

May 28, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“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.”

■ **“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

■ **Scripture Reading** - 1 Peter 1:13–21

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**Hymn 435

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to
bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can
we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus
knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of
care? Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer;
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.

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

■ **“How Deep The Father’s Love For Us”**

by Stuart Townend © 1995 ThankYou Music CCLI #801260

How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all
measure That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His
treasure How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His
face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons
to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed I
hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin
that held Him there until it was accomplished; His dying breath has
brought me life. I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection. Why
should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I
know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

■ **Message** - “The Parable of the Persistent Widow”

- Luke 18:1-8 – Erik Bird

■ **Closing Hymn “He Will Hold Me Fast”**

by Ada Habershon, Music by Matt Merker © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life’s fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He’ll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
‘Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

■ **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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This Week's Scripture: Luke 18:1-8

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' 4 For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" 6 And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. 7 And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? 8 I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Parable of the Persistent Widow
Luke 18:1-8

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - May 28

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

Today's Greeters - Herman Meyer & Anja Woelm

Today's Tellers - Sandy Fischer & Mysti Jackson

Today's Nursery - Amanda Boyer & Danielle Weber

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

- **Monday Summer Fellowships** in June and July from 4-8 PM
Dinner at 6 PM (Bring food to share). Please park on the side lot to leave the back open for play. Fellowship only in the fellowship hall and outside (Bring games, toys, etc). **See you June 5 at 4 PM!**
- **WEDNESDAY, June 7** at 7 PM - Congregational Prayer Meeting
- **Family Camp 2023** - September 21-24
- **Tuesdays at 1:30 PM** at Rockport. - **Exercise Class** .
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