

October 5, 2025 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



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ORDER OF WORSHIP World Communion Sunday

October 5, 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: We come before God filled with an abundance of stories,

PEOPLE: We come eager to break bread and share the cup,

LEADER: We come as hope-filled people,

PEOPLE: We come seeking to reflect the graceful love of God,

LEADER: We come with a helping hand and generous heart,

PEOPLE: We come with an open heart waiting for Love to come in.

LEADER: We come yearning for mustard seed faith to blossom beyond the seedlings.

PEOPLE: We come knowing God's compassion will increase our faith.

LEADER: We come with assurance that Jesus truly loves us, **PEOPLE:** And that the Holy Spirit awakens and empowers us. LEADER: We come, with voices raised, eager to tell the world,

PEOPLE: On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand.

*HYMN

"My Hope is Built"

UMH 368

*UNISON PRAYER

O God, your world hungers for wisdom, patience and clarity as we struggle to live side by side with our neighbor. As we gather on this World Communion Sunday, we draw our sisters and brothers across the globe into our prayer circle. Guide our lives so that our faith may be a visible reminder of the love and compassion you have for all your children. Speak through us, inspire us, challenge us and empower us to be your vessels of gracious kindness. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer Offering Prayer

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 17:5-19 NRSVUE

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!" On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, 13they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

SERMON "By Your Faith" Rev. Dan Bryant

HYMN OF DEDICATION "Together We Serve" FWS 2175

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

***HYMN** *"We are Marching"* FWS 2235-b

*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 Susan Shick Music Director/Organist Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper Sara Chapman Sound/Video Scott Holchin Jeff Zullo Lector Keith Kopko and Beverly Cavanah **Ushers**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK: Join us after worship in the parlor for

fellowship & Coffee Hour

Monday, Oct. 6, 2025

6:00pm - Church Council

Tuesday, Oct. 7, 2025

6-7:20pm - Choir practice

7:30pm - Book Club

Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2025

7:00pm - Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

Friday, Oct. 10, 2025

9:45am - Al-Anon

Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025

10:00am - A.A

Sunday, Oct. 12, 2025

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

9:30am - Worship & Live Streamed

2-3:30pm - A.A. Book Club

