

August 3, 2025



Rockport United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP SERMON THEME: Back to Basics

August 3, 2025 9:30am

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the attendance registry found in the pews near the center aisle; pass it through the pew and back again, noting the name of your neighbors.)

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: In the beginning was the Word,

PEOPLE: And the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

LEADER: Through God all things were made; in God was life and light. **PEOPLE:** The light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot

overcome it.

LEADER: Come, let us worship the Living Word -

ALL: Full of grace and truth!

*HYMN

"Thy Word Is a Lamp"

UMH 601, insert

*UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God,

Your Word speaks life into the void, hope into our despair, and direction into our confusion. We gather today to hear You again—To be refreshed, renewed, and transformed by Your truth. Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening. Help us to receive Your Word with open hearts and obedient lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 119:103-106

103How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther

Flute: Mickey Hopp Piano: Susan Shick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer

(Place your offering in the treasure chest by the chapel or narthex, mail in your giving, or go to the GIVE tab on the website:rockportumc.org)

HYMN "Since Jesus Came into My Heart TFWS 2140, insert

SERMON "The Power of the Word" Pastor Tennille

COMMUNION Insert

(When directed by the ushers, please come forward for the communion elements by intinction. Individual cups and gluten free cups are also available up front)

*HYMN "Wonderful Words of Life" UMH 600, insert

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

^{*}Please stand as you are able

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

Pastor Tennille Power Pastor Lay Leader Dan Newman Director of Christian Education/Youth Kira Cimino Holchin Music Director/Organist Susan Shick Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper Sara Chapman Scott Holchin Sound/Video Kira Holchin Lector **Ushers** Jeff Zullo & Kirk Sullenberger

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK: Join us on the patio/parlor following worship for fellowship and coffee hour

Monday, Aug. 4, 2025
6:00pm - Church Council (please note time change)
Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2025
6-8:30pm - Evening VBS Camp
Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025
7-9:00pm - Prayer Shawl Ministry
Friday, Aug. 8, 2025
9:45am - Al-Anon
Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025
10:00am - A.A
Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025
8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service; Communion

9:30am – Outdoor Worship in the Woods & Live Streamed 2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

