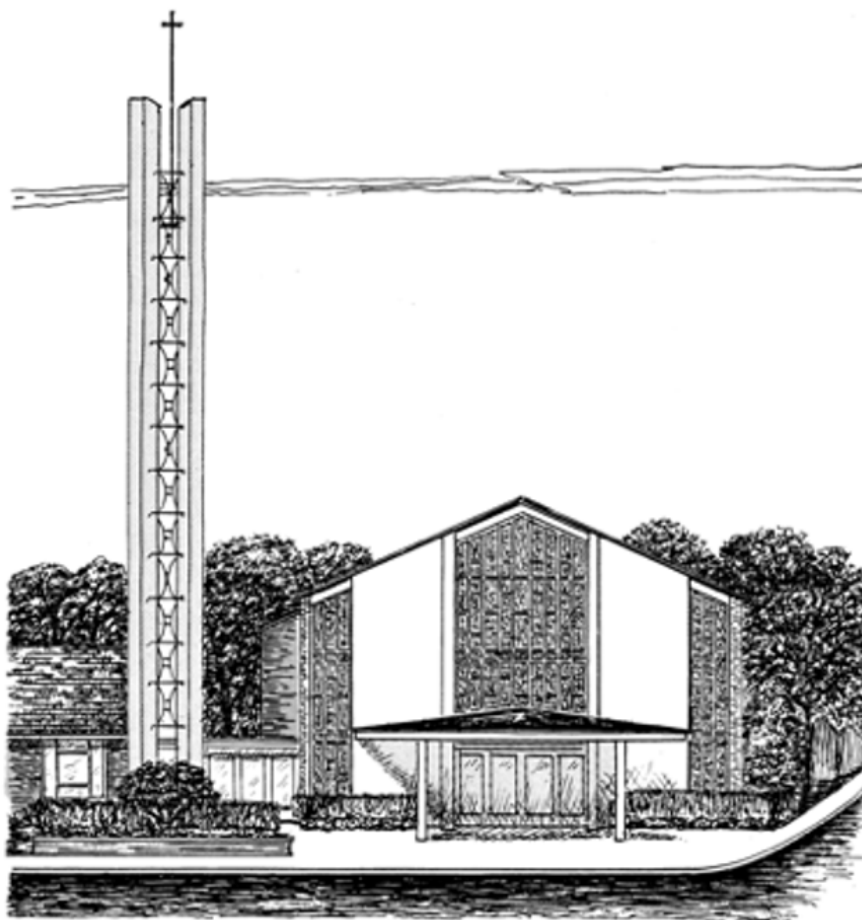


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25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 14, 2021

10:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Ernie Hopp

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

LEADER: We are to God like precious coins,

PEOPLE: worth searching for when one is lost.

LEADER: We are to God like precious sheep,

PEOPLE: worth seeking out when we wander from God's fold.

ALL: Come, Good Shepherd among us; find us as we worship you.

HYMN

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH 377

UNISON PRAYER

Persistent and loving God, you are forever seeking for your will to be done on Earth. You yearn for all creation to live in harmony. Forgive us for growing weary of the struggle for peace and justice, and for courting despair. Loosen our need to see the full results and to feel hopeful. Sustain us with an abundance of friends and a measure of faith. Give us the willingness to do the loving thing and to be faithful in the small acts of caring. God of the hidden seed and the promised resurrection, work your surprising and amazing grace in our lives and in our broken world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

See insert

Charlie Michael Sinko

Parents: Steve & Kelsey Sinko

Sponsors: Stephen & Lindsay Chesler

Grandparents: Bill & Kathe DiMatteo, Patricia McCarthy, Steve Sinko (late)

Great Grandparents: Jan Tietje, William Tietje (late),
Ruth & Enrico "Henry" DiMatteo (late), Peg McCarthy, Michael McCarthy

Big Brother: William Sinko

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:14-30 NIV

The Parable of the Bags of Gold

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag,[a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' 21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 22 "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.' 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

24 "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29 For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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

THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Turn, Turn, Turn"

Guitar: Pat O'Leary & Pastor Don Vocal: Sara Chapman

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

UMH 419

OFFERTORY

(Place your offering and 2022 pledge cards 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

"Jesus' Investment Advisor"

Rev. Don Kraps

HYMN

"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

UMH 361

UNISON BENEDICTION

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. Amen.

—Hebrews 13:20

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
Kira Holchin
Scott Holchin

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, November 14, 2021

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

9:00-9:45am - Confirmation Class #1

10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed; Sinko baptism

11:00am - Stewardship brunch

Monday, November 15, 2021

7:00pm - Book Club, Parlor

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

6:30pm – Choir rehearsal
7:00pm - Bible Study, Parlor
7:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry, Rm. 24

Wednesday, November 17, 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 18, 2021

7:00pm – Finance

Friday, November 19, 2021 Church Office Closed

9:45am – Al-Anon

Sunday, November 21, 2021

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service
10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed
11:00am – Pack Military Boxes

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Come one, come all and help prepare the Sanctuary for Advent on Saturday, November 27th from 10am -2pm. We need people to help with the ladder, hang wreaths/ decorate doors, set-up the Chrismon tree, unpack chrismons and decorate the tree, unpack the nativity and set-up, and also we need supervisors to instruct from the pews and have a donut. Hope to see everyone there!

OFFICE VACATION: Please remember the church office is closed for Thanksgiving on November 25-26th. Sara will be on vacation from Friday, November 19th-November 26th. Pastor Don will be in the office on Tuesday, November 23rd 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. 21st 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.

2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN AND BRUNCH:

Be sure to place your 2022 pledge card in the Treasure Chest in the narthex (back of the church.)

Following worship TODAY 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. If there is interest, we plan to have a trivia contest after brunch.

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!

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!

BOOK CLUB: Please join us on Monday, November 15th 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 15th for fellowship and discussion!