



**August 31, 2025**



**Rockport United Methodist Church**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SERMON THEME: Back to Basics**

August 31, 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: God's grace is a gift—free, unearned, overflowing.

**PEOPLE:** *From God's fullness we receive grace upon grace.*

LEADER: In Christ we are saved, not by our works but by His love.

**PEOPLE:** *We gather as one body, one family, one people of grace.*

LEADER: Come, beloved of God, clothed in compassion, kindness, and  
humility.

**PEOPLE:** *We gather as one body, bound together in Christ's love.*

LEADER: How good and pleasant it is when God's people dwell in  
unity.

**PEOPLE:** *It is like oil poured out, a blessing from the Lord.*

LEADER: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and let God's  
Word dwell richly among you.

**ALL:** *We come with gratitude, to sing, to pray, and to be  
renewed in the power of grace.*

**ALL:** *Let us worship the God of amazing grace!*

**\* HYMN**

*"In the Garden"*

UMH 314, insert

**\* UNISON PRAYER**

*God of abundant grace, we come before You as one body, united by  
Your Spirit and redeemed by Your grace. You clothe us with love  
and call us into peace. Forgive us when we choose bitterness over  
kindness, division over unity, or pride over humility. Draw us back  
to the cross, where grace flows freely for all. Help us to see one  
another as sisters and brothers, to bear one another's burdens,  
and to walk together in humility and love. Cover us again with  
compassion, gentleness, and patience. Let Your grace flow  
through us in our words, in our actions, in our life together. Make  
our church a living witness of Your grace; a community where*

*justice and mercy meet, and where all are welcomed at the table of Christ. 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

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

***Thanks be to God!***

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Lord of the Dance"*

Sydney Carter

Violin: Mary Beth Ions

## 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](http://rockportumc.org))

***Lord's Prayer***

## HYMN

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

UMH 384, insert

## SERMON

"The Power of Grace"

Pastor Tennille

## \*HYMN

*"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

TFWS 2223, 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	Dave Plachta
Ushers	Jeff Zullo & Kirk Sullenberger

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

**Monday, Sept. 1, 2025- Office Closed for Labor Day**

**Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025 – Office Closed**

**Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2025**

7:00pm – Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

**Thursday, Sept 4, 2025**

7-9:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, Sept. 5, 2025**

9:45am – Al-Anon

**Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025**

10:00am – A.A

**Sunday, Sept 7, 2025**

8:30-9:00am – Early Morning Service; Communion

9:30am – Outdoor Worship in the Woods & Live Streamed; Communion

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

