



August 17, 2025



Rockport United Methodist Church

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ORDER OF WORSHIP
SERMON THEME: Back to Basics

August 17, 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: Come, beloved community, to the place where God's love is
made visible.

PEOPLE: *We come, bringing our joys and our sorrows, our hopes
and our fears.*

LEADER: Here, in the company of the faithful, we are reminded that
we do not walk alone.

PEOPLE: *We are bound together by the Spirit, strengthened by
the Word, and sustained by grace.*

LEADER: Like the early church, we gather to share bread and prayer,
to listen and to learn.

PEOPLE: *In worship, in service, in witness—we are knit together as
one body in Christ.*

LEADER: Let us come with open hearts and willing spirits.

PEOPLE: *For here we meet the Living God—in the warmth of
fellowship, in the power of community, in the beauty of
unity.*

ALL: *Come, let us worship the God who makes us one!*

*** HYMN**

"In Unity We Lift Our Song"

TFWS 2221, insert

*** UNISON PRAYER**

*God of unity and love, You have called us into fellowship with one
another and with You. Help us to see the gift in each other, to
share burdens and joys, and to work together for Your kingdom.
Strengthen our bonds, heal our disconnects, and deepen our
compassion. Make our community a living testimony of Your love in*

*the world. Through Christ, who gathers us together, we pray.
Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 133

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Roommates"
(Heading to the Light)

Mike & Lynn Wilkenson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer

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

Lord's Prayer

HYMN

"Bind Us Together"

TFWS 2226, insert
Sung through twice

SERMON

"The Power of Fellowship"

Pastor Tennille

*HYMN

"We Are Marching"

TFWS 2235-b, insert

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK: Join us on the patio/parlor following worship for fellowship and then head over to North Olmsted UMC for our picnic

Thursday, Aug. 21, 2025

7-9:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, Aug. 22, 2025

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025

10:00am – A.A

Sunday, Aug. 24, 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

