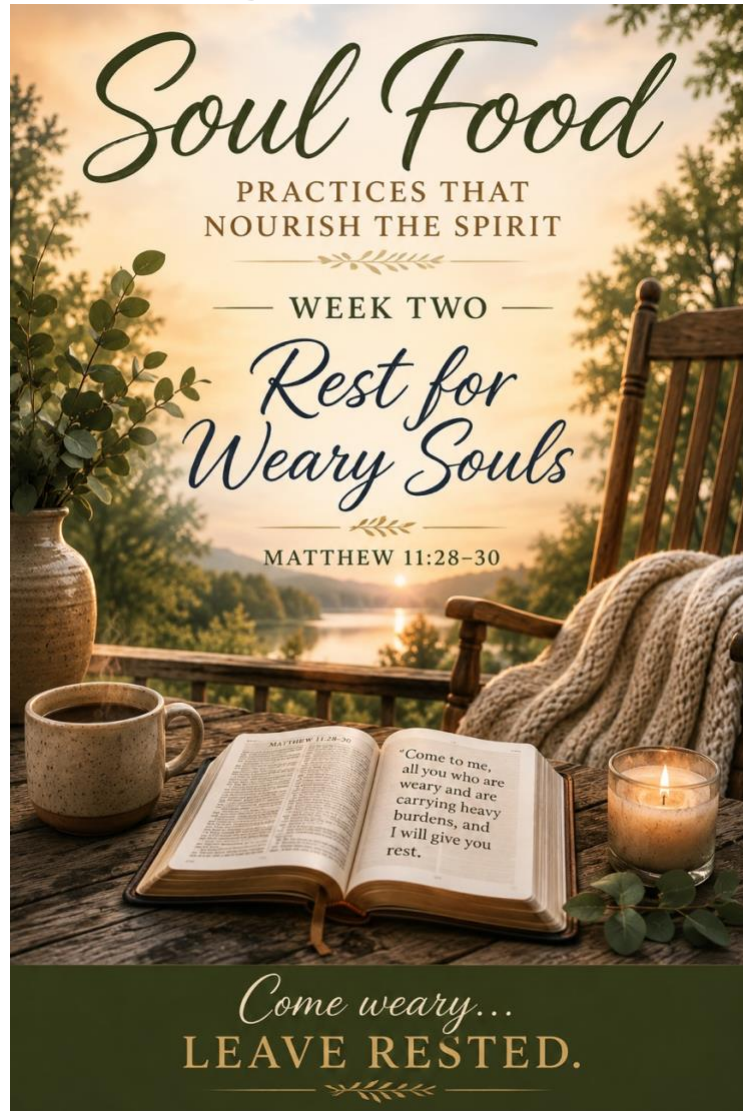




August 9, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP
Sermon Theme: Soul Food
Practices That Nourish the Spirit

August 9, 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, all who are weary.

People: *We come seeking the rest only Christ can give.*

Leader: Come, all who carry heavy burdens.

People: *We lay our burdens at the feet of Jesus.*

Leader: Come, all who have been striving, worrying, and running.

People: *We come to receive God's peace.*

Leader: God prepares a place of rest for every weary soul.

All: *Let us worship the One who renews our strength and restores
our spirits.*

*** HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision"

UMH 451, insert

*** UNISON PRAYER**

God of Sabbath and stillness,

*We arrive carrying responsibilities, worries, deadlines, disappointments,
and expectations. Some of us are physically tired. Some of us are
emotionally drained. Some of us are spiritually exhausted. Yet, You have
not called us here to perform. You have called us here to rest. Quiet our
racing thoughts. Slow our hurried hearts. Help us remember that we are
loved not because of what we accomplish, but because we belong to You.*

*Meet us in this sacred hour, renew our strength, and remind us that
Your grace is enough for every burden we carry. In Christ's name we
pray. Amen.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 4: 3b-11 MSG Translation

God made that vow, even though he'd finished *his* part before the foundation of the world. Somewhere it's written, "God rested the seventh day, having completed his work," but in this other text he says, "They'll never be able to sit down and rest." So this promise has not yet been fulfilled. Those earlier ones never did get to the place of rest because they were disobedient. God keeps renewing the promise and setting the date as *today*, just as he did in David's psalm, centuries later than the original invitation: Today, please listen, don't turn a deaf ear . . . And so this is still a live promise. It wasn't canceled at the time of Joshua; otherwise, God wouldn't keep renewing the appointment for "today." The promise of "arrival" and "rest" is still there for God's people. God himself is at rest. And at the end of the journey we'll surely rest with God. So let's keep at it and eventually arrive at the place of rest, not drop out through some sort of disobedience.

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

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Medley:

Rockport Ramblers

"Church In the Wildwood" "I'll Fly Away" & "Pass It On"

Guitars, Harmonica, Piano & Singers

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

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

FWS 2128, insert

SERMON

"Rest for the Weary Souls"

Pastor Tennille Power

***HYMN**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

UMH 526, 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

Kirk Sullenberger and Lynn Wilkenson

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

Friday, Aug. 14, 2026

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, August 15, 2026

10:00am – A.A

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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

9:30am – Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

4-6:00pm – Nehemiah Mission with NOUMC

