

September 17, 2023

## ■ Welcome / Call to Worship

### ■ “As the Deer”

Words and Music by Martin Nystrom © 1984 Maranatha! Music; CCLI License #801260

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 eye.

### ■ “God Moves”

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

### ■ 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  
give 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)”

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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.

Church Office (636) 464-1460  
[RockportBaptist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RockportBaptist@sbcglobal.net)  
[www.rockportbaptist.org](http://www.rockportbaptist.org)



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### Pastors/Elders

Scott Lee  
Kyle Davis  
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### Worship Leaders

Stuart McMillian  
Luke McAllister

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### Deacons

Kanoa Benz	Herman Meyer
Kurt Boehm	Alex Starkey
Greg Chastain	Mark Stoner
Ray Gawlik	Brad Tompkins
Scott Larson	

**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.  
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

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Today's Greeters - Marilyn Chandler & Kyle Davis

Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Darla Ferguson

Today's Nursery - Phoebe & Clairra Davis

Please note: Nursery care during worship is for children up through age 2

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Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

Rockport Weekly Budget Goal.....\$5,263.00

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ **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.

■ **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 to pray, 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 lift up the downcast as they look up to Him. 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.

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

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

AGAIN	APPEAR	BECAUSE
CAST	CHOIRMASTER	COME
DEEP	DEER	ENEMY
FLOWING	HOPE	KORAH
LEAD	LIVING	LONG
MASKIL	MOURNING	NIGHT
OPPRESSION	PANTS	PRAISE
REMEMBER	SALVATION	SONG
SONS	SOUL	STREAMS
TEARS	THIRSTS	TURMOIL

