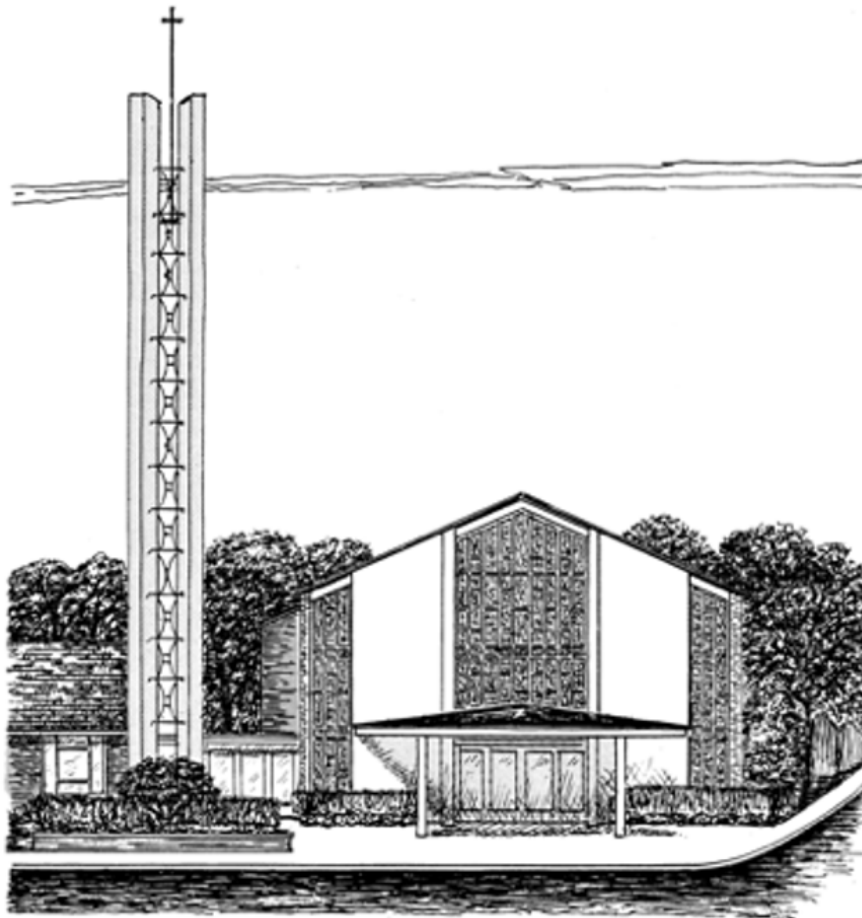


# Rockport United Methodist Church

November 7, 2021



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

November 7, 2021

10:00 am

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Veterans Day Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. Please stand as we thank you for your service!**

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

LEADER: Doors open. Hearts ready, God beckons.

**PEOPLE: Looking for a center point to life, for a union of all the scattered and torn edges.**

LEADER: May your soul find communion here.

**PEOPLE: Searching for honesty, for a truth spoken in love.**

LEADER: May your faith be challenged here.

**PEOPLE: Looking for a place to offer your time and talents.**

LEADER: May your spirit enrich this community.

**PEOPLE: Searching for joy to blossom and hope to grow.**

LEADER: May our songs reach the heavens, touch our hearts and spread love into the world.

## HYMN

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

UMH 427

## PRAYER FOR VETERANS DAY

BOW 542

**Righteous God, you rule the nations. Thank you for the brave men and women in the military service, active and retired. Give them compassion for those who confront them as enemies. Keep our children from hate that hardens, or from scorekeeping with human lives. Though for a season they must be people of war, let them live for peace, as eager for agreement as for victory. Encourage them as they encourage one another, and never let hard duty separate them from loyalty to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Brian Doerksen

## GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 12:38-44 NIV

Warning Against the Teachers of the Law

38 As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. 40 They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

The Widow's Offering

41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

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

# THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

## PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN PASTORAL PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

**HYMN** "Bless Thou the Gifts" UMH 587

### 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** "Penny Ante" Rev. Don Kraps

**COMMUNION** A Service of Word and Table III UMH 15  
**LORD'S PRAYER**

**HYMN** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" UMH 430

### UNISON BENEDICTION

**May you bear, for God, the fruit of the Spirit.**

**May "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control" grow and ripen in your heart.**

**May you share your harvest freely and lovingly with loved ones, friends,  
Fellow humans near and far, to the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**CHORAL RESPONSE** "Go In Love" Don Besig

### 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  
Bill Eyman  
Scott Holchin

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

#### **Sunday, November 7, 2021**

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service  
10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed

#### **Tuesday, November 9, 2021**

7:00pm - Bible Study

#### **Wednesday, November 10, 2021**

6:30-8:00pm - Good News Kids & M&M's  
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group Homework Hang-out, Rm. 17 (Youth Rm.)

#### **Thursday, November 11, 2021 (Veteran's Day)**

6:30pm - Men's Group Potluck

#### **Friday, November 12, 2021**

9:45am - Al-Anon

#### **Saturday, November 13, 2021**

10:30am - All District Charge Conference via zoom

#### **Sunday, November 14, 2021**

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service  
10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed; Sinko baptism  
11:00am - Stewardship brunch

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**OFFICE VACATION:** Sara will be on vacation from Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>-November 26<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Don will be in the office on Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11-1pm. For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Don or leave a message on the church machine. Calls will be checked daily.

**MILITARY BOXES:** On Sunday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> following worship, we will pack military boxes. Please bring items to go in the boxes or consider donating to this mission. Any and all help are greatly appreciated. Questions, contact Jeff Zullo.

**PRAYER TENT:** We welcome you to stop by the Prayer Tent! Feel free to pray, journal, worship, sit, kneel, stand, rejoice, mourn, and everything in-between! Pray in the way that is comfortable to you. This is YOUR quiet time with God.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE:** All District Charge Conference is **Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am**, via Zoom. All are welcome.

## **2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

A stewardship letter from Pastor Don was mailed last week. On Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, will be Consecration Sunday and will feature a special speaker during the 10am worship service. Following worship at 11am everyone is invited for a free brunch, however, donations will be gladly accepted. The brunch menu is ham, sausage, potatoes, pancakes, eggs, fruit, vegetable tray and baked goods. Coffee, tea, milk and various juices will also be on hand. No reservations are required but for planning purposes, please sign up on the church bulletin board or let Sara in the office know that you will be coming. If there is interest, we plan to have a trivia contest after brunch. Hope to see you on the 14<sup>th</sup>! Questions or to help, call Diana Leitch 440-759-5980.

**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 21<sup>st</sup>-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!

**CHOIR:** Enjoy singing? Enjoy laughing? Enjoy being part of a group? Want to be a part of Worship? Then consider joining choir. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. We sing twice a month at the 10:00am worship. Hope to see you there!

**MEN'S GROUP:** The Rockport Men's Group will meet on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 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 guest speaker. Come and enjoy this special time together!

**BOOK CLUB:** Please join us on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the church parlor. We have changed the book to *What Comes After* by Joanne Tompkins. This book offers an unforgettable story of loss and anger, but also of kindness and hope, courage and forgiveness. It is a deeply moving account of strangers and friends not only helping each other forward after tragedy, but inspiring a new kind of family. Hope to see you all on November 15<sup>th</sup> for fellowship and discussion!