

August 20, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“How Vast the Love”**

Songwriter(s): Joel Sczebel, Lacy Hudson, Marc Willerto CCLI: #7138111

Come gaze upon your Savior Behold your great High Priest
Draw near in awe and wonder His cross has spoken peace
Oh, how deep, how wide, how long Oh, how vast the love of Jesus Oh, how sure, how sweet, how strong Oh, how vast His love for us

Come rest from sin and striving Find endless stores of grace
The heart that turns to Jesus Is cleansed from every stain

So lift your eyes to Jesus Arise from doubt and shame
His blood cries, ‘It is finished!’ Our life is in His name

What now can separate us? Can death or pain or fear?
We have this strong assurance In Christ we’ve been brought near
And in His strength we’ll labor His promises our hope
Thus far His love has led us! His love will lead us home!

■ **Scripture Reading - 2 Peter 2:1-10a**

Offertory

■ **“To Christ the Lord”**

Words by Samuel Stennett and Laura Taylor, Music by Laura Taylor © 2001 double v music CCLI #801260

To Christ the Lord let every tongue Its noblest tribute bring
When He’s the subject of the song Who can refuse to sing? Survey
the beauties of His face And on His glories dwell

Think of the wonder of His grace And all His triumphs tell

Majestic sweetness sits enthroned Upon His awful brow
His head with radiant glories crowned His lips with grace
overflow No mortal can with Him compare Among the sons of men
And fairer He than all the fair That fill the Heavenly train

He saw me plunged in deep distress He fled to my relief
For me He bore the shameful cross And carried all my grief
His hand a thousand blessings pours Upon my guilty head
His presence gilds my darkest hours And guards my sleeping bed

To Him I owe my life and breath And all the joys I have
He makes me triumph over death And saves me from the grave To
Heaven the place of His abode He brings my weary feet Shows me
the glories of my God And makes my joy complete

Since from His bounty I receive Such proofs of love divine
Had I a thousand hearts to give Lord, they should all be
Thine **A thousand men could not compose A worthy song to bring Yet Your love is a melody Our hearts can’t help but sing!**

■ **“God Of Wonders”**

by Steve Hindalong and Marc Byrd © 2000 Storm Boy Music CCLI #801260

Lord of all creation, of water, earth and sky,
The heavens are Your tabernacle. Glory to the Lord on high!
God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy.
The universe declares Your majesty. You are holy, holy.
Lord of heaven and earth; Lord of heaven and earth.

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light. And when I

stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night.

Hallelujah to the Lord of heaven and earth!

■ **Prayer of Confession**

God of grace and God of glory, forgive us when we forget that nothing is able to separate us from your love in Christ. Forgive us when we let the distractions and fears of life cause us to lose sight of you! Forgive us when live as if you were not there. Forgive us when we act like your promises are not true and that you are against us rather than for us. Faithful Father, forgive us these sins. Help us put our trust in You through Jesus Christ our Lord who died and rose again and is at your right hand forevermore. Amen.

Responsive Assurance of Pardon (Based on Romans 8:31-39)

P: If God is for us, who can be against us?

C: No one!

P: If He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us

C: We can be sure that He will save us!

P: Who can bring a charge against God’s elect!

C: No one! It is God who justifies! Who can condemn?

P: Who can separate us from the love of Christ?

C: No one!

P: Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

C: Never!

P: In all these things we are more than conquerors

C: Through Him who loved us and died for us

P: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,

C: Will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

■ **Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Supper**

■ **“God Moves”**

Words by William Cowper, Music plus alternate and additional words by Bob Kaufflin

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God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform
He plants His footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm
Deep in His dark and hidden mines With never-failing skill
He fashions all His bright designs And works His sovereign will
So God we trust in You O God we trust in You

O fearful saints new courage take The clouds that you now dread
Are big with mercy and will break In blessings on your head Judge
not the Lord by feeble sense But trust Him for His grace Behind a
frowning providence He hides a smiling face

So God we trust in You O God we trust in You

When tears are great And comforts few

We hope in mercies ever new We trust in You

God’s purposes will ripen fast Unfolding every hour

The bud may have a bitter taste But sweet will be the flower
Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan His work in vain
God is His own interpreter And He will make it plain

■ **Message** - "Where Does My Help Come From?" - Psalm 121

■ **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 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help
come?

² My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven
and earth.

"Where Does My Help Come From?"
Psalm 121

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THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - AUGUST 20

Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 AM

Sunday Morning Worship 10:40 AM

Today's Greeters - Herman Meyer & Bookers

Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Darla Ferguson

Today's Nursery - Amanda Boyer & Ellen Bonnel

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

■ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - FELLOWSHIP MEAL** - Bring food to share.

■ **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 - ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING** - following the fellowship meal

■ **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 20, 2023

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

This morning, Pastor Kyle will be preaching from Psalm 121 which is one of the nine psalms known as "psalms of confidence." These psalms are expressions of the writers' confident faith and trust in the Lord for Who He is.

As such, they are some of the most beloved psalms. Biblical scholar Tremper Longman III, wrote the following about the psalms of confidence in his helpful book "*How to Read the Psalms*" which I quote here in full:

"The psalmist frequently expresses his trust in God's goodness and power. His confidence in God is present as he sings hymns of joy (Ps 46) and as he mourns (3:3-6; 52:8). Occasionally, his feelings of trust dominate the whole psalm, and these psalms we call 'psalms of confidence.'

At least nine psalms (Ps 11; 16; 23; 27; 62; 91; 121; 125; 131) are bound together in such a genre. Tone and content, rather than structure, bring them together.

In psalms of confidence the psalmist asserts his trust in God, though enemies or some other threat are present (11:2; 23:5). Under such conditions, he is able to be at peace because his God is with him (11:4; 23:4).

These psalms contain striking metaphors which show an intimate awareness of God's presence on the part of the psalmist. God is the psalmist's refuge (11:1; 16:1), shepherd (23:1), light (27:1), rock (62:2) and help (121:2).

The submissive trust which the psalmist puts in the Lord is nowhere more movingly expressed than in Psalm 131:

I have stilled and quieted my soul;

like a weaned child with its mother,

like a weaned child is my soul within me. (v. 2)"

This week, let the Lord increase your trust in Him as you hear this Psalm of Confidence. Then next Sunday, we will look at Psalm 58, which is one of the "imprecatory psalms" or psalms of "cursing".

That will be a whole other story!

Learning to love God more through the Psalms. Pastor Scott