August 14, 2022

# Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

■ "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.

Sorrowing I shall be in spirit, Till released from flesh and sin, Yet from what I do inherit, Here Thy praises I'll begin; Here I raise my Ebenezer; Here by Thy great help I've 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; How His kindness yet pursues me Mortal tongue can never tell Clothed in flesh, till death shall loose me I cannot proclaim it well.

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.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in blood-washed linen How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace; Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away; Send thine angels now to carry Me to realms of endless day.

Scripture - Colossians 3:12-17

Offertory Prayer

"Whate'er My God Ordains is Right" by Samuel Rodigast @1999 David Braud Music CCLL#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 / Lord's Supper - Confession

Great and ever present God, whose mercy is an unexpected miracle: in Jesus Christ you offer your presence at all times and in all places and conditions. Yet we confess that so often we do not recognize you and your work that is in everything. Father, forgive us for failing to hope and trust in your good providence, even your providence that we cannot see. Forgive us for the many ways we sin against you. In light of the blessing of forgiveness in Christ, teach us how to forgive. Teach us to show mercy to others, as you have been merciful to us. Fill us with new life and renewed hope that you promise in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

#### "Before the Cross"

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My Savior's sacrifice paid for all my sin So in my suffering I look to the cross again No need, no want, no trial, no pain Can compare to this The wrath of God, once meant for me Was all spent on Him Before the Cross, I humbly bow I place my trust in the Savior Your finished work captures my gaze You bore the wrath, I know the grace

In my darkest hour, Your presence is my peace In my days of joy, Your grace carries me Jesus, my Great High Priest The One who pleads for me My heart is filled with faith in You Here at Calvary on my knees

No need, no want, no trial, no pain Can compare to this The wrath of God, once meant for me Was all spent on Him

• "Jesus Paid It All"......Hymn 210

I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small; Child of weakness, watch and pray, Find in Me thine all in all."

Jesus paid it all, All to Him I owe; Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy pow'r, and Thine alone, Can change the leper's spots And melt the heart of stone.

For nothing good have I Whereby Thy grace to claim; I'll wash my garments white In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,

"Jesus died my soul to save," My lips shall still repeat

Bridge: O praise the One who paid my debt

And raised this life up from the dead

- Message –"Sight & Blindness" 2 Kings 6:8-23- Jason Woelm
- Closing Hymn
- Benediction

How to Join Rockport Baptist Church

We as a church are committed to the biblical teaching that church membership is for believers in Christ who voluntarily band together under the leadership of the Holy Spirit for worship, fellowship and service. We therefore require the following:

- (1) A credible profession of faith in Christ for salvation (Romans 10:9-10)
- (2) Obedience to Christ through water baptism (Matthew 28:18-20)
- (3) A willing commitment to the basic beliefs and practices of this church as evidenced in our Confession of Faith and Church Covenant (available upon request)

Those who are interested in seeking membership are asked to make this known to Pastor Scott and/or an Elder who will provide a copy of our Petition for Membership and explain the process.

Why Should I Be Baptized?

Baptism is commanded by Christ (Matthew 28:18-20) for all those who would follow Him as disciples. It is a picture on the outside of what Christ does on the inside of all those who come to Him by faith. As Paul declares in Romans 6:4, "We are buried with Him through baptism into death, and raised to walk in newness of life." Baptism, therefore symbolizes our new life in Christ as believers. It is a public declaration that my old life is dead and I now belong to him. As such, it is the first act of obedience for all who would profess their faith in Him for salvation. If you have placed your faith in Christ and need to follow through with believer's baptism, please contact Pastor Scott.

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This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by <u>Memorizing Scripture</u>! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*' is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith.

## 2 Kings 6:16

"He said, 'Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

# Women's Discipleship Event Getting to Know You Fellowship Monday, August 15, 7 - 9 PM

## COMING IN SEPTEMBER Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM Beginning September 6 In Person Only OR Thursdays 9-11 AM Beginning September 8 In Person or Zoom

## Sign up today: https://rockportbaptist.org/discipleship

#### "Sight & Blindness" 2 Kings 6:8-24

Background - Israel during the time of Elijah and Elisha

- I. God \_\_\_\_\_ His enemies' plans and \_\_\_\_\_ His people (6:8-10).
  - A. The enemies of God's people plot to attack and defeat them (6:8).
  - B. God warns of attack through His messenger speaking His prophetic Word (6:9).
- C. Listening to God's warnings through the prophet repeatedly \_\_\_\_\_ Israel's king (6:10).
- II. Despite seeing His power, the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_\_ enemies continue to plot to silence His word and to destroy His people (6:11-14).
  - A. God's intervention angered Syria's king and compelled him to believe there was a \_\_\_\_\_ among them (6:11).
  - B. Israel's prophet knows and tells what the Syrian king says \_\_\_\_\_ (6:12).
  - C. The Syrian king, undeterred by the Lord's repeated thwarting of his plans, sends an army to capture God's prophet (6:13-14).
- III. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord of hosts outnumber and capture His enemies (6:15-19)!
  - A. The prophet's servant \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Syrian army (6:15).
  - B. Elisha, however, sees that the Lord's army outnumbers the enemy's, and, through God's provision, Elisha's servant sees as well (6:16-17).
  - C. God blinds the Syrian army so they cannot see their \_\_\_\_(6:18-19).
- IV. Seeing God's mercy should motivate His enemies and His people to abandon their \_\_\_\_\_\_ (6:20-24; 2 Kgs. 6:24-17:21).
  - A. God causes the Syrian army to see that they have been \_\_\_\_\_\_ and are at His \_\_\_\_\_\_ (6:20-21).
  - B. Seeing God's mercy yet still spiritually blind, the Syrian army goes home and returns later with greater force (6:22-24).
  - C. Israel also does not truly see God's mercy to them, and their leads them away from God and their land (2 Kgs. 6:24-17:21).

#### THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

#### SUNDAY - August 14

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
July Weekly Average	\$4,856.70

Today's Nursery - Amanda Boyer & Phoebe Davis Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Monday, August 15 at 7 PM Getting to Know You Women's Fellowship
- D-Groups will begin the week of August 15-19 Genesis 1-11 "Beyond Eden" Please sign up! Books available!
- Sunday, August 28 Fellowship Meal followed by our annual Congregational Business Meeting. We will vote on the budget and leadership for the church year beginning Sept 1.
- **Sunday, September 4** No First Sunday Fellowship Meal
- Tuesday evenings beginning September 6 Women's Hebrews Bible Study. Please sign up!
- Thursday mornings beginning September 8 Women's Hebrews Bible Study. Please sign up!
- Sunday, September 11 Strange New World study begins

■ September 22-25 - Family Camp - Theme: "Stand Firm Therefore"

Camp opens at 1 PM on Thursday, September 22. Camp closes after lunch on Sunday, September 25. Family Camp t-shirts are available to order online. The cost is \$15 per shirt. The deadline to order a t-shirt is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for camp, t-shirts, and sports online.

Tuesdays at 1 PM at Rockport. - Exercise Class . Please contact Susan Jackson for more information <u>susanjj1966@gmail.com</u> or (636) 375-1113

## A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday August 14, 2022

"Come away... and rest a while"

#### Mark 6:31a

I don't know about you, but it feels like this summer has been a whirlwind of busy (not to mention crazy hot!). I've found myself rushing from one task to another, never quite feeling like I'm able to catch up completely. It's an illusion, of course. The Lord is faithful even in the busiest times (perhaps especially so in the busy times!) But as I sit here writing this note on a Monday afternoon, I find myself thinking about all that needs done and marveling again at God's faithfulness in providing the grace, the strength, the help and even the time that is needed to live in a way that honors Him. For that I am grateful.

I am also very grateful to you as a church for understanding the value of letting your pastor get away at least once a year to pray and study and plan and spend time alone with the Lord. Jesus said to his disciples during a particularly busy season, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31). Through the kindness of the Lord and your willingness as a church, that's what I have been doing this past week at a retreat center in a little cabin out near Londell, MO. The reason I'm sharing this with you is because I truly am grateful to be given this opportunity. I know not everyone gets take this kind of retreat. But this is something the Lord has used year after year to refresh my weary soul and restore my joy in walking with Christ as that I have been able to continue serving Him here at Rockport these past 31+ years.

I am also grateful to Jason Woelm for stepping in to preach when our guest speaker, Paul Snider, had to cancel due to illness. And please pray for Paul as he is battling some serous jungle disease he picked up during his service in Indonesia. And pray also for Kyle, as his coaching season has really ramped up this week, putting extra demands on his time. And then, of course, keep praying for each other, for the Lord's help and strength in your life's daily challenges!

Grateful to the Lord for all His faithful blessings! Pastor Scott