

August 15, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

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When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast

I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path

For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast

For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast

Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast

He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last

Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast

Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast

Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast

'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

■ **“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**.....Hymn 26

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;

Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great, And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be losing, Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own choosing, Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us. The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure; One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them, abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 45:1-25 / Prayer for our offerings

■ **“Whate'er My God Ordains is Right”** by Samuel Rodigast ©1998 David Braud Music CCLI#801260

Whate'er my God ordains is right: His holy will abideth;

I will be still whate'er He does; And follow where He guideth;

He is my God; though dark my road, He holds me that I shall not fall:

Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: He never will deceive

me; He leads me by the proper path: I know He will not leave me. I take, content, what He hath sent; His hand can turn my griefs away, And patiently I wait His day.

Whate'er my God ordains is right: Though now this cup, in drinking, May bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all unshrinking. My God is true; each morn anew Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart, And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate'er my God ordains is right; Here shall my stand be taken; Though sorrow, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not forsaken. My Father's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall, And so to Him I leave it all.

■ **Confession of Sin / Pastoral Prayer**

■ **“Blessed Assurance”**.....Hymn 345

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in His love.

■ **“In Christ Alone”**

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In Christ alone, my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone - who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. 'Til on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied; For every sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain; then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; 'til He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

- **Message** – “Safe in the Hands of the Shepherd” – John 10:22-31
– Pastor 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. This is absolutely a passage you should commit to memory.

John 10:27-28

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.

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 has been emailed.

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

“Safe in the Hands of the Shepherd”

(John 10:22-30)

Confidence in Christ

(see the first question in the Heidelberg Catechism)

The Feast of Dedication = _____

- I. A cynical _____ v22-26
 - Why doesn't Jesus just say, “Yes I am the Christ”?
 - Where does He point them in v25?

- II. The difference between _____ and those _____
His sheep v 26-27
“You do not believe because you are _____”
 - Not among those given to Jesus by the Father Rm 9:15-18
 - Rom 1:21 ; John 6:44,46 ; John 6:37How do we identify those who are Christ's sheep?
 - (1) My sheep _____ Rm 10:17
 - (2) They are _____ by me Eph 1:4-5 ; Rm 8:29-30
 - (3) They _____ me Eze 36:26-27 ; John 10:3-4

- III. The _____ of Christ's sheep vv27-30
 - (1) He _____ you eternal Life Eph 2:8-9 ; Rm 6:23
 - (2) His gift is _____ secure v28
 - The smallest faith in Jesus puts you _____
 - Even if we doubted Jesus could hold us (vv29-30)Who can snatch you from His hand?
Rm 8:35-39
1 John 5:11-13

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - August 15

Sunday Morning Bible Study

9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship

10:40 AM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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

July Weekly Average.....\$5,966.56

Today's Nursery - Molli Gunby and Grace Dittmann

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

Announcements

- Sunday, August 29 - Annual Congregational Meeting following morning worship and fellowship lunch
- Summer D-Groups studying 2 Timothy continue through Aug
- Sign up for Ladies Bible Study - God of Deliverance
Tuesdays at 6:30 PM - Sept 7 - Nov 9
Thursdays at 9 AM - Sept 9 - Nov 11
- Family Camp - September 23-26
"One Another-ing in Christ's Church"

A Word from Pastor Scott

August 15, 2021

"All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out."

John 6:37

I've been thinking a lot about our assurance in salvation as I've prepared this week's message, and one thing has been clear: *Assurance is something we are meant to have as Christians*. Not only meant to have, but to rely on and rejoice in. So where do you get such assurance? First of all, from God's word. We read the promises like the one Jesus gives in John 6:37 (above), or this morning's passage from John 10:27-28 "*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*" We read these passages with faith, looking to Jesus as the promise-keeper, and assurance grows. Second, we rely on the work of the Holy Spirit who "leads us into all truth" (John 16:13) by applying the word to our hearts and confirming that we do belong to Jesus (Romans 8:16). Then there's a third way we can deepen our assurance, and that is by reflecting on the truth of God's word using a good confession or catechism. AS I begin this morning's message, I'll be quoting Question One from the *Heidelberg Catechism*. If you're not familiar with it, I urge you to read it, think about it, perhaps memorize it and let it drive a deeper assurance into your believing heart.

Q: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A: "That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him." (Find an online version to see the Scripture basis for this)

May the Lord grant grace and assurance to every believing heart.

Pastor Scott

Confession of Sin based on Ps. 51:1-4:

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your
sight, so that you are proved right when you speak, and justified when
you judge.

Assurance of Pardon- Psalm 103:8-14:

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.

Kid's Listening Sheet (8/15/21)

Message Title: "Safe in the Shepherd's _____"

Bible Passages: John 10: _____



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

Feast	Hammer	War	Solomon
Sheep	Shepherd	Christ	Death
Voice	Follow	Hear	Hand
Safe	Strong	Faith	Wolf

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

- 1.
- 2.

Jesus Claims at the Feast of Hannukah (John 10:22-30)

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BELIEVE	CHRIST	COLONNADE
DEDICATION	FATHER	FEAST
GATHERED	HAND	JERUSALEM
JESUS	JEWS	KEEP
LONG	SHEEP	SNATCH

