

May 21, 2023

## ■ Welcome / Call to Worship

### ■ “The First Place” By Matthew Westerholm © 1999 Matthew Westerholm CCLI#801260

Jesus, the perfect picture of the unseen God. Maker, of things we cannot comprehend. Wisdom, the earth displays Your strength and beauty. Sov'reign, yes ev'ry throne knows You are God.

**Every inch of this universe belongs to You, O Christ. For through You and for You it was made. Your creation endures by the order of Your hand. So You must have in all things the first place.**

Victor, over sin and death You triumphed. Firstborn, You've shown us life beyond the grave. Bridegroom, we long for You in expectation. Jesus, Your church rejoices to proclaim

### ■ “Center” by Charlie Hall © 2006 Thankyou Music CCLI License #801260

You're the center of the universe Everything was made in You Jesus Breath of every living thing Everyone was made for You

**You hold everything together You hold everything together**

Christ be the center of our lives Be the place we fix our eyes Be the center of our lives

We lift our eyes to heaven We wrap our lives around your life We lift our eyes to heaven, to You

### ■ Scripture Reading - 1 Peter 1:1–12

### ■ Offertory Prayer

### ■ “For the Cause”

Words and Music by Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend ©2016 Getty Music Publishing CCLI #801260

For the cause of Christ the King We give our lives, an offering 'Til all the earth resounds With ceaseless praise To the Son

For the cause of Christ we go With joy to reap, with faith to sow As many see And many put their trust in the Son

**Christ we proclaim, The Name above every name: For all creation, Ev'ry nation, God's salvation Through the Son!**

For the King once lifted high To cries of rage, of 'crucify!' Endured the cross As every sin was laid On the Son

To the King who conquered death To free the poor and the oppressed For lasting peace For life and liberty In the Son

**Let it be my life's refrain: To live is Christ, to die is gain; Deny myself, take up my cross And follow the Son**

### ■ Confession / Prayer / Lord's Supper- From the Heidelberg 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.**

### ■ “It Is Well with My Soul” .....Hymn 493

Words by Horatio G. Spafford and Music by Philip P. Bliss ©1986 by WORD MUSIC CCLI#801260

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, “It is well, it is well with my soul,”

**It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials should come, Let this blest assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin - O, the bliss of this glorious thought, My sin - not in part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, “Even so ... it is well with my soul.”

■ **Message** - The Ascension of Christ - Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-12  
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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#### Pastors/Elders

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#### Worship Leaders

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Kanoa Benz	Herman Meyer
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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..

**Acts 1:11**

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

The Ascension of Christ  
Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-12

I. The Ascension focuses our priorities for Christ (Luke 24:50a; Acts 1:6-8).

- A. Jesus leads the disciples out (Lk. 24:50a)
- B. Jesus answers one last question (Acts 1:6-7)
- C. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ the disciples' focus (Acts 1:8)

II. The Ascension reminds us of our blessing in Christ (Luke 24:50b).

- A. Jesus' goal: leave \_\_\_\_\_ with His disciples (Jn. 14:27)
- B. Jesus' post-resurrection blessings: \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn. 20:19, 21, 26; Lk. 24:36)
- C. Our blessing in Christ: \_\_\_\_\_ (NT epistles)

III. The Ascension displays the exaltation of Christ (Luke 24:51; Acts 1:9).

- A. Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ ascends to heaven (Luke 24:51a; Acts 1:9a)
- B. Jesus is carried up into heaven by God to be \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 24:51b; Ps. 110:1)
- C. Jesus the Messianic King is received by a cloud – and heaven (Acts 1:9b; Acts 3:21)

IV. The Ascension points to our future with Christ (Acts 1:10-12).

- A. God redirects the apostles' attention through angels (Acts 1:10-11a)
- B. Jesus' return: in the \_\_\_\_ and to the same \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:11b-12; Zech. 14:1-5)
- C. The pattern: \_\_\_\_\_ in the air (Acts 1:11b-12; 1 Thess. 4:16-18)

V. The Ascension compels our worship of Christ (Luke 24:52-53).

- A. First response: worshipping Christ (Luke 24:52a)
- B. Second response: \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord with great joy (Luke 24:52b)
- C. Third response: continually blessing God (Luke 24:53)

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - May 21

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

### WEDNESDAY - May 24

Congregational Prayer Meeting	7:00 PM
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## 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!**

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Today's Greeters - Dave Winkeler & Stephanie Tompkins

Today's Tellers - Molli Gunby & Darla Ferguson

Today's Nursery - Amanda Boyer & Danielle Weber

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
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April Weekly Average.....	\$6,610.49
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **Wednesday, May 24** - Congregational Prayer Meeting at 7PM

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

■ **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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