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# Welcome / Testimony / Call to Worship "O Help My Unbelief"

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How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains! And Satan binds our captive minds Fast in his slavish chains But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word: "O, ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th' almighty call, And runs to this relief I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief! To the dear fountain of thy blood, Incarnate God, I fly; Here let me wash my spotted soul, From crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out Thine arm, victorious King, My reigning sins subdue; Drive the old dragon from his seat, With all his hellish crew. A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, On thy kind arms I fall; Be thou my strength and righteousness, My Jesus, and my all.

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**Scripture** - Ephesians 2:11-22

■ "When Trials Come" Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty © 2005 ThankYou Music CCLI #801260

When trials come no longer fear For in the pain our God draws near To fire a faith worth more than gold And there His faithfulness is told And there His faithfulness is told

Within the night I know Your peace The breath of God brings strength to me And new each morning mercies flow As treasures of the darkness grow As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to Wisdom not my own For every battle You have known My confidence will rest in You Your love endures Your ways are good Your love endures Your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross So in its shadow I shall run Till You complete the work begun Till You complete the work begun

One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope You called me to And in Your kingdom paved with gold I'll praise Your faithfulness of old I'll praise Your faithfulness of old

## Confession / Lord's Supper - The Nicene Creed

*P:* We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

## *C:* We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

*P:* He is God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made.

- C: For us and our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
- *P:* He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered death and was buried.

#### C: On the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures;

*P:* He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

C: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

- *P:* We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
- C: Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified And who has spoken through the prophets.

P: We believe in one holy universal and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

C: We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### • "Abide With Me"

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Abide with me: fast falls the eventide the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide. When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile Thou hast not left me oft as I left Thee On to the close Lord abide with me

I need Thy presence every passing hour. What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r? Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be? Through clouds and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless, Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes. Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heav'n's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

#### ■ "Grace"

Words and music by Niki Shepherd, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAlight Music CCLI #801260 Your grace that leads this sinner home From death to life forever And sings the song of righteousness By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide To every tribe and nation Has called my heart to enter in The joy of Your salvation

#### By grace I am redeemed By grace I am restored And now I freely walk into The arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain Not by my earthly wisdom The prince of life, without a stain Was traded for this sinner Let praise rise up and overflow My song resound forever For grace will see me welcomed home To walk beside my Saviour

■ Message – "The Promised Holy Spirit" (Part 1) (John 14:15-17)

Closing Hymn / Benediction

## A Word from Pastor Scott: Sunday March 6, 2022

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth . . . . I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

#### John 14:15-17a, 18

These words of Jesus are meant to be a great comfort to us as Christians as we live our lives for Christ in the here and now. Hopefully you will remember the context! Jesus has just informed the disciples that He's leaving them (John 14:33). The cross is within sight! Very soon He will be taken from them, crucified, die, rise from the dead and ascend to the Father's right hand. That's why He came – "to give His life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). That's how He will win our salvation! And that is why He must leave them.

But the disciples understand very little of that at this point. All they've heard is that He's leaving. And it has frightened them! That's why He must comfort them as he does in John 14:1, "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me." He's saying to them, "I know it sounds like I'm abandoning you, but really you've got to trust Me! I've made provision for you for after I'm gone. I'm not leaving you alone as orphans. I will come to you and continue to help and sustain you as you keep looking to Me!"

And church, surely you recognize that we are in that same place. It's a scary world. And in the midst of this scary world with its constant stream of bad news and ever-increasing cultural opposition to truth, it can feel like we're on our own. Sometimes, I am sure, you feel like you're on your own! But the Lord who loves you and gave Himself for you has made provision for us. He's given us help! – no more than that! – a Helper in the Person of the Holy Spirit whom He promised to send to be with us! This morning we want to look at the nature of this help and the Person of this Helper in a way that I hope you will find encouraging as you seek to live a Christ-centered life in this broken world.

Ke will not abandon Kis people nor leave us without the help me need! Pastor S. Scott Lee

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

#### SUNDAY - March 6

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$4,506.00 February Weekly Average.....\$5,620.60

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Winter/Spring Theological Study: Learning From the Puritans is Sundays at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall

■ Church Cares Study - Becoming A Church that Cares Well for the Abused Begins Sunday, March 6 from 6:30 - 8:30 PM for 6 weeks

Saturday, March 12 - Men's Discipleship Breakfast at 8 AM How to Get People Lost, Step 1 of the Gospel (DON'T MISS THIS!!) Bake Ottofy is speaking. Please bring food to share.

■ **Refit Exercise Class Tuesdays at 1 PM** at Rockport. Please contact Susan Jackson <u>susanjj1966@gmail.com</u> 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.

## This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by Memorizing

<u>Scripture</u>! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith..

## John 14:15-17a

<sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, <sup>17</sup> even the Spirit of truth,

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- 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.



How to Get People Lost, Step 1 of the Gospel DON'T MISS THIS!! "The Promised Help of the Holy Spirit (Part1)" (John 14:15-21)

The help of the Holy Spirit is promised to genuine believers who \_\_\_\_\_\_ vv15-16

(1) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Helper: He is the \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Helper Paraclete = \_\_\_\_\_

1) He is our Helper or \_\_\_\_\_ (KJV) Jn 14:16 Eph 16:13-18 ; Rm 8:26

2) He is our \_\_\_\_\_ John 14:26 2 Pet 1:21 ; 1 Cor 2:21 ; Eph 6:17

3) He brings the very \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to us John 15:26 John 14:18-20 ; Rm 8:11

Where is Jesus right now as we worship Him? Mt 18:20

Jesus is with us and in us through the Holy Spirit 1) He dwells \_\_\_\_\_\_ as a church 2) He dwells in us as believers Rm 8:9-10

## 4) He works through us to make Christ know in this world John 16:6-8

Next week - Part 2

 Kid's Listening Sheet (3/6/22)

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

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

Holy	Spirit	Help	Comfort
Love	Salt	Toy	God
King	Father	Son	Truth
Church	Faith	World	Monkey

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

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- 2.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

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