



July 12, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sermon Theme: Thank You for Being a Friend:
Lessons in Faith from the Golden Girls

July 12, 2026

9:30am

WELCOME & 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, and remember the goodness of the Lord.

People: *We remember God's faithfulness through every generation.*

Leader: Through each stage of life, God has been our refuge.

People: *God's wisdom has guided us through every season.*

Leader: Teach us to treasure the voices of those who have gone before us.

People: *Teach us to become faithful examples for those who follow behind us.*

Leader: If any of you lacks wisdom,

People: *We will ask of God, who gives generously to all.*

Leader: Come, let us worship the One whose wisdom never fails.

All: *We come to worship the Ancient of Days, whose faithfulness endures forever!*

* HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451, insert

* UNISON PRAYER

God of every generation, You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Before we took our first breath, You were God. Long after we have finished our race, You will still be faithful.

We thank You today for the wisdom You have woven into the lives of Your people. Thank You for grandparents, church mothers, mentors, teachers, friends, and saints whose stories have pointed us toward Your goodness.

Open our hearts to receive Your wisdom today. Quiet every distraction, soften every stubborn place within us, and teach us to value not only knowledge, but understanding, discernment, and faithful living.

As we worship, remind us that every season of life has purpose, every generation has value, and every story can become a testimony of Your grace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Proverbs 4:5-9

Get wisdom; get insight: do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her, and she will keep you; love her, and she will guard you. The beginning of wisdom is this: get wisdom, and whatever else you get, get insight. Prize her highly, and she will exalt you; she will honor you if you embrace her. She will place on your head a fair garland; she will bestow on you a beautiful crown."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Titus 2:1-5

But as for you, teach what is consistent with sound instruction. Tell the older men to be temperate, serious, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love, and in endurance. Likewise, tell the older women to be reverent in behavior, not to be slanderers or enslaved to much wine; they are to teach what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be self-controlled, chaste, good managers of the household, kind, submissive to their husbands, so that the word of God may not be discredited.

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

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"I'm Still Here"
[Song for Jeff]

Mike Wilkenson
See insert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Prayer

(Place your offering in the treasure chest by the chapel, mail in your giving, or go to the GIVE tab on the website:rockportumc.org)

Lord's Prayer

HYMN

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140, insert

SERMON

"Sophia's Sacred Wisdom"

Pastor Tennille Power

*HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

UMH 77, insert

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* Please stand as you are able

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

Pastor	Tennille Power
Music Director/Organist	Susan Shick
Church Office Administrator/Bookkeeper	Sara Chapman
Sound/Video	Scott Holchin
Lector	Marian Banno
Ushers	Emily Paige, Keith & Nathan Kopko

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK: Join us on the patio/parlor following worship for fellowship and coffee hour

Friday, July 17, 2026

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, July 18, 2026

10:00am – A.A

Sunday, July 19, 2026

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

10:00am – Combined Rockport/North Olmsted Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

11:00am – Potluck brunch with North Olmsted UMC

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

