



October 12, 2025



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
SERMON THEME: Courage to Rise:
Healing, Hope and Resilience

October 12, 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

"Prelude in F-Major"

J.S. Bach

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Come, all who have felt the weight of fear, isolation, or harm.

PEOPLE: *We come to the God who sees us, hears us, and loves us.*

LEADER: The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

PEOPLE: *We gather to find safety in God's embrace and strength for the journey.*

LEADER: Christ came to proclaim freedom to the captives, to bind up the wounds of the oppressed, and to bring the lonely into a loving community.

PEOPLE: *We come as one body, trusting the healing love of Jesus Christ.*

LEADER: The Spirit of the Lord is in this place, bringing beauty for ashes and joy for mourning.

ALL: *We lift our voices in praise to the One who turns our sorrow into hope and our pain into peace!*

*** HYMN**

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

UMH 577

*** UNISON PRAYER**

God of mercy and steadfast love, You see every tear that has been shed in silence and hear every cry that has gone unheard by the world. We confess that too often we have turned away from the pain of those living in fear and danger. Forgive us, Lord, for our silence and inaction. Today we gather in your presence seeking your healing grace. Lift up the hearts of all who carry hidden wounds—those who have survived violence, those still seeking safety, and those rebuilding their lives with courage. Surround

them with your protecting arms, grant them renewed strength and hope, and remind them that they are never alone. Empower us as your people to be a refuge and a voice for justice, to stand with survivors and to break the chains of violence. God of new beginnings, turn our despair into dancing, our pain into purpose, and our fear into unshakable faith. Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and our Peace, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 27:1-5 NRSVUE

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 21:3-5 NRSVUE

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

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

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

Brian Doerksen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer

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

Lord's Prayer

HYMN

“You Are Mine”

FWS 2218

SERMON

“Love Shouldn't Hurt”

Pastor Tennille

* HYMN

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

UMH 375

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"Fugue in F-Major"

J.S. Bach

* Please stand as you are able

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in honor of the sixty-fourth Wedding Anniversary of Ernie and Mickey Hopp.

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	Bill Eyman
Ushers	Keith Kopko & Beverly Cavanah

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK: Join us after worship in the parlor for fellowship & Coffee Hour

Monday, Oct. 13, 2025

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2025

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

7:30pm – SPRC Consultations @ NOUMC

Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025

6-8:00pm – Good News Kids (Friendship and God's Love)

7:00pm – Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

Friday, Oct. 17, 2025

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, Oct. 18, 2025

10:00am – A.A

2-3:30pm – Trunk or Treat at NOUMC

4:30pm – Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 19, 2025

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

9:30am – Worship & Live Streamed; Laity Sunday Dan Newman preaching

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

2:00pm – Charge Conference @ Strongsville UMC