

October 2, 2022

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

■ **“Oh How Good It Is”** Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty, Ross Holmes, and Stuart Townend © 2012 Gettymusic and Parakeet Boots Music and Townend Music CCLI #801260

Oh how good it is When the family of God Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity. Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love Are the fruit of His presence here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord

And with one heart we'll live out His word

Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come

For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is on this journey we share To rejoice with the happy And weep with those who mourn. For the weak find strength the afflicted find grace When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh how good it is to embrace His command To prefer one another Forgive as He forgives. When we live as one we all share in the love Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

■ **“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”**

Words by John Newton, Music by Laura Taylor ©2001 Laura Taylor Music CCLI #801260

Let us love and sing and wonder Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame **He has washed us with His blood** He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord Who bought us Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us Gave us ears and gave us eyes **He has washed us with His blood** He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation Threatens hard to bear us
down For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqueror's crown **He, Who washed us with His blood,** Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is Justice smiles and asks no more **He Who washed us with His blood** Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us Now their praises fill the sky **Thou hast washed us with Thy blood** Thou art worthy Lamb of God

■ **Scripture - Galatians 2:1-10**

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“Redeemed, Restored, Forgiveness”** by Matthew Smith/Jeff Pardo ©2010
Detuned Radio Music/Simple Tense Songs CCLI #801260

Once on a dreary mountain We wandered far and wide, Far from the cleansing fountain Far from the pierced side But Jesus

sought and found us And washed our guilt away With cords of love
He bound us To be His own today

**Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood
Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pardoning God**

Dear Lord receive the glory Of each recovered soul

Oh who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?

Not our, not ours, the merit Be Yours alone the praise

And ours a thankful spirit To serve You all our days

Now keep us, holy Savior In Your true love and fear And grant us by Your favor The grace to persevere Till in Your new creation When Earth meets Heaven's shore We find our full salvation And praise You evermore

■ **Confession Based on Lamentations 3 / Lord's Supper**

Pastor: This I remember; therefore I have hope:

Congregation: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning; Great is your faithfulness.

Pastor: The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in him. The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks his salvation.

Congregation: It is good that we wait patiently for the salvation of the LORD. It is good to bear the yoke while we are young.

Pastor: So let us not complain when hardship comes

Let us humble ourselves and fix our hope on Him!

Congregation: For the Lord has not rejected us, even though he has put us through grief, He will again have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love . . .

*Pastor: What God has promised, will surely come to pass
God will do all that He pleases!*

**Congregation: So let us examine our ways before Him
Let us confess our sins to Him**

And let us return to the Lord through faith in Christ!

■ **“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”**

by Sandra McCracken & Joshua David Moore © 2015 Drink Your Tea (ASCAP) CCLI #801260

**We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more**

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord, our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid

For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom

- **Message** –“True Unity in Christ” - “John 17:20-23 - Scott
- **Closing Hymn** - “**To God Be the Glory**”Hymn 66

To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, thru Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God; The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son; But purer and higher,
and greater will be Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see

- **Benediction**

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

John 17:22-23

²² The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

**Rockport
Men's Ministry
Breakfast**

**Saturday
October 8
at 8:00 AM**

Please bring food
to share

"Disciples Making Disciples of Jesus"

The Trellis and the Vine book is now available for pick up for the men's monthly breakfast. It offers a ministry mind-shift that changes everything: making disciples as our central task in our homes, neighborhoods and churches." The first meeting on October 8 will cover the first two chapters of the book. Please read those two chapters if you have time, but please join us anyway. The books are free: please see Scott, Kyle or Bake on Sunday to get your copy. Please plan on joining us for a discussion of this important topic.

"Jesus said all power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ... teaching them to observe all things I have commanded you ..."
Matthew 28:18-20

REDEEMED FOR GOD'S GLORY: One Woman's Story

Tiffany DeLapp, Executive Director at
Hand 'N Hand Pregnancy Help Center in Barnhart
will share her personal story of God's grace and redemption

Friday, October 7

7-9 PM

Rockport
Baptist Church

Sign up today:



"True Unity in Christ"
(John 17:20-23)

- I. Christ prayed for us to be truly _____ in Him vv20-21
 - (1) The _____ that unites us - His _____ Rm 10:17, 1:16
 - (2) The focus of Jesus' prayer is that we would have a unity that is patterned after and dependant on the unity Christ has with _____
 - a) Our unity is dependant on _____
 - b) Our unity is _____ after the mutual-indwelling of Father and Son Jn 14:9-11 ; Eph 4:3-6
 - (3) The reason Jesus prays for our unity is so that the world might _____ He really is who He claims to be!
 - Disunity is the common state of _____ in sin Titus 3:3
 - Imagine if they could see Christ-like _____ in us
2 Cor 5:19 ; Eph 2:14
- II. Christ prayed for us that His _____ would beind us together in Him v22
 Glory = _____ 2 Cor 3:18
 Christ brings us into a personal encounter with God's glory
 Jn 1:14 ; 2 Cor 4:6
 As we behold God's glory together, we will be drawn together.
 - 1) It begins with our mutual submission to His _____
 - 2) It builds in heart-surrendered _____
 - 3) It expands as we behold His presence in _____
- III. Christ prayed that our genuine unity would be a persuasive _____ to the world. v23
 - (1) It is to be a _____ or perfected unity
 - (2) This unity will make a difference in how the world receives our _____
 - 1st - It provides an undeniable _____ to who Jesus is
Jn 13:35
 - 2nd - It is a living confirmation of how much He loves us
1 Jn 4:7-8,11

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - October 2

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
First Sunday Fellowship Meal	
Strange New World Study in fellowship hall	6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY - October 5

Congregational Prayer Meeting at Rockport	7:00 PM
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Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$5,263.00
Aug Weekly Average (correction).....	\$7,169.55

Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Stephanie Tompkins

Today's Nursery - Lucy & Megan Blunt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, October 2** - First Sunday Fellowship Meal
- **Wednesday, October 5** - Congregational Prayer Meeting at 7pm
(Then on 11/2; 12/7)
- **Friday, October 7** at 7 PM - Tiffany DeLapp will be sharing her personal story of God's grace and redemption.
Sign up!
- **Saturday, October 8 at 8 AM - Men's Discipleship Breakfast**
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- **Saturday, October 8 at 11 AM - Memorial Service for Kathy Pluff**
(Doris' Daughter). Rockport will provide lunch for the family. Please see Cindy Boehm if you would like to help
- **Tuesdays at 1 PM** at Rockport. - **Exercise Class**.
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information
susanij1966@gmail.com or (636) 375-1113

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday October 2, 2022

There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

Ephesians 4:4-6

Baptists are *separatists* by nature. As a rule, we don't play well with others. Somebody once said that Baptist churches tend to multiply like amoebas – *that is, by division*. Sadly that's too often true! We're quick to separate from one another. Sometimes because it's necessary – as when an essential doctrine of the faith are being rejected. But much of the time it is simply a *sinful separation*. We fall apart because we just can't get along!

Paul's concern in Ephesians 4:4-6 is to strengthen the unity that He knows already exists between Christians through our union with the One God in Christ! Notice how he emphasizes this unity by repeating the word "one" seven times, giving us seven essentials upon which our unity is to be founded: *One body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all*.

But notice also, not only are there seven things listed here, but these seven things all relate directly back to God. For it is God *Himself* who unites us! *God the Spirit* brings us together as one church; *God the Son* (the one "Lord") brings us together in one faith as seen in our baptism; and *God the Father* holds us together in one family as He rules over all things and works all things for our good. So, the One God who exists eternally in the diversity of Three Persons holds us together in a unity like His. One universal Church, made up of many different local churches. One redeemed People, held together by the One Spirit. Many Sons and Daughters loved by the One Father. This is the essential reality that binds us together as Christians in unity! And that is the reality we want to consider this morning as we continue to study Jesus' prayer for our unity in John 17:20-23 where He prays that we may be one even as He and the Father are one.

May God grant us His heaven-sent, Christ-focused Unity as one Church!

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (10/2/22)

Message Title: "True Unity in _____"

Bible Passages: John 17: _____



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

Prayer	Gospel	Power	Word
Unity	Father	Air	Kids
Glory	Christ	Love	Wife
Eye	Tools	Truth	Joy

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 Prays For All Believers (John 17:20–26)

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

ALSO	BECAUSE	BECOME
BELIEVE	CONTINUE	DESIRE
EVEN	FATHER	FOUNDATION
GIVEN	GLORY	JUST
KNOW	KNOWN	LOVE
MADE	MAKE	NAME
ONLY	PERFECTLY	RIGHTEOUS
SENT	THOUGH	WORD