



September 6, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sermon Theme: This is Home: Belong. Believe. Become.

September 6, 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: We come from different places, carrying different stories.

People: *Yet God has gathered us into one family.*

Leader: Some come full of faith. Some come carrying questions. Some are searching for a place to belong.

People: *And still, God says, "There is a place for you here."*

Leader: We are many members, but by the grace of God, we are one body.

People: *Different gifts. Different stories. Different journeys. One body in Christ.*

Leader: In this house, there is room to grow.

People: *In this house, there is room to believe.*

Leader: In this house, there is room to become.

All: *This is home. We belong. We believe. We are becoming. Let us worship God!*

* HYMN

"We Are the Church"

UMH ,558 vs. 1-4 insert

* UNISON PRAYER

Gracious and welcoming God,

You have called us from many places and gathered us into one body.

Some of us have been part of this community for generations. Some have only recently walked through the doors. Some know exactly where they fit, and some are still searching.

But before we knew where we belonged, you called us yours.

Make this church a home where grace is abundant, questions are welcomed, gifts are discovered, wounds can heal, laughter can be heard, and every person knows there is room for them.

Teach us not simply to come to church, but to be the church—a people who belong to Christ and therefore make room for one another.

May we belong more deeply, believe more boldly, and become more fully the people you have created us to be.

In the name of Jesus, who always made room at the table, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:7-14

For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back; I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path where they shall not stumble, for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him and will keep him as a shepherd does a flock." For the LORD has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Ephesians 2:17-22

So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God. This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC

"To Where You Are"

Marx & Thompson

Piano: Susan Shick

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]

HYMN *"Blest Be the Ties that Bind"* UMH 557, insert

SERMON "There's A Place for You Here" Pastor Tennille Power

HYMN *"In Remembrance of Me"* FWS 2254, insert

COMMUNION See insert

(When directed by the ushers, please come forward for the communion elements by intinction. Individual cups and gluten free cups are also available.)

***HYMN** *"The Church's One Foundation"* UMH 545,
vs. 1, 2 & 5 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	Dave Plachta
Ushers	Eileen Seppelt & Tim Gleason

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

Monday, Sept. 7, 2026- Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8- Wednesday, Sept. 9, 2026 – Church Office Closed

Friday, Sept. 11, 2026

9:45am - Al-Anon

Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

10:00am - A.A

Sunday, Sept. 13, 2026

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

9:30am –Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club