Rockport UMC

October 25, 2026

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 25, 2026 9:30am

GATHERING PRAISE MUSIC St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

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 *"Blessed Are You Lord"* St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, people of God! We gather in the presence of the One who sees our struggles and hears our cries.

People: ***We come to worship the God who never abandons us!***

Leader: When life's burdens become too heavy to carry alone,

People: ***God calls us into a community of love and compassion.***

Leader: When obstacles stand in the way of healing, dignity, and hope,

People: ***God gives us courage to make a way!***

Leader: When the world tells us to turn away from suffering,

People: ***Christ calls us to draw near and extend a helping hand.***

Leader: Today, we celebrate a love that sees, a faith that acts, and a hope that rises!

All: ***We are stronger together! We are called to love together! And by the grace of God, we rise together! Amen!***

HYMN *"You Are Welcome Here"* St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

***UNISON PRAYER**

God of grace, compassion, and everlasting love,

We gather today with grateful hearts, knowing that you meet us wherever we are.

Some of us come rejoicing, while others carry burdens that cannot be seen. Some are celebrating new beginnings, while others are longing for healing, strength, or peace.

Remind us that we were never created to journey through life alone.

Open our eyes to recognize the needs of others. Open our hearts to respond with compassion. And strengthen our hands to become instruments of your love.

May this worship remind us that every person has sacred worth, every story matters, and every life deserves dignity.

Move among us today, O God, and transform us into a people who do more than speak of love. Transform us into a people who put love into action.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other, but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Galatians 6:2-10

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

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

Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Beautiful Is Your Love"* St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

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 *"Keep Me In Your Heart"* St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

SERMON	"We Rise Together"	Pastor Tennille Power
HYMN	*"We will Follow"*	St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	*"New Creation"*	St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir

*Please stand as you are able

We are the St. Teresa's Contemporary Choir, also known as God's All Girl Garage Band. We have been friends since our school days and have been singing together in church for more years than we can count! We love singing with each other and enjoy doing music for all kinds of events, whether it's in church or on someone's back porch. We are honored and excited to be invited back again to sing at Rockport.

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

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

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

Monday, Oct 26, 2026
1:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry
Tuesday, Oct 27, 2026
6-7:20pm – Choir practice
Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2026
7:00pm – Journey Through the Gospel of Luke
Friday, Oct 30, 2026
9:45am – Al-Anon
Saturday, Oct 31, 2026
10:00am – A.A
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026
8:30-9:00am – Early Morning Service; Communion
9:30am –Worship & Live Streamed; All Saints Sunday; choir sings
2-3:30pm – A.A. Book Club