

July 21, 2024

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

■ **“His Forever”** by Pat Sczebel © 2003 Sovereign Grace Worship CCLI #801260

Jesus, friend of sinners Loved me 'ere I knew Him Drew me with His
cords of love Tightly bound me to Him 'Round my heart still closely
twined The ties that none can sever For I am His and He is mine
Forever and forever

Jesus, friend of sinners A crown of thorns You wore for me Bruised
for my transgressions Pierced for my iniquities The wrath of God that I
deserved Was poured out on the Innocent He took my place, my soul to
save Now I am His forever

Jesus, friend of sinners I love to tell the story Redeeming love has
been my theme And will be when in glory **Not death nor life nor
anything Can ever separate me O love that will not let me go Yes,
I am His forever**

■ **Scripture Reading - Romans 15:14-21**

■ **Offering / Prayer**

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

I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith and love and every grace
Might more of His salvation know And seek more earnestly His face

Tw'as 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 – The Lord's Prayer Confession**

Congregation: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.**

Pastor: *You are worthy, Father, of all praise!*

Forgive us when we don't reverence you.

Help us see you for Who you truly are.

Congregation: **Your Kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as
it is in heaven.**

Pastor: *Father, conform our lives to your will.*

Bring our nation to repentance.

*Let our homes and our churches and communities be shaped by
your presence!*

Congregation: **Give us this day our daily bread.**

Pastor: *Help us, Father, to receive each day's blessing as a gift from
your good hand!*

*Give us what we need and help us be content with what you
give, and give you thanks!*

Congregation: **Forgive us our debts, as we also, forgive our debtors.**

Pastor: *Father, forgive our sins as we confess them to you!*

*And help us forgive others, as you have so richly forgiven us in
Christ!*

Congregation: **And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil.**

Pastor: *Forgive us for the ways we have given in to temptation this
week.*

Grant us true repentance that leads to life.

Congregation: **For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the
glory forever.**

All: (Gloria Patri) **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen.**

■ **“When Trials Come”**

Words and Music by Keith & Kristyn Getty © 2005 ThankYou Music CCLI #801260

When trials come no longer fear For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told

Within the night I know Your peace The breath of God brings strength
to me And new each morning mercies flow As treasures of the darkness
grow As treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to Wisdom not my own For every battle You have known My
confidence will rest in You Your love endures Your ways are good Your
love endures Your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross So in its
shadow I shall run Till You complete the work begun Till You complete
the work begun

One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope You called me to

And in Your kingdom paved with gold I'll praise Your faithfulness of old
I'll praise Your faithfulness of old

■ **“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:** *Pastor Warren - (James 1:12-15)*

■ **Closing Hymn**

■ **Benediction**



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Luke McAllister

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!

Sermon Notes – Pastor Warren
James 1:12-15

James 1:13–15 (ESV)

¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. ¹⁵ Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



Monday Night Fellowships

July 29 and August 12

5 PM (Eat at 5:30 PM)

Did you know that there are hundreds of books in the Rockport Church Library for you to check out and read including books for children?



Scan the QR code if you would like information about setting up a free account that will allow you to browse the catalog online, put a hold on items, and recheck items once we check them out to you.

Questions? Contact Tynetta at 314-795-5268

THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

Sunday, July 21, 2024

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| Sunday Morning Bible Study | 9:30 AM |
| Sunday Morning Worship | 10:40 AM |
| Wedding Shower for Kim Lee & Jason Hayden | 6:00 PM |

Today's Greeters - Ray Gawlik & Anja Woelm

Today's Tellers - Kim Fels & Darla Ferguson

Today's Nursery - Amy Lee & Phoebe Davis

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

Prayerfully consider Rockport's Budget Needs

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| Rockport Weekly Budget Goal..... | \$5,689.00 |
| June Weekly Average..... | \$7,157.90 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Wedding Shower for Kim Lee & Jason Hayden** - Sunday evening, July 21st at 6pm... all men, women, and children are welcome!
- **A Time of Prayer** this Wednesday, July 24th, at 7pm. Join Us!!
- **Summer Monday Night Fellowships** – Mark your calendars and join us on July 29 and August 12. We will gather any time after 5pm and will plan to eat at 5:30pm. For more details, reach out to Phoebe, Athena, or Heather.
- **Coffee or Tea Fellowship for Women** – Saturday, August 17th 10am to 12 Noon – Register Online or See Tynetta for details. Celebrate old friends and make new acquaintances! Bring your favorite brunch dish to share. No childcare provided for this event, but nursing babies are always welcome.

A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday July 21, 2024

And Jesus said to the disciples,
“Come away by yourself to a desolate place and rest a while”

Mark 6:29

Jesus said these words to his disciples during a time of extreme busyness in ministry. They had just returned from their first mission trip as Jesus sent them out two by two into the neighboring regions to proclaim the gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons. It was an exciting time as the Lord blessed their efforts and used them in ways they perhaps had never imagined. And yet, as great as the blessings were, they were still just men. And men tire out. No matter how strong we think we are, there is a limit to our physical, emotional and spiritual ability (something I am more and more aware of as I get older).

Knowing this, as soon as they returned Jesus commanded them to come aside and rest a while. I've always found it interesting that Jesus commands them to rest (the Greek is an imperative). He doesn't suggest it. He commands it. He knew there was a limit to their strength so that, no matter how sincere their service, the time would come when they needed to step back and get alone with Him in order to be refreshed by His gracious presence.

I am so very grateful that years ago, before we even had elders, the deacons (I'm looking at you Kurt Boehm) began to require me to take a yearly retreat for the purpose of resting from my usual schedule of ministry in order to spend time alone with the Lord in prayer and planning. I am convinced that was from the Lord and is one of the reasons God has graciously allowed me to continue to serve here at Rockport these past thirty-three years. It's hard to put into words, but these yearly retreats (and occasional longer sabbaticals) allow me to refresh my heart and mind upon the Lord whom I need ever bit as much as those I am privileged to serve. So thank you, Rockport, for allowing me to get away this past week and spend much needed time being refreshed in the Lord's presence.

I am grateful to Him and to all of you for this gracious gift. *Pastor S Scott Lee*