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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Laity Sunday

October 19, 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

"Shout To The Lord"

D. Zschech

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Where is God's Love?

People: ***Lord we know that your love is everywhere from the highest heaven to lowest underground.***

Leader: Let us worship the Lord.

People: ***We worship the Lord with open hearts and minds.***

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen us.

People: ***Lord strengthen us through the power of your Holy Spirit.***

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to dwell in our hearts.

People: ***Lord may Christ dwell in our hearts.***

Leader: Let us ask the Lord to grow in love.

People: ***Lord help us to grow in your love and be rooted in your grace to share your love to all that we encounter in person and in prayer.***

***HYMN**

"Jesus Loves Me

UMH 191

***UNISON PRAYER**

Holy Spirit, open our hearts to understand how precious we are to you, how loved we are by you. Open the eyes of our souls; to see the gifts you have put before us this day. Give us the grace to recognize each encounter with you. Teach us to respond in gratitude, to grow in gratitude. Teach us to be generous, as you are abundantly generous with us, and teach us to collaborate with you in serving all of our sisters and our brothers for your greater glory. Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and our Peace, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalms 139: 1-12 NIV

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Ephesians :3: 14 - 19 NIV

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

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

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Come and See"

M.H. Hamm

Arr. by Susan Shick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

"Pass It On"

UMH 572

SERMON

"Laity Sunday – Be Strong in the Spirit"

Dan Newman

Certified Lay Servant

***HYMN**

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH 261

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Lord of the Dance"

***Please stand as you are able**

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

Pastor

Lay Leader

Director of Christian Education/Youth

Music Director/Organist

Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper

Sound/Video

Lector

Ushers

Pastor Tennille Power

Dan Newman

Kira Cimino Holchin

Susan Shick

Sara Chapman

Scott Holchin

Samantha Skutnik

Keith Kopko & Jeff Zullo

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

TODAY: 2:00pm – Charge Conference at Strongsville UMC

Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2025

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

Wednesday, Oct. 22, 2025

7:00pm – Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

Thursday, Oct. 23, 2025

7-9:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, Oct. 24, 2025

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, Oct. 25, 2025

10:00am – A.A

4:30-6:30pm – Trunk or Treat

6-8:30pm – The Chosen Season 5 Dinner & a movie begins

Sunday, Oct. 26, 2025

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

9:30am – Worship & Live Streamed

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

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