



August 8, 2021

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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

10:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Leader: Hints and whispers abound. God seeks us where we are.

People: A voice calls our name in the twilight of sleep.

Leader: A call seen in the outstretched hands of the poor.

People: A new Leader dawning of insight while at prayer.

Leader: An internal shift of perception that is felt in the heart.

People: A joyous peace in the midst of play.

Leader: A lifting of a burden, a flood of tears, a bushel of laughter.

People: God is so near: guardian and friend who speaks to us.

HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

UMH #451, insert

THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:25-5:2 NIV

5 Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26 “In your anger do not sin”[a]: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27 and do not give the devil a foothold. 28 Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need. 29 Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. 30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 5 1 Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children 2 and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

PRAYERS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

We offer to you our words, O God — those tiny chips of meaning we spread abroad so easily — and, often, so thoughtlessly.

Keep us ever attentive to the impact of our words, particularly the ways they can cause pain or foster insecurity.

Make of our speech a force that does not destroy, but rather builds up: so even our voices of protest may serve the greater cause of reconciling the human race to you as Jesus taught the words...Our Father...

HYMN

“Wonderful Words of Life”

UMH #600

OFFERTORY

(Place your offering in the treasure chest at the back of the church, mail in your giving or go to the GIVE tab on the website:rockportumc.org)

MESSAGE

“Talk Like a Christian”

Rev. Don Kraps

HYMN

“A Charge to Keep I Have”

UMH #413

UNISON BENEDICTION

Go now and be fruitful followers of God. Speak words of kindness and live lives of peace. Serve faithfully and fully all your days, and may God’s amazing love be your guide. Amen.

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

Pastor

Rev. Don Kraps

Director of Christian Education/Youth

Kira Cimino Holchin

Lay Leader

Jim Spallino

Music Director/Organist

Susan Shick

Church Office Administrator

Sara Chapman

Lector

Kira Cimino Holchin

Sound/Video

Scott Holchin

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today:

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service

10:00am - Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

6:30pm – “Words of Life” bible Study

Friday, August 13, 2021

9:45am – Al-Anon

Sunday, August 15, 2021

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service

10:00am - Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Vicki Moenich, Sue P., Susan O., Sara, Holly Hausman, Velma Malecki, Julia, & Vickie Smilanich, Barb Michael, The family of Teresa Thomas, Gail Stephan, Norma Golladay, Joyce, Stan P., Lynn Burris, Mary Mainwaring, Douglas MacMillan, Bill Bowers, Donny Nally, Katie Patton, Betty Jones, Erna Guia, Dennis, Jan Tietje and those serving our country!

ROCKPORT UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECOMMENDATIONS: As of the week ending August 1st, Cuyahoga County had 99 cases per 100,000 people. Under CDC guidelines, that is considered substantial spread of COVID. Due to this information and **IN THE SPIRIT OF CARING FOR EACH OTHER (especially the immunocompromised and our unvaccinated kids) Rockport's Council has decided to reinstate that all people, vaccinated or not, wear masks indoors and socially distance.**

TRUSTEES PROJECT: Trustees will be inventorying and evaluating childcare items in Wesley Hall. They welcome anyone who would like to help, as this is a huge project. Interested or questions call Mike Wilkenson, 440-773-0929.

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.

BOOK CLUB: Please join us on Monday, September 20th at 7pm outside on the church patio. We will be reading *The Whole Life* by Robert Seethaler. *A Whole Life* is a tender book about finding dignity and beauty in solitude. An exquisite novel about a simple life, it has already demonstrated its power to move thousands of readers with a message of solace and truth. It looks at the moments, big and small, that make us what we are. Hope to see you all on Sept. 20th for fellowship and discussion!

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

GOOD NEWS KIDS!

WELCOME BACK Wednesday, September 22nd to Good News Kids & M&M's group! Preschool 4 yrs old through 6th Graders... YOUTH ALWAYS welcome to join us! DINNER and Learning Games and Lessons! WOOHOO!

YOUTH! (7th through 12th)

Dates: * YAC recording Hang out, To Be Determined Soon!

*TAKE WHAT YOU CABINET: ORGANIZING AND INVENTORY: Wednesday, August 18th – 7 to 9 p.m. Snacks and fun, too!