty & Stuart Townend © 2005 Thankyou Music CCLI #801260

O Church Arise and put your armour on Hear the call of Christ
our Captain For now the weak can say that they are strong In the
strength that God has given With shield of faith and belt of truth
We'll stand against the devil's lies An army bold whose battle cry is
love Reaching out to those in darkness

Our call to war to love the captive soul But to rage against the
captor And with the sword that makes the wounded whole We will
fight with faith and valor When faced with trials on every side We
know the outcome is secure And Christ will have the prize for which
He died An inheritance of nations

Come see the cross where love and mercy meet As the Son
of God is stricken Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet

For the Conqueror has risen And as the stone is rolled away And Christ emerges from the grave This victory march continues till the day Every eye and heart shall see Him

So Spirit come put strength in every stride Give grace for every hurdle That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful As saints of old still line the way **Retelling triumphs of His grace We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory**

■ Message – Missionary Trevor Johnson

■ Love Offering

■ Closing Song - **“For All The Saints”** Words by William How, Music by Christopher

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For all the saints, who from their labors rest, To Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight; Thou in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

■ Benediction

A Word from Pastor Scott

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“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:8-9

“Why do we include confession of sin in each week’s worship?” I’m asked that question from time to time. For some, it feels strange. Over the last hundred years or so, Baptists have not generally included confession as part of worship (though early Baptists certainly did, and most reformed churches still do). Others may feel that confessing sin each week is a “downer.” After all, I’m not guilty of every sin we confess! Or perhaps some feel it’s ‘praying by rote’ to confess a prayer in unison. But there is a gospel logic in public confession that has deep roots in the Bible and in the reformation faith that comes from the Bible.

Biblical worship in the reformed tradition seeks to be a display of the Gospel every time we gather. In the call to worship, we hear God summoning us to come to him in faith. As we come, we hear God declaring Himself and His ways to us in His word and in songs that point us to His majesty, holiness, power and grace. Confession is our Gospel-driven response to that vision of God’s majesty. Just as Isaiah fell down and confessed his sin when he saw the Lord in the temple (Isa 6:1-5), so do we as well. (Or think of Peter’s response to Jesus in Lk 5:8).

So each week, rather than pretend we can draw near to God on our own merit, we humble ourselves through confession of sin and remind ourselves, once again, of the gospel promise of forgiveness. In this way, each week’s worship service becomes a “gospel dialogue” where we hear God’s Word with it’s warnings and promises summoning us to repentance and faith in Jesus. We then respond to that summons by confession our sins, hearing his word of pardon, giving thanks and praise for his mercy, and then departing to go back into the world to live by faith.

May we worship the living God with willing ears, believing hearts and new minds

Pastor Scott

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 a reminder of one every Christian should have memorized.

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Love Offering at the end of worship service:

A love offering will be taken at the end of worship service. Anything put into the collection plates at the end of the service will go to the love offering for Trevor Johnson Ministries. We will hold the offering open for the next week in case there are those who still wish to give. Please see Cindy Boehm if you have any questions.

Rockport Survey for Ministry Service

Soon we will begin the process of looking toward the new church year (September 1, 2021 - August 31, 2022). This includes calling people to places of service where each can use their gifts to serve Christ and His body through our church. One way we attempt to do this is through the nominating process (seeking to match volunteers to areas of ministry). Rockport Survey for Ministry Service forms (goldenrod color sheets) will be available in the church foyer for the next few weeks. Please help us by letting us know your interest in potential areas of ministry and service. You may place completed forms in the secretary or pastor's bins just outside the office door.

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - July 18

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship 10:40 AM
Love Offering for Trevor Johnson at end of worship

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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

Today's Nursery - Jennifer McMillian & Lucy Blunt

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

Announcements

- Sunday, July 18 - Trevor Johnson will be sharing about his mission work in Papua New Guinea

- Summer D-Groups studying 2 Timothy continue

- Friday, July 30 - Women's Workshop - Front Line Apologetics
Friday, July 30 from 4-9 PM
Please register - see your e-mail or contact Tynetta

- Family Camp - September 23-26

