



October 18, 2026



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 18, 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

*"Wonderful Words of Life
with 'Thy Word' "*

C. Tornquist

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, people of God, into the presence of the One who knows us
completely and loves us unconditionally.

People: *We come to worship the God who sees us.*

Leader: When our bodies are strong and when our bodies are weary,

People: *God sees us and calls us beloved.*

Leader: When the road is uncertain, when answers are delayed, and when
hope feels distant,

People: *God walks beside us through every season of life.*

Leader: We gather today remembering that our worth is not measured by
our health, our strength, or our circumstances.

People: *We are wonderfully made, deeply loved, and sacred in God's sight.*

Leader: So let us worship with gratitude, compassion, and hope!

All: *For the God who created us is the God who knows us, loves us, and
never abandons us. Amen!*

* HYMN

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UMH 139

* UNISON PRAYER

God of creation, compassion, and everlasting love,

*We gather in your presence with grateful hearts, knowing that you see
us just as we are. You know every part of our lives; the places where we
feel strong, the places where we feel vulnerable, and the places where we
long for healing and peace.*

*Today, we give thanks for the sacred gift of life and for the bodies
through which we experience your creation. Remind us that our worth is*

not determined by our health, our appearance, or our ability to do what we once could.

May this worship be a place of encouragement for those facing illness, comfort for those carrying grief, and gratitude for those celebrating new beginnings. Open our hearts to your Word and teach us to see one another with the same compassion with which you see us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our peace, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139:13-18

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. This is the Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

"Amazing Grace"

Early American Melody

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)

Lord's Prayer

HYMN

"He Touched Me"

UMH 367

SERMON

"God Sees Me:
My Body is Sacred"

Pastor Tennille Power

*HYMN

"Blessed Assurance"

UMH 369

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Blessed Assurance"

* 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

Ken Linden

Ushers

Jerry Lewis & Emily Paige

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

Tuesday, Oct 20, 2026

6-7:20pm – Choir practice

Friday, Oct 23, 2026

9:45am – Al-Anon

Saturday, Oct 24, 2026

10:00am – A.A

10:30am – All Church Charge Conference & Rocky River UMC

Sunday, Oct 25, 2026

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

9:30am – Outdoor Worship & Live Streamed; St. Teresa Contemporary Choir play/sing

2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club

4-6:00pm – Sensory friendly Trunk and Treat

