



**October 3, 2021**

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

## World Communion Sunday

October 3, 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

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

UMH 176, insert

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 2:18-24 NIV

18 The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”  
19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam[a] no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man’s ribs[b] and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib[c] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.”  
24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

### UNISON PRAYER

**You, gracious God, are love itself, and perfect love casts out fear. Come to us in merciful patience, we pray, to love us from fear to trust, from anger to grace, from doubt to faith. Love us from our self-centeredness to hearts that willingly give themselves in selfless sacrifice and service. Love us out of our scarcity to hearts overflowing with generosity. Love us from brokenness to wholeness, from resentments and forgiveness withheld to forgiveness freely offered just as it has been freely offered to us. Come to us, Lord, overwhelming us with your love that we might love as you have first loved us. Amen.**

# THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

## PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

## 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)

## SPECIAL MUSIC

“Seek Ye First”

Karen Lafferty

Flute: Mickey Hopp Piano: Susan Shick

## SERMON

“Join the Band”

Rev. Don Kraps

## WORLD COMMUNION

## HYMN

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

UMH 141, insert

## UNISON BENEDICTION

**May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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	Diana Leitch
Sound/Video	Scott Holchin

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

### Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021

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

10:00am - Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

### Monday, Oct. 4

7:00pm – Church Council

### Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021

6:30pm – Choir Rehearsal

7:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2021

6:30-8:00pm– Good News Kids & M&M's group

### Friday, Oct. 8, 2021

9:45am – Al-Anon

### Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021

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

10:00am - Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

4-6:00pm – UMYF Fall Mission Planning

## **PRAYER CONCERNS:**

Brandy, Jackie, Ginley, The family of Dexter, Rev. Laurie Bruce, Matt, Nancy Geyer, Pam Schmidbauer, The Family of Connie Clyde, Karen, Helen Miller, Ron, The Family of Dan Rosette, Mary Jane Keeler, Vickie Smilanich, Betty Jones, Pearl Biscotti, Dan Rice, Vicki Moenich, Erna Guia, Keel Arlia, Vicki Moenich, Sara, Norma Golladay, Joyce, Lynn Burris, Mary Mainwaring, Douglas MacMillan, Bill Bowers, Donny Nally, Katie Patton, Dennis, Jan Tietje and those serving our country!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**ALL CHURCH CONFERENCE Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>**, 7pm, via Zoom or in person to be presided over by Dr. Bailey. At this time the Trustees will present a motion to the membership of the church, which, if approved, would authorize the Trustees to move forward with selling the parsonage. Trustees research documentation and quotes/comps will be sent via email to everyone sometime next week to view and form questions before this Conference.

**IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY: REVIVAL - FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT! TUESDAY'S FROM 7 - 8 P.M. OCT 13 - NOV. 17.** We will have the Bible Study in the Prayer Chapel. We are very thankful to God for the opportunity to learn more about God's Word and a Faithful Servant of God - John Wesley. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. Join Bill Eyman and Dan Newman and author, Adam Hamilton, for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion in becoming mature disciples of Jesus Christ. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Blessings!

**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.