

MAY YOUR  
UNFAILING  
love  
BE MY COMFORT,  
ACCORDING TO YOUR  
promise  
TO YOUR  
SERVANT.  
PSALM 119:76

October 10, 2021  
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## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021

10:00 am

### PRELUDE

“The Prayer”

Sager & Foster

Flute: Mickey Hopp    Piano: Susan Shick

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Friends in Christ, let us come together in the shelter of God’s holy presence.

**ALL: Let us bless the Lord, for He has amazingly shown us steadfast love.**

Leader: God is indeed our rock and our refuge. He brings us comfort at all times.

**ALL: God guides us and leads us always.**

Leader: Into God’s hands we commit our spirits, for God has redeemed us.

**ALL: God is GOOD and we put all of our trust in Him as we meet together, rooted in His love. We praise you, loving Father!**

### HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH 77, insert

### INVOCATION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. The proof of God’s amazing love is this: While we were sinners Christ died for us. Because we have faith in him, we dare to approach God in confidence.

**ALL: We believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks and praise be to God!**

### SCRIPTURE:

#### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 CEB

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your being, and all your strength. These words that I am commanding you today must always be on your minds. Recite them to your children. Talk about them when you are sitting around your house and when you are out and about, when you are lying down and when you are getting up. Tie them on your hand as a sign. They should be on your forehead as a symbol.<sup>[a]</sup> Write them on your house’s doorframes and on your city’s gates.

## **NEW TESTAMENT LESSON**

2 Corinthians 1:3-7 CEB

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! He is the compassionate Father and God of all comfort. He's the one who comforts us in all our trouble so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God. That is because we receive so much comfort through Christ in the same way that we share so many of Christ's sufferings. So if we have trouble, it is to bring you comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is to bring you comfort from the experience of endurance while you go through the same sufferings that we also suffer. Our hope for you is certain, because we know that as you are partners in suffering, so also you are partners in comfort.

## **THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US**

Kelly Brown

## **HYMN**

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"

UMH 64, insert

## **PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father... who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE:**

**O Holy God, open unto me light for my darkness,  
courage for my fear, hope for my despair.**

**O loving God, open unto me wisdom for my confusion,  
forgiveness for my sins, love for my hate.**

**O God of peace, open unto me peace for my turmoil,  
joy for my sorrow, strength for my weakness.**

**O generous God, open my heart to receive all your gifts. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND 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)

## **GLORY PATRI**

UMH 70

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**ANTHEM**

“You are Mine”

David Haas, FWS 2218

**SERMON**

“Love and Comfort”

Kira Cimino Holchin

**HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

UMH 140, insert

**BENEDICTION**

The Prayer of St. Francis

**ALL: Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

Leader: And now may the Lord bless you and keep you; may He make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you... May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you His peace as you go from this place today. AMEN

**POSTLUDE**

“How Great Thou Art”

UMH 77

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Ernie & Mickey Hopp.

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