



August 15, 2021

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

10:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Leader: God is waiting for us

People: with a tender heart and a searching question.

Leader: God is ready for us

People: with truth and wisdom from a deep well.

Leader: God is blessing us

People: with springs of living water.

Leader: God is sending us

People: to sing, pray and witness every day.

Leader: God is here.

People: Let the conversation begin.

HYMN

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

FWS #2088, insert

THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

PRAYERS

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, you have given us grace to discern the way we should go amid all the paths of the world. You have shown us wisdom and understanding and offered us the chance to choose good over evil. We haven't always been as thoughtful in our discernment as we could be. We have sometimes let our path be chosen for us. Teach us to have wise and understanding minds, so that we may be responsible members in community. Let us not focus on riches or possessions, but strive only to serve your people as we pray the prayer Jesus taught the disciples...

Lord's Prayer

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lord of the Dance”

Sydney Carter

Flute: Mickey Hopp Piano: Susan Shick

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Kings 2:10-12 NIV

10 Then David rested with his ancestors and was buried in the City of David. 11 He had reigned forty years over Israel—seven years in Hebron and thirty-three in Jerusalem. 12 So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David, and his rule was firmly established.

1 Kings 3:3-14 NIV

3 Solomon showed his love for the Lord by walking according to the instructions given him by his father David, except that he offered sacrifices and burned incense on the high places. 4 The king went to Gibeon to offer sacrifices, for that was the most important high place, and Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. 5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you." 6 Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day. 7 "Now, Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. 8 Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. 9 So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" 10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. 11 So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, 12 I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be. 13 Moreover, I will give you what you have not asked for—both wealth and honor—so that in your lifetime you will have no equal among kings. 14 And if you walk in obedience to me and keep my decrees and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life."

HYMN

"Wellspring of Wisdom"

UMH #506

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)

SERMON

"The Way of Wisdom"

Rev. Don Kraps

HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

UMH #467

UNISON BENEDICTION

Remember we are a forgiven people, eternally loved, thoughtfully instructed, gratefully obedient. Go with God's blessing to live each moment and to walk into God's future. Go in peace. Amen.

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 FOR THE WEEK

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

6:30pm – “Words of Life” Bible Study

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

9:30am – Rockport Community Service Project

7:00pm – Youth Group

7:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, August 19, 2021

6:30pm – Men’s Group Potluck and speaker

Friday, August 20, 2021

9:45am – Al-Anon

Sunday, August 22, 2021

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

10:00am - Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

PRAYER CONCERNS:

The Family of Nancy Chapman, Keel Arlia, Vicki Moenich, Sue P., Susan O., Sara, Holly Hausman, Velma Malecki, Julia, & Vickie Smilanich, Barb Michael, 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:

MEN’S GROUP: The Rockport Men’s Group will meet on Thursday, August 19th at 6:30 pm at the church for a potluck dinner. There will be a great meal, time for face-to-face fellowship and a special guest speaker. Come and enjoy this special time together!

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!

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.

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.**

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!