

October 8, 2023

■ Welcome / Call to Worship

■ **“Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven”** by Matthew Smith/Jeff Pardo ©2010
Detuned Radio Music/Simple Tense Songs CCLI #801260

Once on a dreary mountain We wandered far and wide, Far
from the cleansing fountain Far from the pierced side But Jesus
sought and found us And washed our guilt away With cords of love
He bound us To be His own today

**Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious
blood Heirs of His home in heaven Oh, praise our pardoning
God**

Dear Lord receive the glory Of each recovered soul
Oh who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?
Not our, not ours, the merit Be Yours alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit To serve You all our days
Now keep us, holy Savior In Your true love and fear And grant us by
Your favor The grace to persevere Till in Your new creation When
Earth meets Heaven's shore We find our full salvation And praise
You evermore

■ **“How Firm a Foundation”** CCLI L #801260

How firm a foundation ye saints of the Lord Is laid for your
faith in His excellent Word What more can He say
than to you He hath said To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled
Fear not I am with thee oh be not dismayed For I am thy God
and will still give thee aid I'll strengthen thee help thee and cause
thee to stand Upheld by My righteous Omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call thee to go The rivers of
sorrow shall not overflow For I will be with thee
thy troubles to bless And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie My grace
all-sufficient shall be thy supply The flame shall not hurt thee I only
design Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose I will not, I will
not desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to
shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake

■ **Scripture Reading - Romans 1:18-32**

■ **Prayer/Offering**

■ **“God Is Our Refuge and Strength”**

God is our refuge and strength, a helper ever near us. We will
not fear though earth be moved, for God is nigh to cheer us. Although
the mountains quake and earth's foundations shake, though angry
billows roar and break against the shore, our mighty God will hear us.

God's city is forever blest with living water welling; since God is
there, she stands unmoved 'mid tumults round her swelling. God
speaks and all is peace, from war the nations cease; the Lord of
hosts is nigh. Our father's God Most High is our eternal dwelling.

Behold what God has done on earth; his wrath brings desolation.
His grace, commanding wars to cease, brings peace in ev'ry nation.

Be still, for he is Lord, by all the earth adored; the Lord of hosts is
nigh. Our father's God Most High is our strong habitation.

■ **Confession/Lord's Supper - The Apostle's Creed**

We believe in God the Father the Almighty, Maker of heaven and
earth and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived
by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius
Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into the grave
And on the third day rose again;

He ascended into heaven, and now sits at the right hand of God,
the Father Almighty; from which He will come to judge the living and
the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit. the holy Christian church,
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

■ **“O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer”**

Music and Words by Nathan Stiff © 2017 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my
longing soul My God, like You there is no other; true delight is found
in You alone Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach Your truth, a fount of perfect
wisdom My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, strong defender of my
weary heart My sword to fight the cruel deceiver and my shield
against his hateful darts My song when enemies surround me, my
hope when tides of sorrow rise My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, gracious Savior of my
ruined life My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died **You rose! the grave and
death are conquered You broke my bonds of sin and shame**
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer **May all my days bring glory to
Your Name**

■ **Message** “God is Our Refuge” - Psalm 46 - Pastor Scott

■ **Closing Hymn - “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”**...Hymn 26

A mighty fortress is our God, A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood Of mortal ills prevailing. For still our
ancient foe Doth seek to work us woe His craft and pow'r are great,
And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not His equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, Our striving would be
losing, Were not the right man on our side, The man of God's own
choosing, Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name, From age to age the same, And He must
win the battle.

And tho this world, with devils filled, Should threaten to undo
us, We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph thru us.
The prince of darkness grim, We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, For lo, his doom is sure; One little word
shall fell him.

That word above all earthly pow'rs, No thanks to them,

abideth; The Spirit and the gifts are ours Thru Him who with us
sideth. Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also The body
they may kill; God's truth abideth still: His kingdom is forever.

■ **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.

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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. Memorize this and use it for the good of your soul!

-Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

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.

"God Is Our Refuge"
Psalm 46

I. God is Our Refuge when the world v1-3

1) God is our - a place to run when you're

2) God is our - He strengthens us to

3) Our present help in trouble Ps 28:7

Therefore we will not v2a

Even when the world is vv2b-3

II. God Remains Our Refuge as the Nations v4

• There is a River Rev 22:1-2

• A Picture of God's Sovereignty Ps 115:3

1) God is in the midst of

2) He is mighty to Ex 14:26-27

The Nations rage Ps 2:1-6

v7 takes our minds back to : His and

III. God our Refuge will soon end all and establish
His forever vv8-11

1) Come and see the devastation of all who Him v8

2) All wars will v9 Isa 11:9; 2:4

V10 is not a Lullaby. It is a Sovereign Short.

- All the earth will be subdued before Him. Hab 2:20
- "Every knee will bow..."

This is the goal toward which all is moving Rev 21:1-4

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 8

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

Today's Greeters - Brian Malin & Pfleegor

Today's Tellers - Tren Groat & Herman Meyer

Today's Nursery - Lucy & Megan Blunt

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

■ **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 - FIRST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL**
- Bring food to share.

■ **MONDAYS at 7:00 PM Exercise Class** at Rockport .
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information
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Word from Pastor Scott: *Martin Luther's Psalm* Sunday October 8, 2023

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Psalm 46:1

Those who know the story of Martin Luther's conversion are aware that he was converted while studying Romans 1:17. "The righteous shall live by faith." It was through these words that his eyes were opened to see salvation as the gift of God through faith, not a reward for good behavior. He was, in his own words, "reborn" and enabled to walk "through the open doors of paradise."

From then on, Luther would always be a "Romans man." But we often forget that he was also a "Psalms man" and that the psalms had just as big an impact on his life as did Romans. Luther taught the psalms for many years and loved them dearly. And of all the Psalms, His favorite was Psalm 46. During the darkest hours of the Reformation when he was discouraged and depressed and under constant attack, he would turn to his good friend Philip Melancthon and say, "Come, Philip, let's sing the forty-sixth Psalm." Then they would sing it in Luther's own German version (loosely translated here):

A mighty fortress is our God / A good defense and weapon;
He helps us freely out of all distress / And all that to us happens

We know this hymn in English as "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Luther said, "We sing this psalm to the praise of God, because God is with us and powerfully and miraculously preserves and defends his church and his word against all fanatical spirits, against the gates of hell, against the implacable hatred of the devil, and against all the assaults of the world, the flesh and sin."

Luther's hymn, and the Psalm that inspired, it continue to comfort believers even today. As Lutheran scholar, H. C. Leupold has said, "Few psalms breathe the spirit of sturdy confidence in the Lord in the midst of very real dangers as strongly as does this one."

May we be helped as we look at this Psalm this morning Pastor Scott

Kid's Listening Sheet (10/8/23)

Title: "God is Our _____"

Bible Passages: Psalm _____

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

<u>Friend</u>	<u>Fortress</u>	<u>Refuge</u>	<u>World</u>
<u>Strength</u>	<u>Word</u>	<u>Nations</u>	<u>Rage</u>
<u>River</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Morning</u>	<u>Roar</u>
<u>Power</u>	<u>War</u>	<u>Peace</u>	<u>Jacob</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. _____

God Is Our Refuge (Psalm 46)

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

ACCORDING	ALAMOTH	CHOIRMASTER
EARTH	EXALTED	FEAR
FOAM	FORTRESS	GIVES
HEART	HELP	HOSTS
JACOB	KORAH	LORD
MAKE	MOUNTAINS	MOVED
NATIONS	PRESENT	REFUGE
RIVER	ROAR	SELAH
SONG	SONS	STRENGTH
SWELLING	THERE	THEREFORE
THOUGH	TREMBLE	TROUBLE