

April 2, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Come, O Sinner”** Music and words by Jordan Kauflin. © 2019 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

Come, O sinner, come and see Christ the Lord upon a tree  
See the crown of thorns adorn the King Who labors to breathe in  
agony Come, O sinner, come and see  
What our God became to set us free

Come, O sinner, come and mourn For He calls your sin His  
own Do you feel the weight of justice served?  
He suffers the wrath that you deserve Come, O sinner, come and  
mourn For He bears the curse for all you’ve done

**Oh the wonder of this awesome scene**

**Where our Savior bleeds Oh the power of the love of God  
Come and stand in awe**

Come, O sinner, come rejoice Mercy fills this place of scorn  
For He dies to save His enemies That all who draw near may know  
His peace Come, O sinner, come rejoice  
Through the death of Christ death is destroyed

■ **Scripture Reading** - 1 Thess 5:12-28

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“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

■ **Confession / Prayer / Lord’s Supper-**

**Confession adapted from Ps 23**

Lord, You are our Shepherd, yet we still want. You promise us rest,  
but we refuse to be still. You are our Righteousness, but we look to  
our own works. You are with us, but yet we still fear and do not trust  
Your promises of protection, and cower at your enemies. Lord, forgive  
us. Cause us to embrace Your goodness and mercy that we may truly  
believe that You will be with us all the days of our life. We pray this in  
the name of Christ. Amen

■ **“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”**

by Steve and Vikki Cook © 2000 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

I will glory in my Redeemer Whose priceless blood has  
ransomed me Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails And hung  
Him on that judgment tree I will glory in my Redeemer Who  
crushed the power of sin and death My only Savior before the Holy  
Judge **The Lamb Who is my righteousness**

I will glory in my Redeemer My life He bought, my love He  
owns I have no longings for another I’m satisfied in Him alone I will  
glory in my Redeemer His faithfulness my standing place Though  
foes are mighty and rush upon me

**My feet are firm, held by His grace**

I will glory in my Redeemer Who carries me on eagles’ wings  
He crowns my life with loving kindness His triumph song I’ll ever sing

I will glory in my Redeemer Who waits for me at gates of  
gold And when He calls me it will be paradise

**His face forever to behold**

■ **“I Will Rise”** Words by: Chris Tomlin / Jesse Reeves / Louie Giglio / Matt Maher

I Will Rise lyrics © EMI Music Publishing ,CCLI #801260

There's a peace I've come to know Though my heart and  
flesh may fail There's an anchor for my soul I can say "It is well"

Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no  
more pain I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my  
knees And rise I will rise

There's a day that's drawing near When this darkness breaks  
to light And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed  
The victory is won He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no  
more pain I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my  
knees And rise I will rise

**And I hear the voice of many angels sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"**

**And I hear the cry of every longing heart,**

**"Worthy is the Lamb"**

And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no  
more pain I will rise on eagles' wings Before my God fall on my  
knees And rise I will rise

■ **Message** – “Wait on the Lord.” Isa 40:27-31- Pastor Warren

■ **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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#### Pastors/Elders

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Kanoa Benz	Herman Meyer
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Greg Chastain	Mark Stoner
Ray Gawlik	Brad Tompkins
Scott Larson	

**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..

"Wait on the Lord"  
Isa 40:27-31

### **Isaiah 40:28**

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.



## *Baby Showers*

*Saturday, April 15 at 10 AM - Shower for Baby Starkey*

*Saturday, May 27 at 12:30 PM - Shower for Baby Bartels*

(If you would like to go in on a group gift please let Cindy Boehm know by **Sunday, April 2 for the Starkey shower** and **Sunday, May14 for the Bartels shower**)

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - April 2

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

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Today's Greeters - Anja Woelm & Stephanie Tompkins  
Today's Tellers - Sherrie Eagleburger & Stephanie Tompkins  
Today's Nursery - Victoria Bartels & Kim Lee

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

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### Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$5,263.00
February Weekly Average.....	\$6,070.17

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday, April 2** - Congregational Meeting after morning worship and fellowship meal
- **Friday, April 7 at 7 PM - Good Friday Celebration**
- **Most Sundays at 6 PM** - Study of "The Mortification of Sin"
- **D groups are meeting - check with your leader!**
- **Coffee or Tea for 3** - see e-mail or Tynetta for sign-up info
- **Wednesday, April 12** - Congregational Prayer Meeting at 7PM
- **Saturday, April 15 at 10 AM** - Baby Shower for Marj Starkey
- **Friday, April 21- Sunday, 23** - Grace Bible Conference with Brian Borgman
- **Feb 21 - Apr 18**, Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:30 PM Women's Bible Study
- **Feb 23 - Apr 20**, Thursdays 9 - 11 AM Women's Bible Study
- **Saturday, May 27 at 12:30 PM** - Baby Shower for Victoria Bartels
- **Family Camp 2023** - September 21-24
- **Tuesdays at 1:30 PM** at Rockport. - **Exercise Class** .  
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information  
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## A Word from Pastor Warren

### Sunday April 2, 2023

*"Blessed by the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials."*

#### 1 Peter 1:3, 6

The news of another, tragic school shooting this past Monday sent many of us reeling. Sadly, we have started to become numb to the horrors of such evil, but this one felt different for many of us. It felt closer to home. These were our people. Here, evil entered our safe spaces.

What is the appropriate reaction to a massacre like this? We see the sweet, smiling pictures of the victims and grieve with their families – imagining what it would be like to lose our little girl or our beloved grandpa. We observe how our godless society has turned right and wrong upside down, and we are angry. We reflect on cultural forces increasingly stoking flames of hatred, and we are afraid. We may even turn towards the young woman who committed these atrocities and feel some pity, knowing how her mind must have been twisted by sin and Satan to do such evil.

At some level, all of these responses are appropriate. All of these feelings are right. The meaningless destruction of lives by a twisted killer is heart-breaking. It is maddening. It is scary.

But it is not the final word. The hope that we have, the hope that Peter celebrates, is a hope that returns from the dead – just like Jesus did.

The reality is no space is safe. We will be grieved by various trials. But, in Christ, we are never in danger. He gives us an indestructible hope. It is a hope that is "imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." (1 Pe 1:4b-5)

In the meantime, don't presume on tomorrow. Hug your kids close today. Share the gospel today. Come to Jesus today. Receive the hope he gives. We are not promised tomorrow – but we are promised forever!

*Partnering for your joy ~ Pastor Warren*