

October 1, 2023

■ **Welcome / Call to Worship**

■ **“I Need Thee Today”**

Frederick Whitfield, Music by Matthew Smith ©2007 Detuned Radio Music CCLI # 801260

I need Thee, precious Jesus For I am full of sin My soul is dark and guilty My heart is dead within I need the cleansing fountain Where I can always flee The blood of Christ most precious The sinner's perfect plea

■ **I need Thee, I need Thee, Jesus I need Thee today**

I need Thee, blessed Jesus For I am very poor A stranger and a pilgrim I have no earthly store I need the love of Jesus To cheer me on my way To guide my doubting footsteps To be my strength and stay

I need Thee, blessed Jesus I need a friend like Thee A friend to soothe and pity A friend to care for me I need the heart of Jesus To feel each anxious care To tell my every trial And all my sorrows share

I need Thee, blessed Jesus And hope to see Thee soon Encircled with the rainbow And seated on Thy throne There, with Thy blood-bought children My joy shall ever be To sing Thy praise, Lord Jesus, To gaze, My Lord, on Thee

■ **“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”**

by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren © 2018 CityAlight Music CCLI #801260

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer There is no more for heaven now to give He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Savior He will stay I labor on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him **When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: Yet not I, but through Christ in me!**

■ **Scripture Reading - Romans 1:1-17**

■ **Prayer/Offering**

■ **“King of Love”**

by Stuart Garrard, Jonathan Smith, Matthew Hein, Adam Palmer, Stephanie Kulla ©

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The King of Love my Shepherd is Whose goodness faileth never I nothing lack if I am His And He is mine forever And He is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow My ransomed soul He leadeth And where the verdant pastures grow With food celestial feedeth

■ **Never failing, Ruler of my heart Everlasting, Lover of my soul On the mountain high or in the valley low The King of Love my Shepherd is The King of Love my Shepherd is**

Lost and foolish off I strayed But yet in love He sought me And on His shoulder gently laid And home rejoicing brought me In death's dark veil I fear no ill With Thee, dear Lord, beside me Thy rod and staff my comfort still Thy cross before to guide me

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never Good Shepherd, may I sing Your praise Within Your house forever Within Your house forever

■ **“He Leadeth Me”**.....Hymn 461

He leadeth me, O blessed thought! O words with heav'nly comfort fraught! Whate'er I do, where'er I be Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

■ **He leadeth me, He leadeth me, By His own hand He leadeth me; His faithful foll'wer I would be, For by His hand He leadeth me.**

Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur nor repine; Content, whatever lot I see, Since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

■ **Reading - Psalm 23**

■ **Message - Psalm 23 - Pastor Scott**

■ **Lord's Supper/ “Jesus, Thank You”** by Pat Sczebel © 2003 Sovereign Grace  
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The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend The agonies of Calvary You the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me **Your blood has washed away my sin Jesus, thank You The Father's wrath completely satisfied Jesus, thank You Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table Jesus, thank You**

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near Your enemy You've made Your friend Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace Your mercy and Your kindness know no end **Lover of my soul I want to live for You**

■ **Benediction**

### 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  
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#### Pastors/Elders

Scott Lee  
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#### Worship Leaders

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#### Deacons

Don Arbogast	Scott Larson
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Ray Gawlik	Brad Tompkins

**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 23 – All of it! (Or as much as you can) Psalm 23:1** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

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



The **ACTS 4 FUND** at Rockport is to help our members in need.

It's funded by designated offerings and administered by the deacons. If you're led to contribute to this fund, please designate your offering and amount accordingly.

"The LORD is my Shepherd"

### Psalm 23

I. The LORD is our shepherd who is faithful in His

v1-3

• God as the Shepherd - Gn 48:15; Ps 28:9; Isa 40:11, John 10:11

• This is something we must take

Because the Lord is my shepherd, I'll have everything I need

Php 4:19

1) He is involved in \_\_\_\_\_ for us v2

2) He is involved in leading us in the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ v3

II. The LORD is my shepherd who is strong in His

v4

• Dark Places...

• "I fear no evil", why? Because \_\_\_\_\_

Our theological affirmations about God must become \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ God

The Lord is \_\_\_\_\_ (Ps 34:8; 145:18)

He is near and He is \_\_\_\_\_

• His rod - A club to beat the \_\_\_\_\_

• His staff - A stick to the \_\_\_\_\_

III. The Lord, our shepherd, will keep us to \_\_\_\_\_ vv5-6

1) Our shepherd welcomes us to the \_\_\_\_\_ of His table

v5

a) He anoints our head with oil of \_\_\_\_\_ Ps45:7

b) He fills us to the brim with the wine of \_\_\_\_\_

Ps 104:15; Rev 3:20; 1 Cor 10:16

2) He will keep working in our lives until He gets us all the way to our \_\_\_\_\_

Two Faithful \_\_\_\_\_ to chase us down:

• Goodness = \_\_\_\_\_

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

### SUNDAY - OCTOBER 1

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

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Today's Greeters - Kathy Blunt & Ditto  
Today's Tellers - Sherie Eagleburger & Stephanie Tompkins  
Today's Nursery - Kim Lee & Ruthie Jackson

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  
August Weekly Average.....\$8,180.29

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ■ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL -

Bring food to share.

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

#### ■ MONDAYS at 7:00 PM Exercise Class at Rockport .

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

## Word from Pastor Scott: *The Shepherd's Psalm* Sunday October 1, 2023

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want"

### Psalm 23:1

Psalm 23 is a song about the believer's heartfelt trust in the Lord even at the very gates of death (v 4) in the presence of vicious enemies (v 5). It's a Psalm many people know by heart. It is often read at funerals or taken upon the lips of those who know they are dying. There is great comfort in this Psalm. And that is good. And yet, as much comfort as this Psalm can bring those who have reached the end of their lives, the truth is it is not about dying at all. It is about living here in now by faith in the promised presence of our Shepherd-Lord as we continue to trust in Him. And above all it is about Jesus.

If you've attended Rockport for any length of time, you know that we recently finished a three year study of John's Gospel. And it is in that Gospel that Jesus identifies himself as the "Good Shepherd" David writes about in this Psalm as he says plainly, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11). So what does that mean? As we saw when we were in John's gospel it means that (1) *He is the God Shepherd* – *These words "I AM" are in a form that identifies Him as the God who met Moses in the burning bush in Ex 3:14. "I AM," Jesus says. "I AM the promised redeemer who's come to rescue His sheep from the mouth of the wolves."* (2) *He is the Beautiful Shepherd* – The word translated "good" (kalos) doesn't just mean capable and kind – an able shepherd (though He certainly is that). It also means perfect and desirable – beautiful in His character and attributes, and trustworthy in all things. (3) *He is the Sacrificial Shepherd* – He gives his life "for" His sheep. He willingly puts himself between us and the wolves. This word carries the idea of a substitute sacrifice – one who dies in our place – for that is how He saves. We, the sinners, deserve to die. He, our shepherd, takes our place under the penalty of sin! *He dies for us that we might live in Him!*

That is who Christ is for us who believe! That is what our shepherd has done! That is why we trust Him. And now He invites us to come by faith and fellowship at His table in the joy of new life (Ps 23:5) At the very heart of it, that's what it means to be a Christian: a sheep who belongs to the shepherd.

I pray you know this Shepherd's tender care.

Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (10/1/23)

Title: "The LORD is MY \_\_\_\_\_"

Bible Passages: Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

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

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| <u>Sheep</u> | <u>Shepherd</u> | <u>Joy</u>    | <u>Sun</u>   |
| <u>Water</u> | <u>Way</u>      | <u>Grass</u>  | <u>Green</u> |
| <u>Wagon</u> | <u>Dark</u>     | <u>Wolves</u> | <u>Club</u>  |
| <u>Stick</u> | <u>Table</u>    | <u>Oil</u>    | <u>Cup</u>   |

What are three important things you heard during the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Draw two pictures that show what you heard today:

1.

2.

The Lord is My Shepherd (Psalm 23:1-6)

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| EVIL     | FEAR     | GREEN         |
| HEAD     | LEADS    | LORD          |
| MAKES    | NAME'S   | OVERFLOWS     |
| PASTURES | PATHS    | PREPARE       |
| PRESENCE | RESTORES | RIGHTEOUSNESS |
| SAKE     | SHADOW   | SHEPHERD      |
| SOUL     | STAFF    | STILL         |
| TABLE    | THOUGH   | VALLEY        |
| WALK     | WANT     | WATERS        |