

**May 25, 2025**

■ **Announcements / Call to Worship**

■ **“Immortal, Invisible”**.....Hymn 25

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light inaccessible hid from our eyes Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love

To all, life Thou givest to both great and small, In all life Thou livest the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All praise we would render O help us to see 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

■ **Scripture Reading** - 1 Cor 14:1-19

■ **Offertory Prayer**

■ **“Only A Holy God”**

by Michael Farren, Jonny Robinson, Dustin Smith, Rich Thompson © 2016 CityAlight Music CCLI#801260

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven, Who else could make every king bow down, Who else can whisper and darkness trembles, Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises, What other splendor outshines the sun, What other majesty rules with justice Only a Holy God

**Come and behold Him The One and the Only**

**Cry out, sing holy Forever a Holy God**

**Come and worship the Holy God**

What other glory consumes like fire, What other power can raise the dead, What other name remains undefeated

Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing, Who else would offer His only Son, Who else invites me to call Him Father

Only a Holy God, Only a Holy God

■ **Confession / Lord's Supper -**

**Confession -The Law**

(lead) *Father, all Scripture is breathed-out by you.*

*This includes the law, which is described, even in the new covenant, as holy and righteous and good.*

**(congregation) Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ.**

(lead) *The law is beautiful as a revelation of who you are and what you value, yet it is an impossible standard which cannot save us.*

**(congregation) For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it.**

(lead) *We have failed. We gather not as the self-assured, but as those who know our guilt.*

**(congregation) We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone.**

(lead) *Yet, in Christ, these sins do not define us.*

*The righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it...*

**(congregation) ...the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.**

(lead) *We receive this righteousness as a gift and stand as those whom the law cannot condemn.*

**(congregation) Thanks be to God!  
Amen.**

■ **“Give Us Clean Hands”**

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We bow our hearts We bend our knees O Spirit come make us humble We turn our eyes from evil things O Lord we cast down our idols

Give us clean hands give us pure hearts Let us not lift our souls to another Give us clean hands give us pure hearts Let us not lift our souls to another

O God let us be a generation that seeks That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob O God let us be a generation that seeks That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob

## “Receive The Glory”

Music and words by Bob Kauflin © 2004 Sovereign Grace Praise CCLI #801260

**Not to us, but to your name alone Be all the glory, the glory forever  
For your faithfulness and steadfast love  
Receive the glory, the glory Belongs to you.**

All that we've accomplished you have done for us  
And any fruit we harvest is a gift from your hand We are only jars of clay  
That hold a priceless treasure And we exist to bring you pleasure, O  
God

Only by your mercy can we come to you Though we deserved your  
judgment You have called us by name  
So we glory in the cross of Christ That made us yours forever  
That joined our lives together to sing

■ **Message:** “For the Love of God, Refuse Images”  
Pastor Scott – Exodus 20:4-6; Col 1:15

■ **Closing Hymn**

■ **Benediction**



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Scott Lee  
Kyle Davis  
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### Deacons

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

### Worship Leaders

Stuart McMillian  
Luke McAllister

# A Word from Pastor Scott:

Sunday May 25, 2025

## Update on St David's Church Property Possibility

We have promised to keep you informed as we consider the possibility of purchasing and moving to the former St David's Catholic Church facility at 2334 Tenbrook Rd. in Arnold. At present, such a move is still in the "possibility" stage as we gather information and seek to determine whether such a move is something we can afford and will be to our advantage as a church as we consider future growth and ministry opportunities.

Here is the latest update:

- We have appointed a team to begin preliminary discussions with the diocese to determine the price at which they will be willing to sell the property which consists of nearly seven acres with a large auditorium, gym, full kitchen, school, offices, ballfields, parking lot and rectory.
- We have been informed that the property has been appraised at 2.1 million, but they are willing to begin negotiations lower than that.
- We have been informed that the process that is needed to "deconsecrate" and sell the property has begun. We do not yet know how long that will take.
- We are in the process of getting our property appraised by mid-June. We know of at least one church that says it would be interested in our property if we determine to sell
- We are in the process of appointing a team to look at the St David's property and determine what changes will be needed to make it work as our new home, and what costs would be involved.
- We are putting together another team to help us think about potential ministry uses of this facility should such a move be made.

- We are praying for the Lord to guide us through this process and put us where he wants us

Next steps:

- Our team will work with their representatives to come to an agreement on the price they would be willing to sell and we would be willing to purchase.
- If a suitable agreement can be reached and the elders still believe this would be a good move, we will report back to you as a church and begin the approval process as a congregation.
- As that process begins, we will call the church to prayer for God's wisdom and will. We will also arrange a time for the whole church to tour the facility and ask questions
- We will put together a specific plan for how the move will be paid for, what to do with our current facility, and what changes we will need to make to the new facility for it to be useful to us.
- We will have the new facility inspected to make sure there are no hidden concerns that need to be addressed, or if there are, they will become part of the negotiation process.
- We will put together a clear plan to be presented to the congregation.
- No move will be made without a presentation of such a plan, a time to ask and receive answers to questions, and finally, a vote of approval by the congregation as led by the elders.

We will continue to keep you informed as this process moves forward.

*May the Lord give us wisdom and unity as we seek Him about this potential move*

*Pastor Scott Lee for the elders at Rockport*

## THIS WEEK AT ROCKPORT

**Sunday, May 25, 2025**

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

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**Today's Greeters** - Stephanie Tompkins & Ray Gawlik

**Today's Tellers** - Jennifer McMillian & Mysti Jackson

**Today's Nursery** - Heidi Kliwer & Sherie Eagleburger

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.....	\$6,710.00
April Weekly Average.....	\$8,329.67

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **Save the Dates for Upcoming Wedding Showers**  
**Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> for Tony Koranda & Sydney Dinwiddie (Wedding)**  
Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> for Jonathan Dickmann & Riley Coumerilh (Wedding)  
Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> for Ernie Dickmann & Lillie Clinton (Wedding)
  - **Church Cares 2025** – A 6-week Study to equip participants in the handling a variety of abuse scenarios in the church, school, or ministry setting. The study will be on Tuesdays, June 3<sup>rd</sup> thru July 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm to 8:30pm (see inside bulletin page to sign up with QR code)
  - **Mark your Calendars – Rockport's Annual Family Camp** dates have been set for Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Watch for more details!
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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. Since every Christian would benefit from memorizing the Ten Commandments, we will begin that this week. That makes this an easy one!

**1 John 5:21** (ESV) <sup>21</sup> Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

## **"For the Love of God, Refuse Images"**

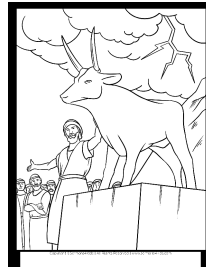
**(Exodus 20:4-6; Col 1:15)**

- I. The second command clearly prohibited Israel from using any kind of \_\_\_\_\_ in worship vv4-5a  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the issue here  
The problem with man-made images is they always \_\_\_\_\_ the truth about God  
Beware the image trap! Jn 4:24 ; Acts 17:24-25  
(1) Thinking statues and icons help you \_\_\_\_\_ to God  
(2) Re-imagining \_\_\_\_\_ as we want Him to be  
(3) Churches that manipulate the senses to create a \_\_\_\_\_ of God
- II. God is zealous for His \_\_\_\_\_ and images always obscure his \_\_\_\_\_ v4-5  
"Jealous" = zealous God is zealous for His \_\_\_\_\_ Isa 42:8  
Isa 40:18-19  
(1) Every image we use to imagine who God is \_\_\_\_\_ His glory  
(2) Images by their nature \_\_\_\_\_ God  
God did not give Israel an \_\_\_\_\_. He gave them His Word  
Dt 4:11-16 , Ps 115:2-8  
In Biblical Christianity there is only one \_\_\_\_\_ for us to look at  
• Col 1:15 ; 1 Jn 5:12  
• We don't have images, but we do have an illustration  
The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Cor 10:14-22 ; 11:23-26
- III. God warns of dire \_\_\_\_\_ to those who exchange His glory for images vv5-6 Rm 1:18-24  
• Images keep God hidden from us  
• God's word reveals Him to us  
The promise of v 6 - God's steadfast \_\_\_\_\_

# Kid's Listening Sheet (5/25/25)

Title: "For the Love of \_\_\_\_\_ Refuse Images"

Bible Passage: Exodus \_\_\_\_\_



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

Glass	Image	Stone	Wood
Calf	Bull	Priest	Magic
Tool	Word	Wife	Picture
Glory	Cross	Statue	Icon

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 Second Command: No images of God in Worship -- Exodus 20:4-6*

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ANYTHING	CARVED	CHILDREN
COMMANDMENTS	EARTH	FATHERS
FOURTH	GENERATION	HATE
HEAVEN	IMAGE	INIQUITY
JEALOUS	KEEP	LIKENESS
LORD	LOVE	MAKE
SERVE	SHOWING	STEADFAST
THIRD	THOUSANDS	VISITING