

July 30, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“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

■ **Scripture Reading** - 1 Peter 5:1-14

■ **“Shout to the Lord”** by Darlene Zschech © 1993 Hillsongs Australia CCLI # 801260

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You All
of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your Mighty Love.

My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing; Power and
Majesty, praise to the King; Mountains bow down and the seas
will roar at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, Forever I'll love
You, forever I'll stand; Nothing compares to the promise I have
in You.

■ **“You Are My Hiding Place”** Words and music by Michael Ledner © 1981 Maranatha! Music
CCLI #801260

You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart, With
songs of deliverance, Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You,
I will trust in You, Let the weak say, “I am strong In the
strength of the Lord.” (End) I will trust in You.

■ **Pastoral Prayer**

Offertory

■ **“I Lay My Sins On Jesus” #340** CCLI # 801260

I lay my sins on Jesus,- The spotless Lamb of God; He
bears them all, and frees us From the accursed load. I bring my
guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains White in His blood
most precious, Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus - All fullness dwells in Him; He
heals all my diseases, He doth my soul redeem. I lay my griefs
on Jesus, My burdens and my cares; He from them all releases,
He all my sorrows shares.

I long to be like Jesus - Meek, loving, lowly, mild; I long
to be like Jesus - The Father's holy Child. I long to be with
Jesus, Amid the heav'nly throng, To sing with saints His
praises, To learn the angels' song.

■ **“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

**Come rejoice now, O my soul For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure Christ is mine 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

■ **Message** - “Take Joy in God’s Forgiveness”- Psalm 32 -
Pastor Scott

■ **Confession of Sin from Psalm 32**

Pastor (vv 1-2):

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin
is covered. Blessed are you against whom the Lord counts no
iniquity!

**Our response (vv 3-4): When I kept silent about my sin, my
bones wasted away . . . Day and night your hand was
heavy upon me; My strength was dried up as by the heat of
summer. What is our Hope? All (v 5): I acknowledged my
sin to you, I did not cover over my iniquity I said "I will
confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave
the iniquity of my sin!
(pause)**

God's invitation v 6: So let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when you may be found . . . ;

Our Response v 7: Lord, You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance!

God's Promise (v 8): I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go: I will counsel you with my eye upon you

Our Response (v 9): Let us not be like stubborn mules who refuse to listen, Like wayward horses who will not follow!

Celebrate (Pastor):

For many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord

All: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice O righteous, And shout for joy, all you upright in heart

■ Lord's Supper

■ Closing Hymn

■ Benediction

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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.

Psalm 32:1-2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered. ² Blessed is the man against whom
the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there
is no deceit.

"Take Joy in Gods Forgiveness"
Psalm 32

I. The abounding happiness of those who

_____ and _____

vv 1-2

- 1) The joy of having your transgressions _____
- 2) The joy of knowing your sins are _____
- 3) The blessings of knowing God will never

II. Stop _____ your sin and _____ it to Him and you will
receive forgiveness v 3-5

- 1) Unconfessed sin _____ your life
- 2) Sin brings the _____ of God Heb 12: 5-10
- 3) Holding onto sin will _____ v4
- 4) The Turning Point : _____ v5

III. Gods invitation to confess your sin and receive the joy of

_____ vv 6-11

- 1) David speaks to plead with us to _____ v6 Isa. 55:6
- 2) Davis speaks to God in gratitude for _____ v7
- 3) ____ speaks to us vv8-9
 - Words of _____ v8
 - Words of _____ v9

The conclusion in v10-11

- 1) A life of repentance brings forth ____, forsaking God brings
_____ v10
- 2) That's why we _____ His forgiveness v11

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - July 30

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:40 AM

Today's Greeters - Stephanie Tompkins & Pfleeger

Today's Tellers - Jonathan Gunby & Tren Groat

Today's Nursery - Jennifer McMillan & Kristy Booker

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

May Weekly Average.....\$5,520.31

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **MONDAY, July 31 - SUMMER FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - 5 PM**

■ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 - First Sunday Fellowship**

■ **SATURDAY, August 12 at 8 AM - Men's Discipleship**

Breakfast - Bring food to share

■ **SATURDAY, AUGUST 12 - WEDDING SHOWER - 5:30 PM**

Luke & Abi's wedding shower. Co-ed shower so families are encouraged to attend. They are registered on Amazon and at Target.

■ **SATURDAY, AUGUST 19 - BABY SHOWER - 10 AM**

Ali Ballinger's baby shower. This shower is for ladies and girls. She is registered on Amazon under Ali Ballinger

■ **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - WEDDING SHOWER - 10 AM**

Emma's bridal shower. This is for ladies and girls. Jonny & Emma are registered on Amazon and at Target.

■ **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: *Psalms of Repentance*

Sunday July 30, 2023

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

Psalm 32:5

This is a happy Psalm! Or at least it is a Psalm that points us back to the source of our happiness which is found in a restored relationship with God. It is one of seven "Penitential Psalms" or Psalms of Repentance (Psa 6; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130; 143) where the believer is led to turn from sin and return to God for the life and joy only He can give. These Psalms remind us that, while the way of sin is filled with sorrow (Psa 32:10), God uses the path of repentance to restore us to the arms of our faithful Savior where we find joy and forgiveness forever.

Repentance is a blessing. I realize this arrogant world doesn't believe that. Yet this world is drowning in its sin, awash with the misery that comes when people live only for themselves. But God desires far better for us. God desires to bestow on us the abundant blessing of a new life lived in fellowship with Him – a life where we know our sins are forgiven, our future is secure, and that we are loved by Him. And the door into that place of blessing is the door of repentance through faith in Christ. It is God's kindness that lead us to repentance (Rm 2:4).

So what is repentance? Repentance is a *spiritual turn* or '*about face*' where the heart and life turn from the pursuit of sin and self to the enjoyment of new life in fellowship with God. In repentance we acknowledge the evil of our sins (which are killing us) and turn from them that we might return to God for all He promises us in Christ. By turning from our sins to embrace Christ by faith, we gain all we need for life in this world and joy forever in the life to come.

This morning it is my hope that Psalm 32 will help you examine yourself. Where do you stand with God? Are you holding on to your sin (to any sin)? Is that what's keeping you from God? If so, please pay attention to the warning in vv 3-4, as well as in v 10. Are you clinging to your sin? Or have you come by repentance and faith to confess you sins so that you are now receiving the promised blessing of vv 1-2 where your sins are forgiven and you have the assurance God will never count them against you again. Do you know that? If so, rejoice! (v 11). If not, why not ask someone today how you can know it?

There is Joy God's Forgiveness through Christ Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (7/30/23)

Title: "_____ in God's Forgiveness"

Bible Passage: Psalm _____

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

Psalm	Happy	Blessed	Joy
Fountain	Forgive	Sin	Arrow
Count	Silent	Speak	Pray
Mule	Horse	Rope	Child

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

Blessed Are the Forgiveness (Psalm 32)

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

ACKNOWLEDGED	AWAY	BLESSED
BONES	COUNTS	COVER
DAVID	DECEIT	DRIED
FORGAVE	GROANING	HAND
HEAT	HEAVY	INIQUITY
KEPT	LONG	LORD
MASKIL	NIGHT	SELAH
SHOUT	SILENT	SPIRIT
STRENGTH	SUMMER	SURROUND
THERE	TRANSGRESSION	WASTED

