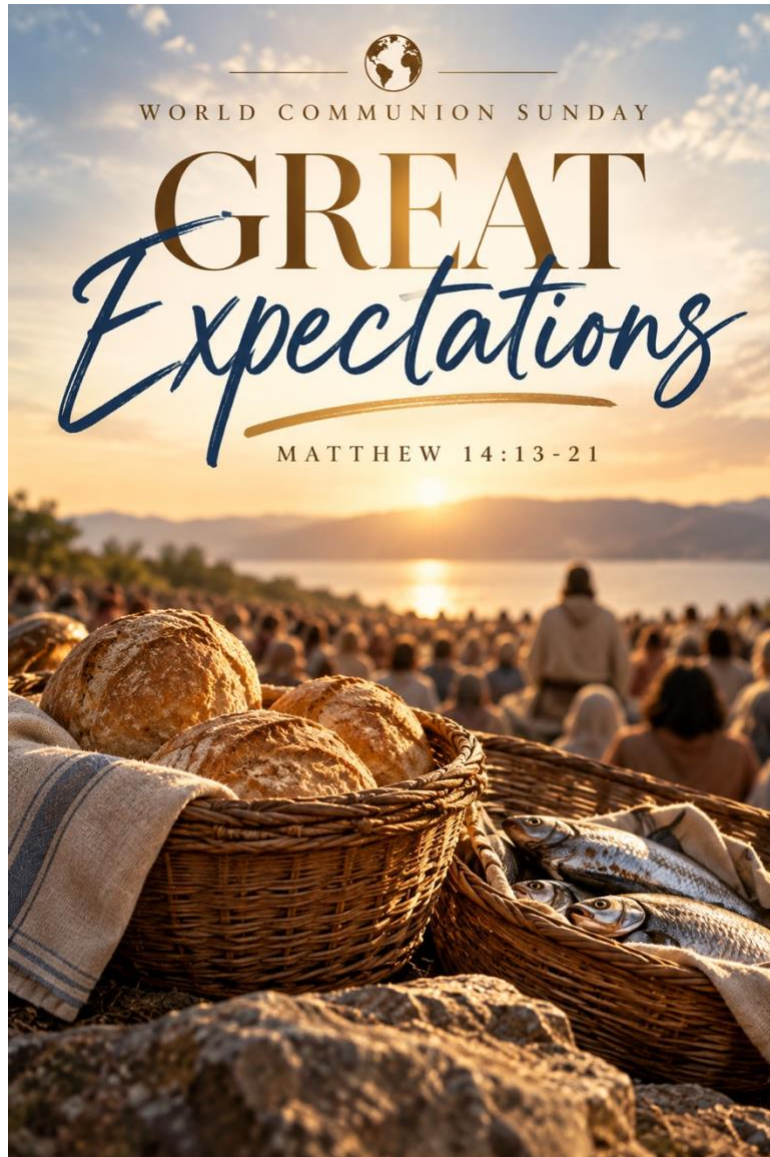




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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 4, 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

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Traditional American Tune

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From east and west, north and south, God gathers us.

People: *We come as one body, welcomed by one Christ.*

Leader: Some come with plenty. Some come carrying needs. Some come wondering whether there will be enough.

People: *And still Jesus says, "Bring what you have to me."*

Leader: Christ takes what is offered, blesses it, breaks it, and shares it.

People: *And in the hands of Christ, there is enough.*

Leader: Today we gather with siblings in Christ around the world; different languages, different cultures, different traditions, but one table.

All: *Come, let us worship the God who makes room for us all!*

* HYMN

"Christ for the World We Sing"

UMH 568

* UNISON PRAYER

God of every nation and every people, gather us around your table today. Open our eyes to see beyond the boundaries that divide us. Take what we bring, our gifts, our differences, our hopes, even our inadequacies, and place them in the hands of Jesus. Bless us, break open our hearts, and give us nourishment for a hungry world. Remind us that in your kingdom, there is room, there is grace, and there is enough. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Taste and See"

Nolan & Fair

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Kings 4:42-44

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

"Marching to Zion"

UMH 733

***GOSPEL READING**

Matthew 14:13-21

SERMON

"Great Expectations"

Rev. David Hill

*** RESPONSIVE READING**

Isaiah 55:1-5

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!

People: *Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.*

Leader: Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy?

People: *Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.*

Leader: Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live.

People: *I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.*

Leader: See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of the peoples.

People: *Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations that do not know you will hasten to you,*

All: *Because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.*

*** COMMUNION**

See screens

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**

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing"

UMH 671

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

Early American Melody

* 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

Dan Newman

Ushers

Keith Kopko & Emily Paige

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

Monday, Oct 5, 2026

7:30pm – Church Council

Tuesday, Oct 6, 2026

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

Wednesday, Oct 7, 2026

7:00pm – Book Club

Friday, Oct 9, 2026

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, Oct 10, 2026

10:00am – A.A

Sunday, Oct 11, 2026

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

9:30am – Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed;

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club