



January 18, 2026



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

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

January 18, 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      *"Give Us Clean Hands with Cleanse Me"*      C. Tornquist

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of justice, you hear the cries of the oppressed and the weary.

**People: Open our eyes to see the world as you see it.**

Leader: Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

**People: Holy Spirit, empower us to lead courageously.**

Leader: God says, "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

**People: Christ, go before us into every place of injustice, fear, and need.**

Leader: Today we remember witnesses like the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who followed Jesus into hard places, trusting that love is stronger than hate and light is stronger than darkness.

**People: Give us that same Spirit, that we may answer hatred with love, fear with faith, and despair with hope.**

Leader: God is still dreaming of a world made new; a world of justice rolling down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**People: Use us, O God, to love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously, for the transformation of the world.**

**All: Come, Holy spirit. Gather us, speak to us, and send us out as your courageous people. Let us worship God together in Spirit and in truth.**

### \*HYMN

*"We Shall Overcome"*

UMH 533

### \*UNISON PRAYER

*God of justice and peace, You have called us to be peacemakers in a divided world. You have shown us, through Jesus Christ, that love is stronger than hatred and hope is stronger than despair. Strengthen us to lead courageously, not with anger or fear, but with humility, truth,*

*and compassion. Give us the courage to stand where Christ stands, to speak when silence harms, and to act when love demands more of us.*

*Shape us into a community that reflects Your kingdom, where dignity is honored, where reconciliation is pursued, and where peace is built through justice and love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher, our healer, and our peace. Amen.*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Amos 5:21-24 NRSVUE

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them, and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:16-21 NRSVUE

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

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

***Thanks be to God!***

## ANTHEM

*"This Train Goes Marching In"*

S. Feldstein

## 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)

***Lord's Prayer***

## HYMN

*"Let There Be Peace on Earth"*

UMH 431

## SERMON

"Lead Courageously: A Faith Withstanding"

Pastor Tennille

\*HYMN

*"We Are Marching"*

FWS 2235-b

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*"Allein Gott"*

Armstorff

\* 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

Bill Eyman

Ushers

Jeff Zullo & Keith Kopko

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

**Monday, Jan. 19, 2026 – Church Office Closed for MLK Jr. Day**

**Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026**

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

7:15pm – Finance meeting

**Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026**

7-9:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Friday, Jan. 23, 2026**

9:45am – Al-Anon

**Saturday, Jan. 24, 2026**

10:00am – A.A

**Sunday, Jan. 25, 2026**

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

9:30am –Worship & Live Streamed

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

