



**November 23, 2025**



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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**ThanksLIVING:**  
**A Life Shaped by Gratitude**

November 23, 2025

9:30am

GATHERING PRAISE MUSIC

St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

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

Ernie Hopp

PRELUDE

*"Give Thanks to The Lord"*

St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Come, people of God, with hearts ready to worship and  
hands ready to give.

***PEOPLE: We come to praise the One who has given us every good  
and perfect gift.***

LEADER: The Lord has showered us with blessings, seen and unseen,  
known and unknown.

***PEOPLE: Our cups run over with God's goodness and grace.***

LEADER: Today we celebrate gratitude that does not stop in our  
hearts but flows through our hands.

***PEOPLE: We come to sow generously, live joyfully, and give  
cheerfully.***

LEADER: For God is able to bless us abundantly,

***PEOPLE: So that in all things, at all times, having all that we need,  
we may abound in every good work.***

LEADER: Come, let us worship the God who gives seed to the sower  
and bread for food.

***PEOPLE: With grateful hearts and generous spirits, we worship  
the Lord!***

HYMN

*"The Feast Meant for Everyone"*

St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

UNISON PRAYER

***Gracious and Generous God, You are the Giver of every blessing,  
the Source of every resource, and the Provider of every need. Open***

*our eyes to see Your abundance all around us. Open our hearts to trust You more deeply. And open our hands to give freely, cheerfully, and faithfully. Teach us that generosity is not lost, but an act of worship that honors You. May our giving reflect our gratitude, our tithes reflect our trust, and our offerings reflect our obedience. Fill us with the joy that comes from sowing into Your kingdom and the peace that comes from knowing You supply every need. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Chronicles 29:11-14 NRSVUE

Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name. "But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Corinthians 9:6-11 NRSVUE

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us,

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

***Thanks be to God!***

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Grateful"*

St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer

(Place your offering and **pledge card** 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](http://website:rockportumc.org))

**Lord's Prayer**

## HYMN

*"Beautiful Is Your Love"*

St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

SERMON "Living Generous: Overflowing with Gratitude" Pastor Tennille

**\* HYMN**

*"How Great is Our God"*

St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir  
Words on screen, please sing along

**\* BENEDICTION/ BLESSING OF THE MEAL**

**POSTLUDE**

*"High Above Our Way"*

St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

\*Please stand as you are able

We are the St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir, also known as God's All Girl Garage Band. We have been friends since our school days and have been singing together in church for more years than we can count! We love singing with each other and enjoy doing music for all kinds of events, whether it's in church or on someone's back porch. We are honored and excited to be invited back again to sing at Rockport.

**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

Marian Banno

Ushers

Kirk Sullenberger & Jeff Zullo

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:** Join us after worship for our annual Stewardship Pancake Breakfast in Wesley Hall

**Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2025**

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

7:15pm – Finance meeting

**Thursday, Nov. 27, 2025 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**

**Friday, Nov. 28, 2025 – CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING**

9:45am – Al-Anon

**Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025**

10:00am – A.A

10:30am – Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, Nov. 30, 2025 –**

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

9:30am – Worship & Live Streamed

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club