



**August 1, 2021**

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# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

10:00 am

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP (People's response in **bold**.)

Leader: Come along with me as a sojourner in faith. Bring along a sense of expectancy, a vision of high hopes, a glimpse of future possibility, a vivid imagination. For God's creation is not done.

**People: We are called to pioneer a new future with God. As we venture forward, we leave behind our desires for a no-risk life, worldly accumulations, and certainty.**

Leader: Let us travel light in the spirit of faith and expectation toward the God of our hopes and dreams.

**People: Come along together as sojourners in faith, knowing that God goes with us and God is here now!**

## HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

UMH #127, insert

## UNISON PRAYER

**O, Lord, we come to you as a people so desperately in need of your unfailing love. Break up our souls' unplowed ground, for it is time to seek the face of your Son, Jesus, until he comes and showers righteousness upon all who love and obey him. We pray that we would no longer become victims of the enemy's lies, nor eat the fruit of deception, having depended on our own strength. In sowing repentance, we lay claim upon your covenant that we would indeed reap the fruit of unfailing love. For your blessings, O Lord, are showered upon all people, who in loyalty proclaim the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3 NIV

Faith in Action

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for.<sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:8-16

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she[a] considered him faithful who had made the promise. 12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. 13 All these

people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. 14 People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. 15 If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“Lamb of God”  
Flute: Mickey Hopp

J. Raney

## **UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe God created families, small communities where we learn to love up close, celebrate life around the table meal, pray through difficulties, dis-cover that we are children of God. We believe God created humans not to be alone, but to live in relationship as friends, partners and companions. We believe God sent Jesus so we could see the heights and depths of love, know that we have a second chance, discover that in loving service the world and our lives become better. We believe God delights in our laughter, rejoices in our kindness, celebrates our faithfulness. We believe God made us miracles and surrounds us with reminders, includ-ing this family of faith.**

## **OFFERTORY**

### **HYMN**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

UMH #710

### **MESSAGE**

“Faith Over Fear”

Rev. Don Kraps

## **COMMUNION**

### **HYMN**

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH #519

## **UNISON BLESSING**

**Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen. -Ephesians 3:20-21**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT**

Pastor  
Director of Christian Education/Youth  
Lay Leader  
Music Director/Organist  
Church Office Administrator  
Lector  
Sound/Video

Rev. Don Kraps  
Kira Cimino Holchin  
Jim Spallino  
Susan Shick  
Sara Chapman  
Kira Cimino Holchin  
Scott Holchin

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, August 1, 2021

- 8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service
- 10:00am - Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed
- 11:15am – Stephen’s Ministry Meeting

### Monday, August 2, 2021

- 4-6:00pm - Mini Mystery VBS
- 6-7:00pm - Dinner in the backyard
- 7:00pm - Church Council

### Tuesday, August 3, 2021

- 7:00pm - Book Club

### Wednesday, August 4, 2021

- 6:30pm – Bike/Walk and Prayer
- 7:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7-9:00pm - Youth cabinet inventory & organize

### Friday, August 6, 2021

- 9:45am – Al-Anon

### Sunday, August 8, 2021

- 8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service
- 10:00am - Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

**NEW PRAYER CONCERNS:** Susan O., Holly Hausman, Velma Malecki, Julia, & Vickie Smilanich

**GOOGLE DRIVE REMINDER:** Rockport All Church Information and Financial Reports are available online or in the church office. Please note June Financials are available.

**A NOTE FROM OUR TRUSTEES!** The church's playground needs weeding and the toys and equipment need power washing. Anyone interested in helping out with this please call Nick Berardi, 216-218-6532.

## ROCKPORT COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

Rockport UMC contacted Rocky River and Fairview Park City Senior Centers seeking to do God's will by assisting senior homeowners who may lack the means to properly maintain their homes. We are going to start by helping an elderly woman named Maria, who lives on W. 215th street in Fairview Park. This is a bungalow house that has a broken cement pad on its front porch, water leak issues in several windows, overgrown tree branches, and debris filled gutters. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dave Plachta at 440-829-3184 or sign-up on the chapel hallway bulletin board.

## CHILDREN & YOUTH Mini Mystery VBS!

ONE DAY VBS MONDAY, AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>! Program 4 to 6, Dinner, 6 to 7 p.m. Backyard  
4 years old through 6<sup>th</sup> graders!

**ALL HANDS ON DECK!** WE NEED volunteers for VBS!

Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering in some capacity! (Youth AND Adults!)

\*Teachers (3 or 4 would be great)

\*Craft Helpers

\*\*"Classroom" helpers (we will be outside)

\*Outdoor Games Helpers

\*Bakers (we will need Homemade cookies)

\*DINNER helpers (We will be doing pizza this year)

\*Set-up and tear down (SMALL SCALE, not my normal crazy haha)

**NEEDED for Dinner:** Cups, Paper Plates, Napkins, Pizza Donations, Veggies: Cucumbers, Carrots, Grape Tomatoes