

September 5, 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

■ Scripture - Isaiah 48:1-22 / Prayer for our offerings

■ “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.

■ Confession of Sin - Apostle's Creed / Lord's Supper

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades
the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit. the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

■ “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 Rusty 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 – “A Biblical Church”

(Php 1:1-2 ; 1 Tim 3:1-13 ; Eph 4:11-16) – Pastor Scott

■ Closing Song

■ Benediction

A Word from Pastor Scott September 5, 2021

"I will build My Church . . . "
Jesus in Matthew 16:18

I came to this church in June of 1991. At that time it was more of a traditional Southern Baptist Church with a single pastor, a music leader, a board of deacons and a Church Counsel that included anyone who held a position in the church. To be honest, we hadn't given a whole lot of thought to how a church ought to be structured. We just wanted to serve Jesus. And to the best of our ability we did. And despite our lack of understanding, God graciously used us anyway.

But as time went on, we began to study the Scriptures more closely. That study led us to understand that the Bible does, indeed, have some important things to say about how a church ought to be organized and led. So we began to make changes between the year 2000 and 2003 that we hoped would bring us into a more biblical practice as a church. Those changes included moving from a solo pastor to a plurality of elders, with the deacons committed to serving the needs of the congregation and the whole church seeking to use their gifts together to minister to one another, proclaim the Gospel, make disciples and exalt Christ.

Since then, this has been the structure most of you have known here at Rockport. And yet, you may have noticed we haven't really taught on this much lately (I think the last time may have been in January 2015). So there is value in going back again and thinking through why we do what we do as a church. We need to make sure we understand what the Bible teaches and how we can apply it to our lives in obedience to Christ. Lord willing, we'll do that this morning.

As we do, I hope you will do two things. First, that you will pray that God gives us a clearer understanding of His word. And, second, that we'll see how our Good Shepherd, cares for us and helps us grow in grace as we seek to apply His word into every area of our life and community as His church.

May we seek to honor Him in all that we do.

Pastor Scott

"A Biblical Church"

(Php 1:1-2 ; 1 Tim 3:1-13 ; Eph 4:11-16)

I. Why does it matter?

- (1) The church belongs to _____ Mt 16:18 ; Acts 20:28
- (2) Christ has given clear _____ for leading the church
Titus 1:5

II. What does the New Testament teach about church order?

- (1) It all begins with _____ Col 1:8 ; Eph 5:23
- (2) The church is not a _____ but a _____
- (3) Christ locates his authority in the _____ congregation
 - Example 1 - Mt 18:15-20
 - Example 2 - Acts 6:2-5
- (4) The basic structure of the New Testament Church
 - It begins with the local congregation
 - It is led spiritually by _____
 - It is served practically by _____

The Qualifications and Calling of Elders and Deacons

- 1 Tim 3:1-7 - _____ ; 1 Tim 3:8-13 - _____
- (1) Elders have a specific calling to _____
1 Tim 3:2 ; Titus 1:9
 - (2) Elders are called _____ the congregation in obedience to Christ 1 Tim 5:17
 - Elders must _____ well (1 Tim 5:17)
 - Deacons must _____ well (1 Tim 3:13)
 - The Congregation must _____ godly leaders
(Heb 13:17 ; 1 Thess 5:12)

III. The Goal of a biblical church structure is to build a _____, functioning body Eph 4:11-16

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.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

The graphic features a blue header with the text 'Men's Discipleship Breakfast'. Below this is a grey area with the text 'EQUIPPED TO DISCIPLE' in large, bold, black letters. To the right of this is a dark grey vertical bar containing the text 'Saturday', 'September 11', and '8:00 AM' in white.

How do you teach someone, from the Bible, the importance of having a daily devotional time with God? Why is it important to meet with God daily? How will this kind of Christian discipline benefit your life for years to come?

---- Save the Date, Bring Food to Share ----

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - September 5

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
August Weekly Average.....	\$4,303.89

Today's Nursery - Ellen Bonnel and Shealyn Woelm
Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

Announcements

- **Gluten Free Communion Wafers** are available **upon request** for those who have to avoid gluten for medical reasons. We also have sealed communion cups available for those who may prefer them.
- **Pastor Scott will be out of town this week.** If there is a specific need, please contact one of the deacons or Pastor Kyle.
- **Saturday, September 11 at 8 AM** - Next Men's Breakfast
Aaron Sutton speaking / bring food to share
- **Family Camp** - September 23-26
Theme: "One Another-ing in Christ's Church"
Family Camp Registration is up and ready on line through Rockportnews.
- Dates are Sept 23-26.
- See the Pastor's Word for the message topics.
Talk to one of us if you need more information
- **Wondering About Deacon Service?** For any man who may be interested in deacon service, a "Deacon Service: Personal Evaluation Sheet" is available in the foyer.
- **A handout called "The Calling and Qualifications of Elders and Deacons"** is available in the foyer for those who would like to follow up this morning's message with more information.

Kid's Listening Sheet (9/5/21)

Message Title: "A Biblical _____"

Bible Passages: _____



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

Church	Bible	Christ	Blood
Island	Deacons	Elders	Head
Spirit	Love	Work	Word
Prayer	Teach	Lead	Walk

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.