



**August 29, 2021**

**Rockport United Methodist Church**  
3301 Wooster Road, Rocky River, Ohio 44116

**Church Phone:** 440-331-9433  
**Church Email:** [office@rockportumc.org](mailto:office@rockportumc.org)  
**Rev. Don Kraps:** [sparknod@yahoo.com](mailto:sparknod@yahoo.com)  
**Rev. Don Kraps Phone:** 440-391-9823  
**Website:** [www.rockportumc.org](http://www.rockportumc.org)

# 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

10:00 am

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Leader: Jesus Christ is our light, our vision and our sight. Our Lord is the way we are called to see life.

**People: Until God's kingdom comes, there will be darkness and with it blindness; but Christ's victory is light for all his people.**

Leader: We have come to worship and to receive that light for ourselves that we might be filled with the light of Christ.

**People: Let us worship the true light, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## HYMN

"Standing on the Promises"

UMH 374, insert

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

## PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERN

### UNISON PRAYER

**Lord, when was the last time we stood on tiptoes, stretching to see over the horizon, stretching to see tomorrow, stretching to see the cutting edge of life? Many times we are complacent and view life from the easy chair. We are sometimes content to let life come to us, taking whatever comes.**

**Lord, shock us out of the easy chair. Holy Spirit, get us up on our tiptoes again; put us on frontiers of your revelation. As seekers, help us affirm our faith. As witnesses, help us speak to others about Jesus Christ. As disciples, help us to follow faithfully. As servants, help us to serve. As your children, let us share eternity. God, we thank you for tiptoe experiences as we pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples....**

### LORD'S PRAYER

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Morning Has Broken"

John Purifoy

Flute: Mickey Hopp    Piano: Susan Shick

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Esther 4:12-16 NET

<sup>12</sup> When Esther's reply<sup>Ⓜ</sup> was conveyed to Mordecai, <sup>13</sup> he<sup>Ⓜ</sup> said to take back this answer to Esther: "Don't imagine that because you are part of the king's household you will be the one Jew<sup>Ⓜ</sup> who will escape. <sup>14</sup> If you keep quiet at this time, liberation and protection for the Jews will appear<sup>Ⓜ</sup> from another source,<sup>Ⓜ</sup> while you and your father's household perish. It may very well be<sup>Ⓜ</sup> that you have achieved royal status<sup>Ⓜ</sup> for such a time as this!"

<sup>15</sup> Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup> "Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast on my behalf. Don't eat and don't drink for three days, night or day. My female attendants and I<sup>Ⓜ</sup> will also fast in the same way. Afterward I will go to the king, even though it violates the law.<sup>Ⓜ</sup> If I perish, I perish."

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 8:34-38 NET

<sup>34</sup> Then<sup>Ⓜ</sup> Jesus<sup>Ⓜ</sup> called the crowd, along with his disciples, and said to them, "If anyone wants to become my follower,<sup>Ⓜ</sup> he must deny<sup>Ⓜ</sup> himself, take up his cross,<sup>Ⓜ</sup> and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For whoever wants to save his life<sup>Ⓜ</sup> will lose it,<sup>Ⓜ</sup> but whoever loses his life because of me and because of the gospel<sup>Ⓜ</sup> will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what benefit is it for a person<sup>Ⓜ</sup> to gain the whole world, yet<sup>Ⓜ</sup> forfeit his life? <sup>37</sup> What can a person give in exchange for his life? <sup>38</sup> For if anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him<sup>Ⓜ</sup> when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

This is the Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN** "“They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” FWS 2223, insert

## 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

Rev. Dr. Timothy Rosenberger, Jr.  
“Living – for Such a Time as This”

**HYMN** “Forth in Thy Name, O Lord” UMH 438, insert

## UNISON BENEDICTION

**May the light of our Lord Jesus Christ shine brightly in your heart and on your face so that you reflect the glory of God and the Good News of the gospel to everyone you encounter. Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

### WELCOME REV. DR. TIMOTHY J. ROSENBERGER, JR.:

The Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Rosenberger, Jr. grew up in Lakewood, Ohio and graduated from Lutheran High School West. He joins us from Stanford University, where he is completing his JD/MBA. Before matriculating to Stanford, Tim completed an AB at Georgetown University, an M.Div. from United Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, and a D.Min. at the Rawlings School of Divinity. His past ministry experience has included service in parish contexts, as a hospice chaplain, and as executive director of a Cleveland nonprofit that houses, provides grants for, and mentors dislocated young people.

## SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

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

Rev. Don Kraps  
Rev. Dr. Timothy J. Rosenberger, Jr.  
Kira Cimino Holchin  
Jim Spallino  
Susan Shick  
Sara Chapman  
Kira Cimino Holchin  
Scott Holchin

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

#### **Tuesday, August 31, 2021**

6:30pm – “Words of Life” Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, Sept. 1, 2021**

6-8:00pm – Youth Group Mission Work

7:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

#### **Friday, September 3, 2021**

9:45am – Al-Anon

#### **Sunday, September 5, 2021**

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

10:00am - Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

### PRAYER CONCERNS:

The Family of Dan Rosette, Mary Jane Keeler, Vickie Smilanich, Betty Jones, Pearl Biscotti, Dan Rice, Vicki Moenich, Erna Guia, The Family of Nancy Chapman, Keel Arlia, Vicki Moenich, Sue P., Susan O., Sara, Holly Hausman, Velma Malecki, Julia, Barb Michael, Gail Stephan, Norma Golladay, Joyce, Stan P., Lynn Burris, Mary Mainwaring, Douglas MacMillan, Bill Bowers, Donny Nally, Katie Patton, Dennis, Jan Tietje and those serving our country!

### ROCKPORT UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** As a reminder, due to the COVID uncertainties with the Delta Variance, and in the spirit of caring for each other (especially the immunocompromised and our unvaccinated kids), Rockport's leadership has prayerfully decided to reinstate that all people, vaccinated or not, wear masks INDOORS and SOCIALLY DISTANCE.

### NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Children: **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: **Youth Group Mission Work**

Wednesday, September 1st, 6 to 8 p.m.

Sorting and working in the Cabinet room: building shelves. ALL HANDS on deck!

**Youth Group Start Up Family POTLUCK!**

Sunday, September 12th, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

PLEASE join us as we come back together as a family unit! Please bring a main dish, side, or dessert! Please bring your own place settings. Beverages will be provided!