

May 14, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”**

Words by Anne Steele, Music by Kevin Twit ©1998Kevin Twit Music. CCLI#801260

Dear refuge of my weary soul, On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll, My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief, For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, And all my hopes decline Yet
gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust And still my
soul would cleave to Thee Though prostrate in the dust

Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face, And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace, Be deaf when I complain? No
still the ear of sovereign grace, Attends the mourner's prayer Oh
may I ever find access, To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still, Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will, And wait beneath Thy feet,

■ **“O Help My Unbelief”**

Words by Isaac Watts, Music by Justin Smith © 2007 Justin Smith Music CCLI #801260

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. But
there's a voice of sov'reign grace, Sounds from the sacred word: "O,
ye despairing sinners come, And trust upon the Lord."

■ **Scripture Reading - 2 Thess 3:6-18**

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“Christ is Mine Forevermore”**

by Jonny Robinson and Rich Thompson © 2015 CityAlight Music CCLI #801260

Mine are days that God has numbered I was made to walk
with Him Yet I look for worldly treasure And forsake the King of kings
But mine is hope in my Redeemer Though I fall, His love is sure For
Christ has paid for every failing I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow Darkness not yet
understood Through the valley I must travel Where I see no earthly
good But mine is peace that flows from heaven And the strength in
times of need I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter Harm and hatred for His name
But mine is armour for this battle Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure Christ is mine forevermore
Come rejoice now, O my soul For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine forevermore

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

■ **“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”**

by Rusty Edwards © 1987 Hope Publishing Company CCLI #801260

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light.
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing ev'ry dread
disease, Calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet
gentle word. Praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing
two-edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand. from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ who suffered in our
place. Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by
grace. Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has
done. Praise the one redeeming glory, praise the One who makes us
one.

■ **Message - “The Sinfulness of Sin” Isaiah 9:8-10:4**

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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Kanoa Benz	Herman Meyer
Kurt Boehm	Alex Starkey
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..

Psalm 7:11

God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day

"The Sinfulness of Sin"

Isaiah 9:8-10:4

Baby Shower

Saturday, May 27 at 12:30 PM

Shower for Baby Bruce Bartels

If you would like to go in on a group gift
please let Cindy Boehm know **TODAY!**

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - May 14

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

Today's Greeters - Danielle Weber & Herman Meyer
Today's Tellers - Tren Groat & Herman Meyer
Today's Nursery - Erin & Gwyneth Pfleegor

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....	\$5,263.00
April Weekly Average.....	\$6,610.49

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Saturday, May 13** - Men's Discipleship Breakfast at 8 AM
Bring food to share!
- **Wednesday, May 24** - Congregational Prayer Meeting at 7PM
- **Saturday, May 27 at 12:30 PM** - Baby Shower for Victoria Bartels
- **May 9 - May 19** - Romania trip - Scott Lee and Scott Larson
- **May 2 - June 6** - Church Cares Study
- **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 Scott:

Sunday May 14, 2023

Brothers, pray for us. 1 Thess 5:25

As you read these words, I will be in the little Gypsy village of Zizin, Romania preaching at an evangelistic event. So why am I there? And what is our church's connection to Zizin? For nearly 20 years we have worked with several HeartCry supported missionaries in Romania. Among these are our friends Sorin and Trish Prodan, Alex and Simona Palada, and Ian and Ani Tomoci. They have visited us here and I and a few others have had the privilege of visiting them in Romania. All three couples are now a part of Providence Church in Brasov, Romania from which they minister. So that about Zizin?

A few years ago God laid it on the hearts of our friends to plant a church among the gypsies who live in Zizin a few miles outside of Brasov. With the help of HeartCry they began to share the Gospel with the people, and before long a church began. However, when they started to look for property to rent, they discovered there wasn't much available, and what was available was not open to them because of religious prejudice (Romania is traditionally an Eastern Orthodox country). And when they sought property to purchase, they found that it was far too expensive. Since Romania joined the EU, prices have increased dramatically, even though salaries have not.

But by the grace of God, we were able to help connect our brother Scott Larson and a missions funding organization he is part of with the work in Zizin. God worked it out so that land was purchased and a building built that will meet their needs for years to come. Scott and I have been invited to help them celebrate the grand opening and see the work God has begun.

So pray for the little church in Zizin. And pray for us. Pray also for Warren as he preaches here at Rockport today and for our brothers who will preach over the next few weeks: Jason Woelm (5/21) and Eric Bird (5/28).

So, brothers and sisters, please pray for us!

Pastor Scott