

August 28, 2022

■ **Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”**.....Hymn 20

All people that on Earth do Dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell, Come ye before Him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make; We are his flock, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

O enter then His gates with praise, Approach with joy His courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless His Name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good, His mercy is for ever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

■ **“Jesus, My Only Hope”**

Words and Music by Mark Altrogge © 2002 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

I come into Your presence with nothing in my hands. I only bring thanksgiving for Jesus, God and Man. I cast myself on mercy, I cast myself on love. I trust Your gracious promise to wash me with Your blood.

I will not fear Your judgment. For me, no wrath I dread. For it was spent on Jesus, poured out upon His head. When Satan's accusations make my poor heart afraid, I hear my King declaring, “Father, that debt is paid!”

**Jesus, my only hope, my only plea. My righteousness, my Great High Priest, Who intercedes for me before the throne. Jesus, I trust in You alone.**

Though I am poor and naked, Your prodigal come home, You place Your robe upon me, Your holiness alone. Though I be dry and barren, by grace this love springs forth, love for You and Your Kingdom, joy in Your glory, Lord.

■ **Scripture** - Colossians 4:2-9

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“Jesus My Great High Priest”**

Words/music by Isaac Watts and Kirk Ward © 2005 Kirk Ward CCLI #801260

Jesus, my great High Priest offered his blood and died  
My guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside. His pow'ful blood did once atone, and now it pleads before the throne;  
And now it pleads before the throne.

To this dear Surety's hand will I commit my cause;  
He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws. Behold my soul at freedom set; My Surety paid the dreadful debt;  
My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

**Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence  
Jesus, my great High Priest offered his blood and died  
Now I approach the throne, and I have confidence Jesus, my great High Priest offered his blood and died, for me.**

My Advocate appears for my defense on high; The Father bows His ears and lays His thunder by. Not all that hell or sin can say Shall turn His heart, His love, away Shall turn His heart, His love, away.

Should all the hosts of death and pow'rs of hell unknown  
Put their most dreadful forms of rage and mischief on, I shall be safe, for Christ displays His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace;  
His conqu'ring pow'r and guardian grace.

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper** -

**From the Heidleberg Catechism (Part III)**

Pastor: *The Bible says, “All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. . . . There is none righteous, not even one!” So did God create people this way, with a wicked and perverse nature?*

Congregation: **No, God made mankind good, in His own image and likeness.**

*P: If God made man good, with a righteousness desire to know and walk with God in true holiness, Then what happened? Where does our corrupt human nature come from?*

**C: Mankind fell into sin through the disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve. Their fall into sin so poisoned our nature that we are sinful from birth.**

*P: But are we so corrupted by sin that we are totally unable to do any good and wholly inclined toward all evil?*

**C: Yes, the Bible makes it clear, apart from the new birth we are incapable of doing any good toward God.**

*P: Romans 3:10-12 says, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; No one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”*

**C: Lord, we confess our sin Have mercy on us!**

*P: So what hope do we have in light our many sins?*

**C: That Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, That he was buried, That he was raised on the third day And that he appeared alive to his disciples.**

*P: And so we trust in the promise of Scriptures, that there is a Savior for sinners who turn to Him!*

**C: That, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**

■ **“Near the Cross”**.....Hymn 385

Jesus, keep me near the cross, there a precious fountain free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain.

**In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;

there the Bright and Morning Star sheds its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
help me walk from day to day, with its shadows o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait hoping, trusting ever,  
till I reach the golden strand, just beyond the river

■ **Message** –“Kept by the Father” - (John 17:11-13)

Pastor Scott

■ **Closing Hymn - “Before The Throne”**

Words by Charitie Less Bancroft, alt. lyrics and music by Vikki Cook © 1997 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect  
plea A great High Priest whose name is Love Who ever lives and  
pleads for me My name is graven on His hands My name is written  
on His heart I know that while in heaven He stands No tongue can  
bid me thence depart No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt  
within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my  
sin Because the sinless Savior died My sinful soul is counted free  
For God, the Just, is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To  
look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there! The risen Lamb My perfect, spotless,  
Righteousness The Great unchangeable I AM The King of Glory  
and of Grace One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by  
His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ my Savior  
and my God With Christ my Savior and my God

■ **Benediction**



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**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. This week's passage is a review from a previous week, and one every Christian should know by heart

**John 10:27-29**

<sup>27</sup> My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.

<sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

**Mens Discipleship Breakfast**  
**Saturday, September 10**  
**8 AM**

**EQUIPPED  
 TO  
 DISCIPLE**

**Speaker:**  
**Bake Ottofy**

**Sharper Than  
 Any Two-edged  
 Sword**

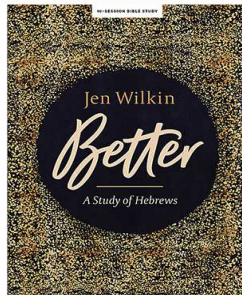
**Bring food to share**

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY  
 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:**



**"Kept by the Father"**  
**(John 17:11-13)**

I. Jesus' Prayer that the Father would \_\_\_\_\_ v11

(1) To whom He prays - \_\_\_\_\_

1) God in His essential essence is \_\_\_\_\_ Isa 6:1-5

2) God is near as our \_\_\_\_\_ Mt 6:9

(2) The content of His prayer: Father \_\_\_\_\_

• "Keep them" means \_\_\_\_\_

• Keep them \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name

Prov 18:10 ; Jn 10:28-29 ; Jude v24

(3) The goal of His prayer: That we be \_\_\_\_\_ in devotion to Christ

II. Jesus' Role as the \_\_\_\_\_ of His people v12

Jesus Himself is our Keeper - Lk 22:31-32

(1) I have kept them in \_\_\_\_\_ Jn 10:28 ; Php 2:9-11

(2) I have \_\_\_\_\_ them

(3) Not one was lost except . . . .

. . . Judas' character - John 6:20-21

1) Son of \_\_\_\_\_

2) Scripture is fulfilled Ps 41:9

God's \_\_\_\_\_ and man's \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 4:27-28 ; Gn50:20

III. Jesus' Prayer is meant to give us \_\_\_\_\_ as we listen and believe v13

Php 1:6

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - August 28

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
Fellowship Meal / Congregational Meeting	

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Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$4,506.00
July Weekly Average.....	\$4,856.70

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Today's Nursery - Julie & Grace Bird

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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, September 6** - begins Women's in person evening Hebrews Bible Study, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Please sign up!
- **Wednesday, September 7** - Congregational Prayer Meeting at 7pm  
(Then on 10/5; 11/2; 12/7)
- **Thursday, September 8** - begins Women's Morning, in person or zoom Hebrews Bible Study, 9 - 11 AM. Please sign up!
- **Saturday, September 10** - Men's Breakfast at 8 AM
- **Sunday, September 11** - Strange New World study begins at 6 PM
- **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  
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## A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday August 28, 2022

### *Before The Throne Of God*

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on his hands,  
my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands  
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end to all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the just is satisfied  
to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,  
my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
the great unchangeable I AM,  
the King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die;  
my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
with Christ my Savior and my God.

My mind comes back to this song again and again as we make our way through Jesus' high priestly prayer in John 17. What a privilege to be allowed to listen in as Jesus prays for us and asks the Father to exert His mighty power to "keep us" in faith that we might glorify Him! I pray that as you listen to this prayer (and read through it during the week), that you will be strengthened with greater confidence that He who began His good work in you will indeed bring it to completion in Christ (Php 1:6). And that you will have great joy (John 17:13)

*Because He did this for your joy and His glory*

*Pastor Scott Lee*

## Kid's Listening Sheet (8/28/22)

Message Title: "Kept by the \_\_\_\_\_"

Bible Passages: John \_\_\_\_\_



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

Keep	Love	Protect	Care
Trust	Holy	Father	Temple
Angel	Promise	Enemy	Hate
Prayer	Name	Son	Satan

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

## Kept by the Father! (John 17:11–16)

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

BECAUSE	BEEN	COMING
DESTRUCTION	EVEN	EVIL
FATHER	FULFILLED	GIVEN
GUARDED	HATED	HOLY
JUST	KEEP	KEPT
LONGER	LOST	NAME
SCRIPTURE	SPEAK	TAKE
THINGS	WORD	WORLD