

March 13, 2022

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Here is Love”** by Matt Redman and Matthew James © THANKYOU MUSIC CCLI#801260

Here is love vast as the ocean Lovingkindness as a flood  
Where the prince of life, our ransom Shed for us His Precious blood.  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten Throughout Heaven’s eternal days.

On the Mount of Crucifixion Fountains opened deep and wide  
Through the floodgates of God’s mercy Flowed a vast and gracious tide.  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers Poured incessant from above  
And Heaven’s peace and perfect justice Kissed a guilty world in love.

Let me all Your love accepting Love You ever all my days  
Let me seek your Kingdom only And my life be to Your praise.  
You alone shall be my glory Nothing in the world I see You have  
cleansed and sanctified me You Your self have set me free

In Your truth You do direct me By Your Spirit through your Word  
And Your grace my need is meeting As I trust in You, my Lord  
Of Your fullness You are pouring Your great love and power on me  
Without measure, full and boundless Drawing out my heart to You

■ **Scripture** - Ephesians 3:1-13

■ **“Romans Doxology”** by John Elliott © 1989 BMG Songs, Inc. CCLI License #801260

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God, How unsearchable are His ways.  
How profound are His judgements, so high above our thoughts, And His pathways no man can trace.

**For from Him and through Him, and to Him are all things,  
To Him be the glory forevermore.**

**To Him be the glory forever. Amen! Amen! Amen!**

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God, How magnificent are His ways.  
Who has been His advisor and who has counseled Him, All He gives us who can repay.

Oh, the depth of the riches, the wisdom of God, How immeasurable His grace.  
How unfailing His kindness, so far removed His wrath, And His mercies are new each day.

■ **Confession / Lord’s Supper - We confess Our Sins**

Holy God, We have sinned times without number  
We are guilty of pride and unbelief We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves,  
nor loved You with all our heart, soul, mind and strength

Forgive us Lord, For failing to seek you daily in your Word  
For neglecting times of prayer Forgive us for our selfish thoughts, our uncaring actions and words.  
Free us from these things. And change us, Lord, by the power of your Holy Spirit

Give us a deeper love for you and a desire to walk in holiness.  
Give us a servant heart like Jesus and help us love in His name.  
Thank you, Lord, for the promise of forgiveness Thank you, that Jesus went to the cross to take our place and bear our shame  
Thank you for the assurance of pardon and the promise of grace in His Name, in Whom we pray. Amen.

■ **“His Goodness”** Psalm 146 Trinity Hymnal CCLI#801260

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.  
Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend;  
He shall die, to dust returning, And his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;  
He is blessed whose hope of blessing On the Lord his God is stayed.  
Heaven and earth the Lord created, Seas and all that they contain;  
He delivers from oppression, Righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry, Sets the mourning prisoner free,  
Raises those bowed down with anguish, Makes the sightless eyes to see.  
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, And the stranger he befriends,  
Helps the fatherless and widow, Judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;  
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.  
Over all God reigns for ever, Through all ages he is King;  
Unto him, thy God, O Zion, Joyful hallelujahs sing.

■ **“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** –“The Promised Holy Spirit” (Part 2) (John 14:15-17)

■ **Closing Hymn / Benediction**

## A Word from Pastor Scott: Sunday March 13, 2022

*"I will not leave you as orphans;  
I will come to you."*

### John 14:18

Do you ever feel abandoned and alone? That's surely how the disciples felt as they listened to Jesus tell them of his soon-coming departure. For three years they had followed Him. In fact, they'd left everything to go with Him. All they had to live on and depend on had been left behind just to be with Jesus. Now, here He is telling them that very soon He will be gone. So now what?

Now comes His assurance, *"I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you."* To be left as an orphan in that culture meant you were left destitute and without help. Orphans didn't do well back then. There were no orphanages. Few were willing to take them in. Most lived on the streets and did what they could to scrape by. If they survived at all, it was a very meager existence. Unless someone kind and strong stepped in to help, orphans had no hope.

But hope is exactly what Christ is promising us here. Yes He is leaving! But no, he will never abandon us. For in His place He and the Father have sent the Holy Spirit to be with us forever (John 14:16). And since the Holy Spirit is God, just like Jesus is God and just like the Father is God, His coming means that God Himself remains with us whether Christ is physically present or absent. Indeed, by means of the Holy Spirit dwelling in us, we have the assurance of Christ's presence with us at all times and in every place. This is a foundation for deep assurance and great confidence in living the Christian life.

This morning, as we delve into this precious promise of Jesus, it is my prayer that you will be encouraged to have a deep assurance that you will never be abandoned by Him! The Psalmist declared, "Even when my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in!" (Psa 27:10). The promise of Christ is more sure to us than even our closest family relationships.

*May you know the assurance of God's Steadfast Love in Christ!*

*Pastor S. Scott Lee*

**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 14:21

"Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

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**D-Groups** are scheduled to meet the weeks of

February 9,23, Mar 9,23, Apr 6,20 Currently, we have five groups

- Festus-Crystal City led by Kyle Davis and Alex Starkey -- Thursday at 7 PM in the Starkey home
- Barnhart led by Jonathan (PJ) Gunby -- Friday at 7 PM in the Gunby home
- South County/Arnold led by Mike Booker and Scott Lee -- Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Blunt home
- Saint Charles and online led by Warren Kesselring and Kurt Boehm -- Wed at 7 PM at the Kesselring home
- Arnold and online group led by Greg Chastain and Jared Weber -- Fridays at 7 PM at the Weber home.

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - March 13

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
Puritan Study	6:00 PM

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#### Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,506.00
February Weekly Average.....	\$5,620.60

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Today's Nursery - Debbie & Lily McClure

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Winter/Spring Theological Study: Learning From the Puritans** is Sundays at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall
- **Refit Exercise Class Tuesdays at 1 PM** at Rockport. Please contact Susan Jackson [susanjj1966@gmail.com](mailto:susanjj1966@gmail.com) or (636) 375-1113
- **D-Groups** are scheduled to meet the weeks of February 9,23, Mar 9,23, Apr 6,20
- **Wednesday, April 6** - Monthly 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Congregational Prayer Meeting at 7 pm
- **Grace Bible Conference, April 8-10.** *"The Love of Christ"* will be our theme. Speakers include Bro Don Currin from HeartCry, Geoff Kirkland from Christ Fellowship and Jason Arens from Journey South County.

## "The Promised Holy Spirit (Part2)"

(John 14:15-21)

- I. The Promised presence of the Holy Spirit brings a new life of \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ vv15-17
  - (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ flows out of a heart of \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ vv15, Eze 36:26-27
  - (2) Equipped by the Spirit with a new heart of love, we have the \_\_\_\_\_ we need to live for Christ
    - The Helper is the \_\_\_\_\_
    - What is a Paraclete?
  - (3) The lost world know nothing of \_\_\_\_\_ vv17 1 Cor 2:14 ... but you do!
  
- II. The Promised Holy Spirit brings an assurance of the daily \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ vv18-19
  - A promise like Dt 31:6-8, Heb 13:5, Mt 28:20
  - The world in unbelief can't see Him 2Cor 4:4We will see Him. When?
  - (1) For the disciples, after three days - His resurrection 1 Cor 15:3-8
  - (2) For us, we perceive Him through the indwelling \_\_\_\_\_ vv19, Rm 8:11"I am in the Father and you are in me and I am in you"
  - (1) His depth of communion with the \_\_\_\_\_ vv20
  - (2) He brings the reality of this union and communion \_\_\_\_\_
    - You are in \_\_\_\_\_
    - I am in \_\_\_\_\_
  
- III. The Promised Holy Spirit gives us confidence that we are \_\_\_\_\_ vv21
  - (1) The Holy Spirit gives us a \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ then drives us to His word
  - (2) The Holy Spirit gives us an assurance of \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) The Holy Spirit assures us we will \_\_\_\_\_

# Kid's Listening Sheet (3/13/22)

Message Title: "The Promised \_\_\_\_\_"

Bible Passage: Johns 14:\_\_\_\_\_



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

Love	Helper	Heart	Diamond
Stone	Flesh	Comfort	Peace
Dead	Alive	Fear	Spirit
Dog	Orphan	Alone	Warm

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 14:15-24

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

ALSO	ANOTHER	BECAUSE
CANNOT	COME	COMMANDMENTS
DWELLS	EVEN	FATHER
FOREVER	GIVE	HELPER
ISCARIOT	JUDAS	KEEP
KNOW	LEAVE	LITTLE
LIVE	LORD	LOVE
MANIFEST	MORE	NEITHER
ORPHANS	WORD	WORLD