September 17, 2023

Welcome / Call to Worship

■"As the Deer"

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As the deer panteth for the water, So my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship Thee. You alone are my strength, my shield: To you alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire And I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother, Even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, So much more than anything.

I want You more than gold or silver, Only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver, And the apple of my eve.

■ "God Moves" Words by William Cowper, Music plus alternate and additional words by Bob Kauflin © 2005 Sovereign Grace Praise (BMI) CCLI #801260 His wonders to perform God moves in a mysterious way 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 Scripture Reading - Psalm 63

Pastoral Prayer/Offering

■ "I Asked The Lord" Words by John Newton, Music by Laura Taylor ©2004 double v music CCLI #801260

Twas He who taught me thus to pray And He I trust has answered prayer But it has been in such a way As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour At once He'd answer my request And by His love's constraining power Subdue my sins and aive me rest

Instead of this He made me feel The hidden evils of my heart And let the angry powers of Hell Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed Intent to aggravate my woe Crossed all the fair designs I schemed. Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death? "Tis in this way" The Lord replied

"I answer prayer for grace and faith"

"These inward trials I employ From self and pride to set thee free And break thy schemes of earthly joy That thou mayest seek thy all in me. That thou mayest seek thy all in me."

Confession

Lord's Supper

■"I Will Wait For You (Psalm 130)" © 2018 Getty Muisc Publishing (BMI) Getty Music Songs LLC CCLI#7118914

Out of the depths, I cry to You In darkest places, I will call Incline Your ear to me anew And hear my cry for mercy, Lord

Were you to count my sinful ways How could I come before Your throne? Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze I stand redeemed by grace alone

I will wait for You, I will wait for You On Your Word, I will rely I will wait for You, surely wait for You 'Til my soul is satisfied

So put your hope in God alone Take courage in His pow'r to save Completely and forever won By Christ, emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way And God Himself has paid the price That all who trust in Him today Find healing in His sacrifice

I will wait for You, I will wait for You Through the storm and through the night I will wait for You, surely wait for You For Your love is my delight

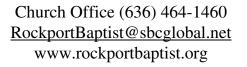
■ Message - Psalm 42-43 - Finding Hope in a Time of Spiritual **Depression - Pastor Scott**

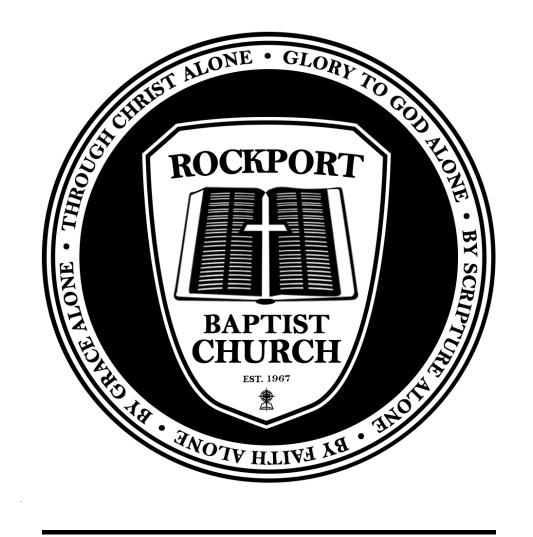
Closing Hymn

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.





Pastors/Elders
Scott Lee
Kyle Davis
Warren Kesselring

Worship Leaders Stuart McMillian Luke McAllister

Deacons

Kanoa BenzHerman MeyerKurt BoehmAlex StarkeyGreg ChastainMark StonerRay GawlikBrad TompkinsScott LarsonStarkey

<u>This Week's Fighter Verse: Feed Your Soul by</u> <u>Memorizing Scripture</u>! Each week's '*Fighter Verse*'

is meant to help you "fight the good fight" of faith. Memorize this and use it for the good of your soul!

Psalm 42:5 (Also Psalm 42:11 and Psalm 43:5)

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God

Dear Church,

Winter is on its way and homeless people will be needing warm clothing: coats, sweaters, hats, mittens, and anything else that is warm.

Please bring your extra winter clothing and place it by the basement back door. We will bring your donations over to the Salvation Army to distribute. Thank you.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Ottofy, Sherie Eagleburger or Marquette Govero. Luke 3:11



"Spiritual Depression and the Fight for Joy" Psalm 42-43

I. When	your heart is full of	and you feel cut off from					
God	42:1-5						

- A picture of a man _____ for God's presence
- You will have ____ times Ps 63:1

In v4 he _____ those times when God was near

The chorus in v5 tells us what he must do 1) Acknowledge what you _____ v3,v6

2) _____ your feelings v5

- 3) ______ against that inner voice of despair Ps 30:5
- II. When depression keeps closing in and you feel _____ Ps42:6-11 vv 6-7 is a scene of isolation and _____
 - 1) Notice _____ he remembers v8a God's _____ Lam 3:21-
- 23
- 2) Notice _____ he remembers v8b

He _____ in the dark and keeps _____

When the darkness closes in (Lament!)

1) Turn to God in your sorrow and cry out in _____

2) Bring your _____ to God

III. Keep pleading with God for help until He _____ Ps 43:1-5

This is bold praying! Do you pray like that?

This battle of faith is not won _____

He cries to God for _____ and _____ v3

- Jesus is the _____ Jn 8:12
- Jesus is the _____ Jn 14:6

God not only _____ joy, He Himself is our joy v4, Ps 16:9-11

Verse 5... the same chorus in a different key

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 17

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

Today's Greeters - Marilyn Chandler & Kyle Davis Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Darla Ferguson Today's Nursery - Phoebe & Claira Davis 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

FAMILY CAMP 2023 - September 21-24 - <u>SIGN UP NOW</u> 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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - FELLOWSHIP MEAL - Bring food to share.

■ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 at 8 AM - Men's Discipleship Breakfast - Bring food to share

■ TUESDAYS at 1:30 PM at Rockport - Exercise Class .

Please contact Susan Jackson for more information susanjj1966@gmail.com or (636) 375-1113

Word from Pastor Scott: *Twin Psalms of Hope* Sunday September 17, 2023

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God Psalm 42:11

One of the great values of Living in the Psalms is that they teach us how topray, especially when we find ourselves in a place where prayer is difficult. A time of depression is one of those places. When you are depressed, discouraged, down cast, disheartened or whatever else you may call it, even the simplest things can become hard. And sadly, the things that seem to become the hardest are often the very things we need most. Depression disables our desire for fellowship (which we need). It can make us shrink back from prayer, from worship, and from earnestly seeking the presence of God. And yet when we are discouraged, these are the very things we need most!

The two psalms we will look at today give guidance to the distressed soul of the believer. I say "psalms" (plural) because Psalm 42 and 43 are twins, born to belong together. You can tell this is true by the fact that (1) Psalm 43 does not have a "heading", but shares in the heading of Psalm 42. (2) Psalm 43 continues the theme of Psalm 42, right down to the words used. Notice that Ps 42:5, 11, and Ps 43:5 are all identical. These two psalms are actually a single song in three verses, each of which ends with the same chorus. And then (3) several ancient manuscripts present Psalm 42-43 together as one psalm.

So what will we find here? In this psalm depressed Christians will learn how to find help from God by fighting for joy and persisting in prayer until they receive the help of His presence. This psalm teaches us how to acknowledge our sad state, being honest with God about our emotions. And yet at the same time it teaches us how not to be ruled by those emotions – especially in that thrice repeated chorus where the Psalmist "talks back" to his soul, questioning himself about why he feels as he does in light of God's faithful promises. There is great help and hope to be had in taking this Psalm to heart! I can't wait to share it!

I also want to recommend a good book on this subject by Dr Martyn Lloyd-Jones called "*Spiritual Depression: It's Causes and Cures.*" See our book table. May God líft up the downcast as they look up to Hím. Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (9/17/23)

Title: "Spiritual Depression and the Fight for _____" Bible Passages: Psalm _____

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

Song	Deep	Psalm	Heart
Sad	David	Tears	Help
Hope	Feel	Joy	Soul
Speak	Pray	Sing	Love

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today: 1.

2.

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