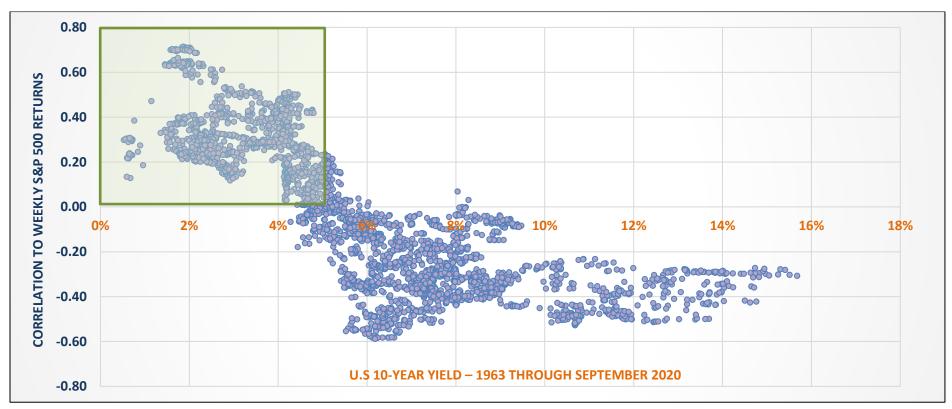
Stocks remain highly relevant



As the economic recovery gains stronger footing in the aftermath of the COVID-19 bear market, the relationship between stocks and bonds provides ample historical evidence of what may come next. Although the possibility for short-term equity market volatility is always present, the long-term approach to participating across capital markets is one that favors stocks. The relationship is quite simple: yields gain upside during times of recovery and economic strength. As yields rise, bond prices fall, which is a testament to their negatively correlated relationship. Amidst such a simple relationship, however, historical data also reveals the benefits of investing in stocks during periods where the 10 year-yield makes its way to higher levels. This becomes dominantly more important when the 10-year-yield remains in very low territory, as is the case right now (as of September 2020). It may be difficult to envision a yield above 3%, but that is not something we should discount over the next 5 years. Stocks may stand to benefit.

When yields are below 5%, rising yields have been associated with rising equity prices



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