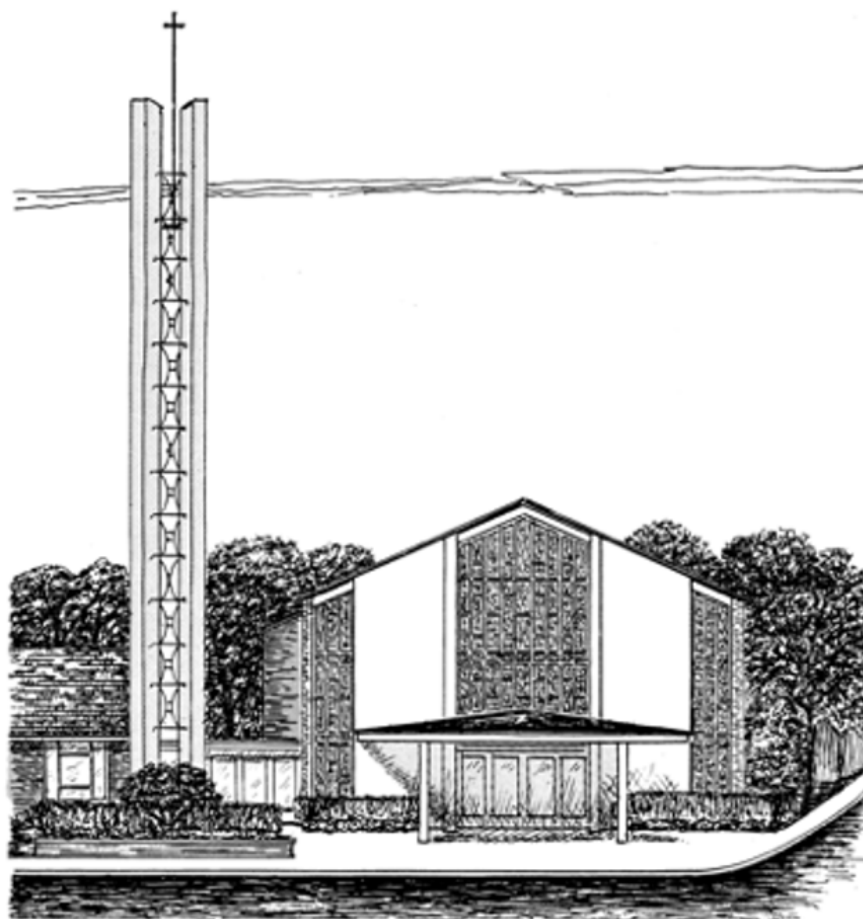


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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021

10:00 am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (People's response in **bold**.)

LEADER: I will bless the Lord at all times; God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PEOPLE: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

LEADER: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God's name together.

PEOPLE: I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

LEADER: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

PEOPLE: Happy are those who take refuge in God. –From Psalm 34

HYMN

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

UMH 452, insert

UNISON PRAYER

Great and loving God, we thank you for the teachings and life of Jesus Christ through whom we come to know you. We acknowledge that sometimes what we learn from him is difficult, Lord. We are not readily given to self-denial or cross-bearing, so we ask for faith and courage to follow in the ways of Jesus. Give us a bolder vision of who we can be in you. Grant us deeper compassion for others that our selfishness might not overwhelm us. Inspire us to love and give to others as a thankful response to your love and gifts for us. For the sake of Christ we pray. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:46-52 NIV

Blind Bartimaeus Receives His Sight

⁴⁶Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, "Call him."

So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." ⁵⁰Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see."

⁵²"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

This is the Word of God for the People of God

Thanks be to God

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US**OFFERTORY**

(Place your offering in the treasure chest at the back of the church, mail in your giving or go to the GIVE tab on the website:rockportumc.org)

HYMN "Open My Eyes, That I May See" UMH 454, insert

SERMON "Insight Into Discipleship" Rev. Don Kraps

HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" UMH 451, insert

UNISON BENEDICTION

We have seen you, heard from you, and experienced you today. We are not the same as we were when we entered this place. So, as we go, let us not forget. Bring reminders to our minds and hearts throughout our week of your calling on our lives. Let us see you in our homes, our work, our schools and our play. May each of those places be different because we bring you into them with us. Thank you for always going before us. We look forward to following you into all that we do this week. Amen.

POSTLUDE**SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT**

Pastor
Director of Christian Education/Youth
Lay Leader
Music Director/Organist
Church Office Administrator
Lector
Sound/Video

Rev. Don Kraps
Kira Cimino Holchin
Jim Spallino
Susan Shick
Sara Chapman
Scott Welsh
Scott Holchin

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021**

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service
10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2021

6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
7:00pm - Bible Study
8:00pm - SPRC consultation with Dr. Bailey

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021

6:30-8:00pm - Good News Kids & Youth Halloween Party

Friday, Oct. 29, 2021

9:45am - Al-Anon

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service
10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed

PRAYER CONCERNS:

Jim Spallino, Roy & Joy and Family, Brandy, Jackie, Ginley, The family of Dexter, Rev. Laurie Bruce, Matt, Nancy Geyer, Pam Schmidbauer, The Family of Connie Clyde, Karen, Helen Miller, Ron, The Family of Dan Rosette, Mary Jane Keeler, Vickie Smilanich, Betty Jones, Pearl Biscotti, Dan Rice, Vicki Moenich, Erna Guia, Keel Arlia, Vicki Moenich, Sara, Norma Golladay, Joyce, Lynn Burris, Mary Mainwaring, Douglas MacMillan, Bill Bowers, Donny Nally, Katie Patton, Dennis, Jan Tietje and those serving our country!

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHARGE CONFERENCE: All District Charge Conference is **Saturday, November 13th, 10:30am**, via Zoom. All are welcome.

IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY: REVIVAL - FAITH AS WESLEY LIVED IT! TUESDAY'S FROM 7 - 8 P.M. OCT 13 - NOV. 17. We will have the Bible Study in the Prayer Chapel. We are very thankful to God for the opportunity to learn more about God's Word and a Faithful Servant of God - John Wesley. Wesley's message and his faith continue to speak to 21st-century Christians—calling for a revival of our hearts and souls so that our world might be changed. Join Bill Eyman and Dan Newman and author, Adam Hamilton, for a six-week journey as he travels to England, following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. Wesley's story is our story. It defines our faith and it challenges us to rediscover our spiritual passion in becoming mature disciples of Jesus Christ. All are welcome and encouraged to attend! Blessings!

CHOIR: Enjoy singing? Enjoy laughing? Enjoy being part of a group? Want to be a part of Worship? Then consider joining choir. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30pm – 7:30pm. We sing twice a month at the 10:00am worship. Hope to see you there!

COVID RECOMMENDATIONS: As we worship together, we want to ensure that everyone is safe and remains healthy (especially the immunocompromised and our unvaccinated kids). After meeting on Sunday, before Worship, it was decided that everyone is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO WEAR MASKS WHILE IN THE BUILDING AND TO SOCIALLY DISTANCE YOURSELF FROM OTHERS.**

BOOK CLUB: Please join us on Monday, November 1st at 7pm in the church parlor. We will be reading *Homeland Elegies* by Ayad Akhtar. *Homeland Elegies* is about an immigrant father and his son who search for belonging – in post-Trump America, and with each other. I will be picking this book discussion kit up from Rocky River Library this weekend. This kit includes 8 copies of this book, which will be available in the church office on Monday, Sept. 27th. There will be a sheet to sign the book out so I can keep track of who has a book. Hope to see you all on November 1st for fellowship and discussion!

SPAGHETTI DINNER DRIVE THRU SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 4:00-8:00PM

Volunteers Needed

All volunteers will wear masks and gloves.

Contact the church office with your volunteer selection.

- Package salad dressing
- Package food
- Package drive thru orders
- Drive thru greeter, collect \$
- Food order runner
- Deliver to homebound, police and fire departments
- Bake dessert

Pre-order information will be available soon.

SPAGHETTI SAUCE & MEATBALLS DRIVE-THRU FUNDRAISER FOR NEHEMIAH MISSION: Saturday, November 6, 2021 4 to 8p.m. Drop off form or call church with order - 440-331-9433!

ORDER FORM	unit	cost	quantity	cost
Spaghetti Sauce Qt.	@ \$10	x	_____	= \$ _____
4 Meatballs in Sauce Qt.	@ \$10	x	_____	= \$ _____
8 Meatball Qt.	@ \$10	x	_____	= \$ _____
Celery seed dressing 16oz	@ \$10	x	_____	= \$ _____
 Spaghetti Dinner (spaghetti, sauce & 2 meatballs)	@ \$10	x	_____	= \$ _____
 Side salad with dressing	@ \$3	x	_____	= \$ _____
Dessert	@ \$3	x	_____	= \$ _____
			TOTAL:	= \$ _____

Name: _____
 Phone: _____

We welcome you to stop by the Prayer Tent! Feel free to pray, journal, worship, sit, kneel, stand, rejoice, mourn, and everything in-between! Pray in the way that is comfortable to you. This is YOUR quiet time with God.