

August 13, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”**

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes, Nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning, And his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blest whose hope of blessing On the Lord his God is stayed.
Heaven and earth the Lord created,
Seas and all that they contain; He delivers from oppression,
Righteousness He will maintain.

Food He daily gives the hungry, Sets the mourning prisoner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish, Makes the sightless eyes to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous, And the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and the widow, Judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises Of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, Through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, thy God, O Zion, Joyful hallelujahs sing.

■ **“Great is Thy Faithfulness”** CCLI #801260

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not As Thou has been, Thou forever wilt be

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest Sun moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside

■ **Scripture Reading** - 2 Peter 1:16-21

Offertory

■ **“And Can It Be?”**.....Hymn 203

And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain For me, who Him to death pursued
Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me
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He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His

grace Emptied Himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me
'Tis mercy all, immense and free, For O my God, it found out me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,

I rose, went forth, and followed Thee My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own

■ **Confession based on the Lord's Prayer**

Congregation: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Pastor: Seeing your holiness, we are aware of our failings. We have, even this week, sought to build our kingdoms and insist on our way. We have forgotten you. We confess this as evil and bitter and pray:

C: Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

P: Father, we have been anxious about many things. In an increasingly unstable world, we fear for our lives, our liberties, our children, and what tomorrow will bring. We confess our need and pray:

C: Give us today our daily bread.

P: Our struggle to preserve our kingdoms has led us into many sins. We have sought pleasure in impurity, security in selfishness, and identity in those we despise. We have paid more attention to the speck in our brother's eye than the log in our own. We confess our sin and pray:

C: Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors.

P: We have overestimated our resources and underestimated our enemy. Too often, we have made war against men and forgotten that our battle is not against flesh and blood but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. We confess our weakness and pray:

C: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

■ **Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Supper**

■ **“My Savior's Love”**.....Hymn 512

I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus the Nazarene,
And wonder how He could love me, A sinner, condemned,
unclean.

**How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever
be; How marvelous! How wonderful! Is my Savior's love
for me!**

For me it was in the garden He prayed, "not My will, but
Thine," He had no tears for His own griefs, But sweat-drops of
blood for mine

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His
very own; He bore the burden to Calv'ry, And suffered and
died alone.

When with the ransomed in glory His face I at last shall
see, 'Twill be my joy thru the ages To sing of His love for me.

■ **Message** - "A Song of God's HESED"- Psalm 107 - Pastor
Scott

■ **"Come, Ye Sinners"** CCLI #801260

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, Weak and
wounded, sick and sore; Jesus, ready, stands to save you, Full
of pity, love and pow'r.

**I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in
His arms; In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten
thousand charms.**

Come ye thirtsy, come, and welcome, God's free bounty
glorify; True belief and true repentance, Every grace that
brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Bruised and broken by
the fall; If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness
fondly dream; All the fitness He requireth Is to feel your need
of Him.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; Pleads the merit of
His blood. Venture on Him; venture wholly, Let no other trust
intrude

■ **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 107:1-2

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

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"A Song of God's HESED"

Psalm 107

HESED = God's Steadfast Love;

I. The call to _____ to God for His steadfast love (vv1-3)
This Psalm is meant to teach you to _____
God's HESED

II. Four pictures of God's steadfast love _____ vv4-32

In each picture we see their _____, their _____, their _____ and their _____

1) God saves the _____ who calls on Him vv10-16

- Lost people who have no hope and no eternal _____

- What is their hope? v6 How should they respond? v8

2) God frees imprisoned _____ who call on Him vv10-16

- Sin is _____. He enslaves and sickens the _____. V12

- There is no human solution. V13, v15

3) God heals the sin-sick _____ who calls on Him vv17-22

- A fool in scripture is someone who falls short _____

- The foolishness of sin always leads to _____

What is their hope? v19 How should they respond? v21

4) God rescues _____ travelers who call on Him
vv23-32

- Not all suffering is tied to a specific _____

- Where do we find help? v28

A Preview of Mark 4:32-41

III. We are strengthened as we _____ and _____ God's
steadfast love vv33-43

1) A song of God's _____ vv33-38

2) A song of God's _____ vv39-42

Final conclusion - v 43

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - AUGUST 13

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:40 AM

Today's Greeters - Kathy Blunt & Stephanie Tompkins

Today's Tellers - Herman Meyer & Tren Groat

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

July Weekly Average.....\$5,896.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ 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

■ SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

■ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 at 8 AM - Men's Discipleship Breakfast - Bring food to share

■ FAMILY CAMP 2023 - September 21-24 - SIGN UP NOW

■ 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.

■ TUESDAYS at 1:30 PM at Rockport - Exercise Class . Please contact Susan Jackson for more information

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Word from Pastor Scott: *A Psalm of Thanksgiving*

Sunday August 13, 2023

*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
for His steadfast love endures forever!*

Psalm 107:1

Psalm 107 is a unique Psalm – part '*Psalm of Thanksgiving*' (vv 1-32) and part '*Wisdom Psalm*' (vv 33-43). Some scholars, for that reason, think it began as two different Psalms that were later stitched together. I disagree. I think the writer of this Psalm knew exactly what he was doing as he sets out to teach us both to celebrate God's steadfast love (that's the *thanksgiving* part) and to know and rely on that love in a way that will strengthen our lives and deepen our faith in Him (that's the *wisdom* part).

So this Psalm is a *Song of God's Faithful Love* (His *HESED*). *HESED* is a Hebrew word that is challenging to bring directly into English because we don't have a word that fits it exactly. That's why translations vary. The NIV simply calls it "love"; NASB gives it as "lovingkindness;" the KJV calls it "mercy," the CSB "faithful love," while the ESV renders it as "steadfast love." Each of these is a good translation, but none of them can exhaust the beauty that is contained in this little word *HESED*. It is love, to be sure. But it is deeper than a mere emotion. Much deeper. At its heart it speaks of a commitment – God's commitment to us. It is His ironclad promise, made through covenant, to love and keep on loving those He has chosen to save through Christ. It "endures forever," v 1 says. That means it is an eternal love, an everlasting love, a love that never fails (1 Cor 13:8) and is indestructible because it is based in the covenant commitment God has made to us through Christ. It is His promise that he will deal kindly with us and do us good eternally for the sake of His Son.

So the point of this Psalm is to teach us, not only to celebrate this love with songs of thanksgiving (v 1), but also to contemplate it as wisdom for our lives (v 43). That means God's *HESED* is something we should know and understand and think about until its truth and beauty get down deep into our bones and ignite our faith with an unbreakable confidence in Him! What a joy to know how deeply God loves you in Christ! What wisdom there is in being convinced that nothing can separate you from His love (Rm 8:35f) as you keep relying on Him to work in your life for good, no matter what else is happening in your world.

May God help us know and celebrate His steadfast love.

Pastor
Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (8/13/23)



Title: "A _____ of God's HESED"

Bible Passage: Psalm _____

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

Love	Faithful	Good	Song
Cry	Home	Bread	Jail
Fool	Sick	Door	Stor
			m
Boat	Wind	Help	Wisd
			om

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

God's Steadfast Love (Psalm 107:1-43)

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AFFLICTION	BROUGHT	CHILDREN
CITY	CRIED	DEATH
DELIVERED	DESERT	DIMINISH
DISTRESS	DWELL	EVIL
GOOD	GREAT	HUNGRY
IRON	LAND	LORD
LOVE	RAISED	REDEEMED
SOME	SOUL	STEADFAST
THANK	THEN	TROUBLE
WANDER	WASTE	WATER
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