



November 16, 2025



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
ThanksLIVING:
A Life Shaped by Gratitude

November 16, 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.)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Keith Kopko

PRELUDE

"Give Thanks"

H. Smith

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Come, people of God, with hearts ready to rejoice!

PEOPLE: We come to give thanks to the Lord, whose love never fails

LEADER: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

PEOPLE: In every season and circumstance, God remains faithful.

LEADER: When life is peaceful and when life is pressing,

PEOPLE: Our song is still the same: "Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!"

LEADER: We gather not because everything is perfect, but because our God is perfect in love.

PEOPLE: We gather not because life is easy, but because God's grace is sufficient.

LEADER: So come, let us worship the One who is good, whose faithfulness endures forever.

PEOPLE: With hearts full of praise and lives full of gratitude, we will bless the Lord at all times!

*** HYMN**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH 400

*** UNISON PRAYER**

Faithful and Loving God, You are constant in Your mercy, abundant in grace, and steadfast in love. We thank You for being our refuge when life is uncertain and being our strength when faith feels small.

Teach us to live each day in an attitude of gratitude; to see Your hand in every blessing, to trust Your heart in every challenge, and to honor You with lives that overflow with thanksgiving.

May our praise not depend on what we possess, or outcomes, but on who You are: our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sustainer. Shape us into people who rejoice always, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in all things.

We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, our source of joy and our song of salvation. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Habakkuk 3:17-19 NRSVUE

Though the fig tree does not blossom and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will exult in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer and makes me tread upon the heights. To the leader: with stringed instruments.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NRSVUE

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"A Joyous Psalm"

E. Butler

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

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

FWS 2031

SERMON

"Living Faith: Gratitude as a Way of Life"

Pastor Tennille

* HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH 139 vs. 1,2,5

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Kirchengesäng

* 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	Kira Holchin
Ushers	Kirk Sullenberger & Jeff Zullo

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

Monday, Nov. 17, 2025

7:00pm – Book Club

Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2025

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025

7:00pm – Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

Thursday, Nov. 20, 2025

7-9:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Friday, Nov. 21, 2025

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025

10:00am – A.A

6-8:30pm – Dinner & a Movie “The Chosen Season 5”

Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025 – STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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

9:30am – Worship & Live Streamed

10:30am – Stewardship Pancake Breakfast in Wesley Hall

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

