



**September 26, 2021**

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

September 26, 2021

10:00 am

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Leader: In Jesus Christ, a light of hope shines brightly in all the world.

**People: May the light of Jesus Christ shine brightly upon us.**

Leader: May this light nourish and guide us.

**People: May Christ's light show us our pathway to new life.**

**All: Let us now worship in the joy of Christ's light shining brightly for us.**

## HYMN

"This Is the Day"

UMH 657, insert

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30 1 NIV

21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! 23 I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; 24 but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. 25 Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, 26 so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me. 27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,[a] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"Dust in the Wind"

Kerry Livgren

Guitar: Pat O'Leary

## THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

## PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERN

### UNISON PRAYER

**Let us open our hearts and minds to the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. May God's Spirit be here, leading us toward a more mature faith, nurturing our hope and embracing us in love. Lord, remind us that the Scriptures proclaim to us of God's abiding and forgiving love. Remind us, Lord, that you have called us to be peacemakers. Our world is so divided and troubled. Now we need your great and worthy guidance to take up the message and practice of biblical peacemaking. May we be persons of redeeming love and reconciling peace. In the name of Jesus, our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**



approved, would authorize the Trustees to move forward with selling the parsonage. Notes and information which will be discussed will be sent via email to everyone sometime next week to view and form questions before this Conference.

**CHOIR RESUMES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021, 6:30-7:30pm:** We are excited our Rockport Choir will resume rehearsals Tuesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-7:30pm. Those who love to express their faith through music and singing make up our choir. No auditions. Our choir's offerings are a regular part of the Sunday worship service. We present traditional and contemporary choral songs and hymns. Soloists and instrumentalists have many opportunities to enhance the musical offerings of our choir. Please contact: Susan Shick, Rockport UMC Music Director/Organist, [ershick@prodigy.net](mailto:ershick@prodigy.net), 440-331-5718

**ROCKY RIVER PIRATES Vs. FAIRVIEW PARK WARRIORS Football game on Friday, OCT. 1st.** PLEASE note that we are MEETING AT Rocky River stadium, will be sitting together... BUT you must have your own ride to the game and be picked up from the game, we are not carpooling at this time. BUT would love to see you there! FAMILIES ARE WELCOME to come and hang out together! THIS YEAR, since it's AT River, we will be sitting on the River side! \*Permission Slip needed to sit with us with no adult there, if families come together, no permission slip is needed. Permission slips will go out closer the event!

**BIBLE STUDY: "REVIVAL: FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT!" BY: ADAM HAMILTON**

Join Bill Eyman and Dan Newman on Tuesday's from October 12th - November 16th, 7-8:00pm in the Prayer Chapel, as they study Adam Hamilton's "Revival: Faith As Wesley Lived It!" In this 6-week journey through England, Adam Hamilton retraces Wesley's footsteps to show how his teaching defines our faith, shapes our heritage, and challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion. The cost of the book is \$12 when ordering through the church. You may also order the book or kindle edition on your own via Amazon or other retailers. The church will be ordering books on October 4th. You won't want to miss this study!

**MEN'S GROUP:** The Rockport Men's Group will meet on Thursday, October 14th at 6:30 pm at the church for a potluck dinner. There will be a great meal, time for face-to-face fellowship and the guest speaker will be Candice Storey, the Director of Tri-C Paralegal Studies Program. Come and enjoy this special time together!

**COVID RECOMMENDATIONS:** As we worship together, we want to ensure that everyone is safe and remains healthy (especially the immunocompromised and our unvaccinated kids). After meeting on Sunday, before Worship, it was decided that everyone is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS WHILE IN THE BUILDING AND TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM OTHERS.**

**BOOK CLUB:** Please join us on Monday, November 1st at 7pm in the church parlor. We will be reading *Homeland Elegies* by Ayad Akhtar. *Homeland Elegies* is about an immigrant father and his son who search for belonging -- in post-Trump America, and with each other. I will be picking this book discussion kit up from Rocky River Library this weekend. This kit includes 8 copies of this book, which will be available in the church office on Monday, Sept. 27th. There will be a sheet to sign the book out so I can keep track of who has a book. Hope to see you all on November 1st for fellowship and discussion!

**SPAGHETTI DINNER DRIVE THRU SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 4:00-8:00PM**

Volunteers Needed

All volunteers will wear masks and gloves.

Contact the church office with your volunteer selection.

- Package salad dressing
- Package food
- Package drive thru orders
- Drive thru greeter, collect \$
- Food order runner
- Deliver to homebound, police and fire departments
- Bake dessert

Pre-order information will be available soon.