



January 4, 2026

Epiphany Sunday



**Love Boldly**  
**Serve Joyfully**  
**Lead Courageously**

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 4, 2026

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: Come, people of God, created in love and called to live with courage.

*People: We come as those made in God's image, bearing sacred worth.*

Leader: Come, you who have known love and you who long for it.

*People: We come to receive God's bold and transforming love.*

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who calls us to love boldly.

*People: We come to worship, to learn, and to live our faith out loud.*

*All: Let us worship God together!*

#### \*HYMN

*"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"*

UMH 384

#### \*UNISON PRAYER

*Loving and faithful God, you created each of us in your image and breathed your Spirit into our lives. Open our hearts this day to receive your bold love. Teach us to see one another as you see us, with compassion, dignity, and grace. Shape us into a people who love without fear, welcome without condition, and live as witnesses to your transforming love. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ, who shows us what love looks like. Amen.*

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 1:26-27 NRSVUE

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humans in God's image, in the image of God they were created; male and female God created them.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:7-12 NRSVUE

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

***Thanks be to God!***

## ANTHEM

*"Born' Neath a Star  
with We Three Kings of Orient Are"*

C. Gray

## 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)

## HYMN

*"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"*

FWS 2223

## SERMON

*"Living the Vision through Love,  
Justice and Courage Love Boldly"*

Pastor Tennille

## HYMN

*"One Bread, One Body"*

UMH 620

## COMMUNION

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When directed by the ushers, please come forward by the center isle to receive communion by intinction. The altar rails are always available for prayer. Return to your seat by the outside isle. Individual cups also available up front.

## \*HYMN

*"O How I Love Jesus"*

UMH 170

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

\* Please stand as you are able

## **SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT**

Pastor	Pastor Tennille Power
Lay Leader	Dan Newman
Music Director/Organist	Susan Shick
Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper	Sara Chapman
Sound/Video	Scott Holchin
Lector	Ken Linden
Ushers	Beverly Cavanah & Keith Kopko

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:** Join us after worship in the parlor for fellowship and coffee hour

**Monday, Jan. 5, 2026**

7:00pm – Trustees

**Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026**

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

**Thursday, Jan. 8, 2026**

7-9:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, Jan. 9, 2026**

9:45am – Al-Anon

**Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026**

10:00am – A.A

5:00pm – Dinner & a Movie

**Sunday, Jan. 11, 2026**

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

9:30am – Worship & Live Streamed

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club