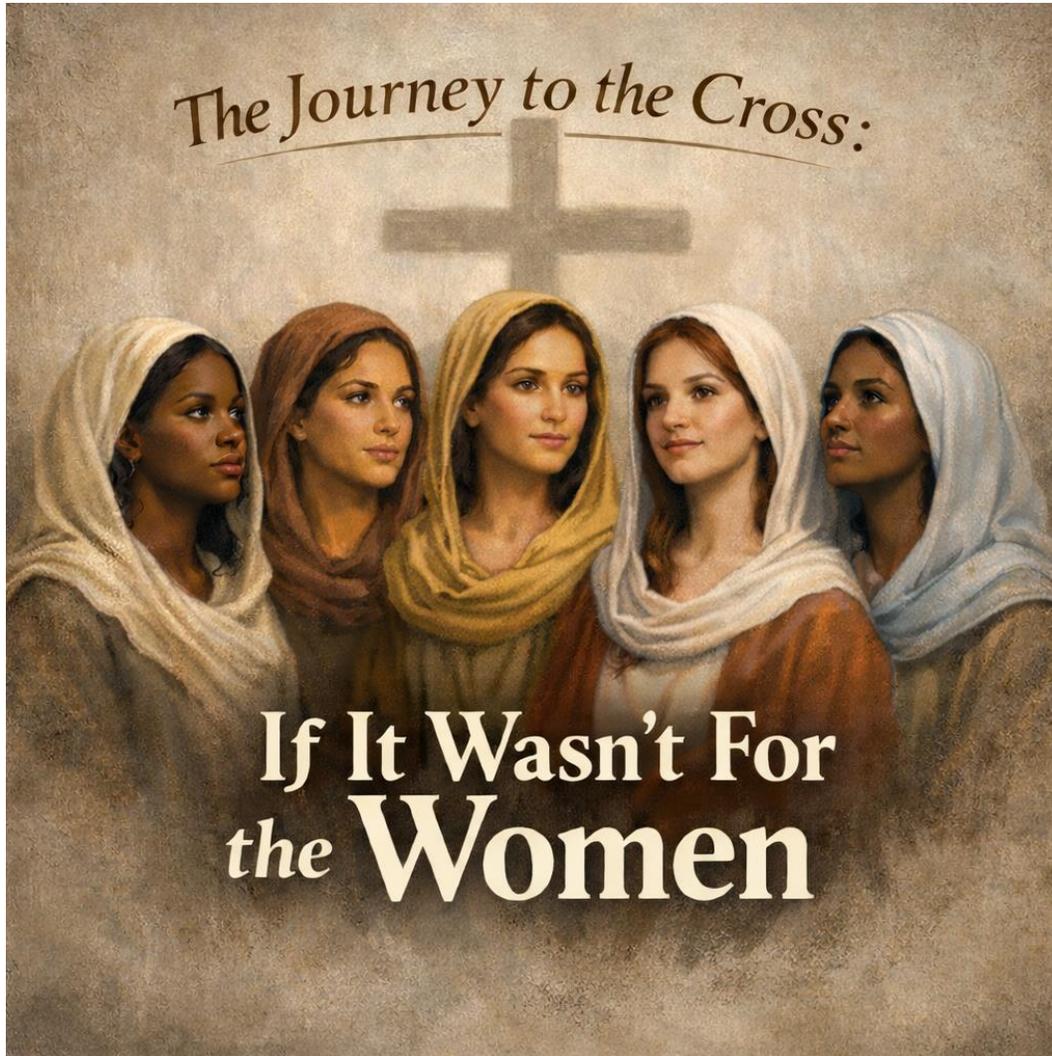




March 1, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sermon Series: The Journey to the Cross:
If It Wasn't For the Women

March 1, 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

"The Sweet By And By"

E.L. Ashford

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: In Galilee, before the crowds grew loud, women made a decision.

People: They chose to follow Jesus.

Leader: Some had been healed. Some had influence. Some had resources.

People: All had faith.

Leader: They walked dusty roads beside Jesus. They funded the ministry. They sustained the movement.

People: They were not spectators; they were disciples.

Leader: Today we remember just a few of their names.

People: Mary. Joanna. Susanna.

Leader: Today we remember our calling.

ALL: We, too, will follow.

***HYMN**

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

UMH 618

***UNISON PRAYER**

God of the women who followed, You saw them when society overlooked them. You healed them when others defined them by their wounds. You entrusted them with purpose and partnership. Create in us that same courage. When faith requires sacrifice, strengthen us. When discipleship feels inconvenient, steady us. When generosity stretches us, enlarge our hearts. Heal what has bound us. Redeem what has tried to label us. Call us beyond comfort into commitment. May our following be faithful. May our giving be joyful. May our lives sustain what You are building. In the name of Jesus, who welcomes women as disciples and friends, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 30:20-29 NRSVUE

When they go into the tent of meeting or when they come near the altar to minister to make an offering by fire to the LORD, they shall wash with water, so that they may not die. They shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they may not die: it shall be a perpetual ordinance for them, for him and for his descendants throughout their generations.”

The LORD spoke to Moses, “Take the finest spices: of liquid myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet-smelling cinnamon half as much, that is, two hundred fifty, and two hundred fifty of aromatic cane, and five hundred of cassia—measured by the sanctuary shekel—and a hin of olive oil, and you shall make of these a sacred anointing oil blended as by the perfumer; it shall be a holy anointing oil. With it you shall anoint the tent of meeting and the ark of the covenant and the table and all its utensils and the lampstand and its utensils and the altar of incense and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils and the basin with its stand; you shall consecrate them, so that they may be most holy; whatever touches them will become holy.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Luke 8:1-3 NRSVUE

Soon afterward he went on through one town and village after another, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod’s steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered to them out of their own resources.

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

Thanks be to God!

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

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

UMH 399

SERMON

“The Women Who Followed”

Pastor Tennille Power

ANTHEM

“In an Upper Room”

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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

“The Summons”

FWS 2130

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Lord, Dismiss Us”

E.L. Ashford

*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	Eileen Seppelt & Beverly Cavanah

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

7:00pm – Book Club

Friday, March 6, 2026

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, March 7, 2026

10:00am – A.A .

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

Sunday, March 8, 2026-Daylight Saving Time Begins (Spring Forward)

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

9:30am –Worship & Live Streamed

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

