

October 17, 2021

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Come, O Sinner”** Music and words by Jordan Kauflin, © 2019 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

Come, O sinner, come and see Christ the Lord upon a tree
See the crown of thorns adorn the King Who labors to breathe in
agony Come, O sinner, come and see
What our God became to set us free

Come, O sinner, come and mourn For He calls your sin His
own Do you feel the weight of justice served?
He suffers the wrath that you deserve Come, O sinner, come and
mourn For He bears the curse for all you've done

Oh the wonder of this awesome scene

**Where our Savior bleeds Oh the power of the love of God
Come and stand in awe**

Come, O sinner, come rejoice Mercy fills this place of scorn
For He dies to save His enemies That all who draw near may know
His peace Come, O sinner, come rejoice
Through the death of Christ death is destroyed

■ **Scripture** - Isaiah 52:1-15 / Prayer for our offerings

■ **“The Power of the Cross”**

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Oh, to see the dawn Of the darkest day: Christ on the road
to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a
cross of wood.

**This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; Took the
blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.**

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the
awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; Now the ground beneath quakes as
its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, Dead are raised to
life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Oh, to see my name Written in the wounds, For through Your
suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.

What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

■ **Confession and Lord's Supper** - We Confess Romans 5:6-11

*Pastor: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for
the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—
though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—*

Congregation:but God shows his love for us

in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*P: Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,
much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.*

*C: For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the
death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled,
shall we be saved by his life*

*P: More than that, we also rejoice in God
through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

C: through whom we have now received reconciliation.

P: This is the promise of God's grace for us in Christ!

C: Praise be the Lord!

■ **“Arise, My Soul, Arise”** by Samuel Stennett CCL #801260

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears: before the throne my
Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede, His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead; His blood atoned for all our race, His
blood atoned for all our race, and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
"Forgive Him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive Him, O forgive,"
they cry, "nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

The Father hears Him pray, His dear Anointed One;
He cannot turn away the presence of his Son.
His Spirit answers to the blood, His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God!

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear; with confidence I now
draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

■ **“O Praise The Name” (Chorus)** Words / Music by Martin W. Sampson / Benjamin
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O praise the Name of the Lord our God O praise His Name
forevermore For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

“Agnus Dei” Words and Music by Michael W. Smith, ©1990 Milene Music, CCLI#801260

Alleluia, Alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia, Alleluia for the Lord God Almighty reigns!

Alleluia. Holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb.

You are holy, holy are You, Lord God Almighty.

Worthy is the Lamb, worthy is the Lamb, Amen.

■ **Message** – “Raising Lazarus” John 11:28-44 - Scott

■ Closing Song

■ **Benediction**

A Word from Pastor Scott

October 17, 2021

Jesus said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life”

John 11:25

I have always loved the account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead and consider it a privilege every time I get to preach it. But one time in particular stands out in my mind. It was March, 2003 and I was in Ukraine with HeartCry Missionary Society. It was a Sunday, and we had just finished the service at a lively Romanian church. My translator, Ruxi, and I were eating lunch with our hosts, when one of the pastors came and said to me, “When you’ve finished eating, we’ll take you to a funeral. You’ll preach there.” This was certainly news to me. I thought I had come prepared for any teaching situation, but preaching a funeral had never entered my mind. As Ruxi and I quickly prayed together, the Raising of Lazarus came into my mind. When prayer was finished, I took out a card I had with me and began to jot down a few notes. Then our driver came.

It had been snowing and the dirt roads were getting treacherous as we headed out to the little village. On the way they filled me in on the situation. A precious Christian woman had died. She was much loved, but the only believer in her town. “Everyone will be there,” they said. “And so we’d like you to preach.”

When we got there, I realized that “everybody” truly meant everybody. The house was packed and people were standing everywhere, filling the front yard and spilling out of the gate to fill the street in both directions. (See picture). The coffin was brought from the house and placed in front of the porch. As a small choir sang, I recognized some of the faces and realized they had come with us from the little church. Ruxi and I were then led up to the porch to face the crowd.

I was about as nervous as I’ve ever been as we stood before that sea of expectant faces. They didn’t know what to make of me. And I certainly did not know what to make of this situation. As a rule I try to be prepared when I preach. I like to be able to spend time praying over the passage, reading it, analyzing it, thinking through the heart of the message and how best to present it. In this case there was time for none of that. Just, “Stand here and give us God’s Word”

So there really was nothing I could do but lean hard on the Lord.

He'd put us here. Surely He would help! After praying one more time and asking Him to be present among us, I opened my mouth and began to speak. What happened next was like nothing I have ever experienced before or since! The words just began to flow. Thoughts began to form in my mind for what to say as we began to consider Jesus' claim to be the Resurrection and the Life. It's not that the whole message came to me at once, just the next few words I should say. Then, as Ruxi translated those, the next few sentences would form in my mind, then the next, then the next. This continued for about 20 minutes as I heard myself proclaiming Jesus as the Resurrection and Life for all who will believe.

As I said, nothing like that had ever happened to me before, nor really since. I was amazed to hear myself, almost as if it were someone else, proclaiming the Gospel with a clarity and power. And to my amazement the crowd seemed to hang on every word as if their lives depended on it..

As we finished, I looked up to see another Romanian friend arriving. He had been asked to follow my sermon with another. Ruxi and I were then whisked away to another local church where people were waiting to hear the Word.

I often wondered what became of that little village. Was there any fruit borne from the preaching that day? My answer came a few years later when one of the pastors came to the US and visited Rockport. At lunch I asked him, "Whatever became of that village where we preached the funeral?" "Oh," he said. "Didn't we tell you? Several came to Christ that day. There is now a church in that town."

Isn't God amazing?

Pastor Scott



THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - October 17

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

September Weekly Average.....\$4,703.01

Today's Nursery - Julie & Grace Bird

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

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 11:40

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

Announcements

■ Fall D-Groups

We will meet to fellowship, pray and study the book of Joshua Wednesday Groups will meet the first and third Wednesday of each month, October through December (10/20; 11/3; 11/17; 12/1; 12/15)

Please speak to one of the pastor's if you'd like more information

■ **Congregational Prayer Meetings** will be held here at Rockport at 7 PM on the second Wednesday of each month: **November 10 and December 8.**

Please mark your calendars

“Raising Lazarus”
(John 11:28-44)

I. The _____ of Jesus in our times of grief vv28-37

How does Jesus respond to Mary?

How does He respond to us in our sorrow?

Heb 4:15 ; Rm 8:24

“Deeply moved” in v 33 = _____

Why is Jesus angry?

Death is _____

The tender, compassion of Jesus seen in two words:

“Jesus _____” v35

II. The _____ of Jesus at the presence of death vv38-42

“Did I not tell you. . .”

Why does Jesus pray as he does in vv41-42?

(1) To give us a glimpse of the _____ He shares with the
Father 1 Thess 5:17

(2) He prays with complete _____ 1 Jn 5:14-15

III. The _____ of Jesus to wake the dead vv43-44

Loud enough to wake the dead!

• A day is coming Jn 5:28-29

• The promise of the Gospel Eph 2:1-6 , 5:14

The effectual call of Jesus gives Life

John 11:25-26

Kid’s Listening Sheet (10/17/21)

Message Title: “ _____ Lazarus”

Bible Passage: John 11:_____

Jesus said:
Lazarus, come forth!



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

Run	Cry	Weep	Sister
Angry	Death	Grave	Love
Power	Raise	Prayer	Smell
Stone	Dog	Light	Cave

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 Raises Lazarus (John 11:38–44)

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A G A I N L L C A
D N W F E I O A I
J F A T H E R V D
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S T F D E E P L Y
U O O C A M E E E
S N U F R P Y G S
H E R E D A Y S G

AGAIN	AWAY	BEEN
BELIEVE	CAME	CAVE
DAYS	DEAD	DEEPLY
EYES	FATHER	FOUR
GLORY	HEARD	JESUS
LIFTED	SAID	STONE