

April 14, 2024

■ **Welcome / Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

By Robert Robinson, adapted by Margaret Clarkson, Music by John Wyeth CCLI# 801260

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Sorrowing I shall be in spirit, Till released from flesh and sin, Yet
from what I do inherit, Here Thy praises I'll begin; Here I raise my
Ebenezer; Here by Thy great help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good
pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood; How His
kindness yet pursues me Mortal tongue can never tell Clothed in flesh,
till death shall loose me I cannot proclaim it well.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away; Send
thine angels now to carry Me to realms of endless day.

■ **Scripture Reading - Romans 10:14-17**

■ **Offering / Prayer**

■ **“He Will Hold Me Fast”**

by Ada Habershon, Music by Matt Merker © 2014 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight When He comes at last

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper –**

Confession Based on Lamentations 3

Pastor: This I remember; therefore I have hope:

**Congregation: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His
mercies never come to an end; They are new every morning;
Great is your faithfulness.**

*Pastor: The LORD is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in
him. The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who
seeks his salvation.*

**Congregation: It is good that we wait patiently for the salvation of
the LORD. It is good to bear the yoke while we are young.**

*Pastor: So let us not complain when hardship comes Let us humble
ourselves and fix our hope on Him!*

**Congregation: For the Lord has not rejected us, even though he
has put us through grief, He will again have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love**

*Pastor: What God has promised, will surely come to pass
God will do all that He pleases!*

Congregation: So let us examine our ways before Him

**Let us confess our sins to Him And let us return to the Lord
through faith in Christ!**

■ **"Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"** by Henry Francis Lyte © 2001 Bill More Music CCLI #801260

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken, Thou from hence my All shall be.
Perish every fond ambition, All I've sought or hoped or known,
Yet how rich is my condition God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, They have left my Savior too
Human hearts and looks deceive me, Thou art not like them untrue
Oh while Thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends disown me, Show Thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast,
Life with trials hard may press me, Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me, Oh, 'twere
not in joy to charm me Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then earthly fame and treasure, Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service pain is pleasure. With Thy favor loss is gain I have
called Thee Abba, Father I have stayed my heart on Thee. Storms
may howl and clouds may gather, All must work for good to me.

Soul then know thy full salvation, Rise o'er sin and fear and care,
Joy to find in every station, Something still to do or bear.

Think what Spirit dwells within thee, Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee, Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by
prayer Heaven's eternal day's before thee, God's own hand shall guide

thee there Soon shall close thy earthly mission, Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days Hope shall change to glad fruition, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

■ **“Be Thou My Vision”**Hymn 382

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me,
save that Thou art Thou my best Thought, by day or by night Waking
or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word I ever with Thee and
Thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, I Thy true son Thou in me
dwelling and I with Thee one

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight Be Thou my Dignity,
Thou my Delight. Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my High Tower. Raise
Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise Thou mine Inheritance,
now and always Thou and Thou only, first in my heart High King of
heaven my Treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won May I reach heaven's joys, O
bright heaven's Sun Heart of my own heart, whatever
befall Still be my Vision O Ruler of all

■ **Message:** *“Suffering as Testing”*

Jason Woelm – (1 Peter 4:12-19)

■ **Closing Song – “For All The Saints”**

Words by William How, Music by Christopher Miner ©1997 Christopher Miner Music CCLI License #801260

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, To Thee by faith before
the world confessed, Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia,
Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might; Thou, Lord, their
captain in the well fought fight; Thou in the darkness drear, their one
true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, Fight as the saints who
nobly fought of old, And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day; The saints triumphant
rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on His way. Alleluia,
Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia, Alleluia!

■ **Benediction**



Pastors/Elders

Scott Lee
Kyle Davis
Warren Kesselring

Deacons

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

Worship Leaders

Stuart McMillian
Luke McAllister

Suffering as Testing (1 Peter 4:12-19)

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 it and use it for the good of your soul!

1 Peter 4:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.



Coffee or Tea for Three: *May/June/July*

Getting to Know You Fellowship: *May 3 | 7-9pm*

Summer Book Discussion: Making Sense of Forgiveness: *May/June*

How to Study the Bible: *Beginning in May*

Coffee/Tea Fellowship: *August 17 | 10 am - 12 noon*

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.

I. Suffering as testing should not surprise believers but instead give an occasion for rejoicing in and finding assurance of their _____ (4:12-14).

A. Suffering as testing should not be surprising but _____ by those united to Christ (v. 12; cf. 2:20b-21, Jn. 15:20-21, Acts 9:15-16).

B. Those who share in Christ's sufferings must keep on _____ so that they will rejoice and be glad when Christ's glory is revealed (v. 13; cf. 1:6-7, 10-11, 13; Rom. 8:17-18).

C. Those who are insulted for Christ are blessed because they have the same _____ Christ did (v. 14; cf. Mt. 5:11-12; Lk. 6:22-23).

II. God tests both the believer and unbeliever with suffering, each with its own _____ outcome (4:15-18).

A. Those who claim Christ's name must not suffer as the _____ do (v. 15; cf. 2:16, 20, 3:9-12).

B. Believers who suffer in imitating Christ are not to be shamed but to be commanded to glorify God in their imitation (v. 16).

C. Testing begins in God's household which results in salvation, but the outcome of the unbeliever's testing is unspeakable _____ (v. 17).

D. The righteous are saved with difficult suffering, but the ungodly are eternally _____ by it (v. 18; cf. Prov. 11:31 LXX).

III. Believers experiencing God's test of suffering should entrust themselves to their faithful _____ in doing good (4:19; cf. 1:15-16).

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:40 AM
Marriage Class	6:00 PM

Today's Greeters - Heather Sloan & Mark Stoner

Today's Tellers - Tren Groat & Herman Meyer

Today's Nursery - Lucy Blunt & 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. \$5,689.00

March Weekly Average \$6,910.47

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Mondays at 2:00pm** - Exercise Class at Rockport.
Please contact Susan Jackson for more information
susanjj1966@gmail.com or (636)375-1113
- **Grace Bible Conference 2024** - "Citizens and Exiles" -
April 19-21, 2024 ****please sign up****
- **Women's Discipleship Ministry Events/Opportunities**
Coming Soon - May through August (see inside page)
- **"Operation Parsonage Property"** - Saturday, May 18th
8am to Noon (see Greg Chastain for details)
- **SEMO Scripture Fest** - "The Gospel Revealed" May 17 & 18
at FBC Park Hills, MO (for more info, contact the Pfleegors)

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday April 14, 2024

Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead
and be honored, as happened among you

2 Thessalonians 3:1

Please do pray for us! This past Thursday a group of us traveled to Mexico to take part in a Psalm 67 Missions sponsored Pastor's Conference. That team, includes Aaron Sutton, Rick Clausel, Scott Lee, Brig Jones and Alex Noark. The Conference was held Friday and Saturday on the theme of "Let the Nations Be Glad." Brig's assignment was to encourage them from the Parable of the Treasure Hidden in the Field in Mat 13:44. My assignment was to speak to pastors about the Mission of the Local Church and the Spiritual Health of a Church that results in Good Growth. This morning, while you are gathered here, Brig, Aaron and I will be preaching the gospel in various churches in Mexico before heading back across the border where one or more of us will preach again in South Texas. Lord willing, we will return home tomorrow.

Here is how you can continue to pray for us:

- Pray for our safety. The area we've been in is not the safest.
- Pray for our travel and fellowship together
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will work through us so that we will be a benefit and blessing to the churches where we speak today!
- Pray that God will guide us to those with whom we need to share His grace and/or the encouragement of His word.
- Pray for the pastors we had the privilege of teaching this weekend and for their churches to be faithful in Christ

Then, Lord willing, we will hit the ground running this week as we finish final preparations for our Grace Bible Conference this weekend. Pray for our speakers: Ben Hedrick, Warren Kesselring, Geoff Ingram, Scott Lee, and Ryan Haider. And for those who are finishing up preparations for this week!

Looking forward to getting back home!

Pastor Scott