

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

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César Franck (1822-1890)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

GREETING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, connect us anew to you this hour. Open us to your ways that are life-giving.

Encourage us to listen to your Spirit and to worship you with our entire being. Amen.

CHORAL INTROIT

Day by Day

Harold Friedell (1905-1958)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:

to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly.

-Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 29)

Pastor: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name; worship the Lord in holy splendor.

Pastor: May the Lord give strength to God's people.

People: May the Lord bless God's people with peace!

Pastor: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 10

Sing Glory to the Name of God

Lasst uns erfreuen

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We know what it is like to be singed by the flames of our lives, Holy God. We look for ourselves in all the wrong places - success, power, adulation. We carve our names in the granite walls of work, hoping we will be remembered when we are gone. We have gone through the waters of baptism, but live as if they have not changed us.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

**Please stand as you are able.*

O God of our lives, we need to hear your sure word, "Do not fear." Our failures do not cause you to quit loving us, for you continue to claim us, gathering us up in your compassionate arms. In our baptism, we discover not the end, but the first step of our journey with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

David N. Johnson, 1972; adapt.

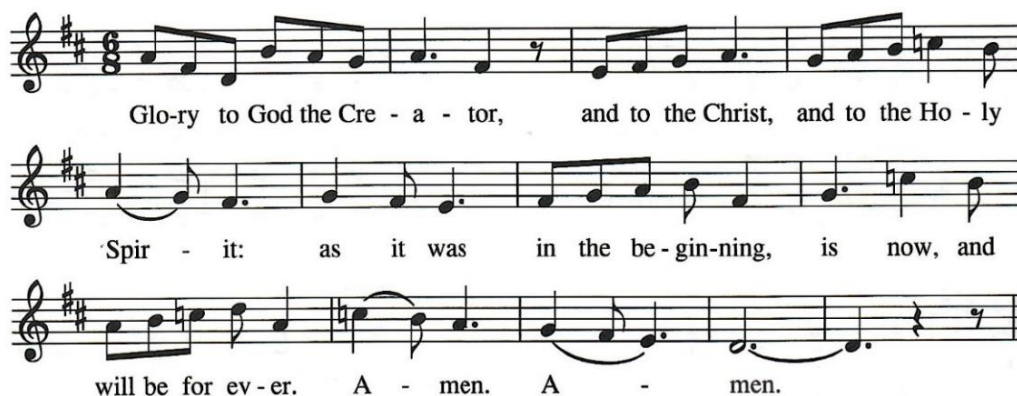
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

-Greek, 5th century; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Glo-ry to God the Cre - a - tor, and to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly
Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and
will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men.

-3rd/4th century Latin; transl.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR LUKE ALEXANDER WINSLOW

(Please refrain from taking photographs.)

STATEMENT ON BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Deacon: Do you, on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Luke by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his Church?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(congregation standing)*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, almighty God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness you give us the sign of water.

People: At the beginning, your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water, you nourish and sustain all living things.

Pastor: In the time of Noah, you cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

People: In the waters of the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.

Pastor: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Luke, that he may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

People: To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Deacon: Receive the light of Christ; you have passed from darkness into light.

People: **You have been enlightened with Christ; walk always as a child of the light.**

RESPONSE (*sung by all*)

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

This setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 377, the first stanza.

Children age 4 through Grade 5 may go to Sunday School classes during the singing of this response.

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

-Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

Dolores Eyler, lay reader

(Pew Bible: Old Testament, p. 672)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:7-22

(Pew Bible: New Testament, p. 60)

SERMON

"What Then Should We Do?"

Dr. Miller

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever...

AMEN (*sung by the choir*)

John Stainer (1840-1901)

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP 2025

Elder Young Kim

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

(Please visit ryepc.com/give/ or scan the QR Code in our announcements to give online.)

ANTHEM FOR SOLO VOICES, CHOIR, AND ORGAN

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love

Everett Titcomb (1884-1968)

Susan Chassagnoux, soprano; Philip Pacelli, tenor

Jesus! Name of wondrous love! Name all others names above!

Unto which must every knee bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name decreed of old, to the maiden mother told,
kneeling in her lowly cell, by the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth to the fallen sons of earth,
for the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save!"

-William W. How (1823-1897)

These words paraphrase the accounts in Matthew and Luke announcing what Jesus was to be named.

At Baptism, the minister asks the parents of the child, "By what name shall this child be called?"

The initial musical motif employed is a descending minor third, one used in many cultures to call a child, especially one whose name has two syllables; e.g., Jesus.

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

The music for this setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 606.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

-Thomas Ken, 1674; alt.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Ar hyd y nos

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN *(All are invited into the chancel to listen to the postlude.)*

Postlude on *Aberystwyth*

Ashley Grote (b. 1982)

As there are many names for children, so, too, are there many names for God. This exploration of the Welsh tune set to Thomas Troeger's text, printed in the hymnal at no. 11, Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud, serves this day to provide musical color to some of the many names for and tenets of God

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. You may go to ryepc.com/im-new/ and fill out the welcome form online.

If you or a family member need to step out of the sanctuary during worship, please feel free to do so. There is live audio from the service in the narthex at the back of sanctuary and live video in the church library.

To help children feel welcomed and engaged during worship, Rainbow Bags – filled with crayons, books, and coloring pages – are located in boxes at each sanctuary entrance door.

Please return Rainbow Bags following worship.

The sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop assistive listening system.
To access the system, please switch your hearing aid setting to “T” (telephone).

Participating in worship:

Teddy Higgins, crucifer

Carl Friedrich, Val Leishman, Cole Thomas, and Julia Thomas, ushers

TODAY

Coffee Hour will take place in the Assembly Room.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel

High School Youth Service Trip Information Session, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room

Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Youth Rooms

Men’s Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library

THIS WEEK

Monday, January 13

6:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting – Zoom

7:30 p.m. Co-Pastor Nominating Committee – Conference Room

Tuesday, January 14

1:00 p.m. Women’s Discipleship – Library / Zoom

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision – Westminster Room / Conference Room

7:30 p.m. Moms’ Bible Study - Library

Wednesday, January 15

3:45 p.m. Children’s Choir – Westminster Room

5:30 p.m. Middle School Connection – Youth Rooms

8:00 p.m. High School Youth Service Trip Registration – Website

Thursday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

GENERAL NOTICES



CHILDCARE

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for children 3 months to 3 years old while parents attend worship services. Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing. If you have any questions, please reach out to Anne Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.



GIVING AT RPC

Online donation options are available through our website at ryepc.com/give/. Scan the attached QR code to access our giving page. Contact Maida Robinson at 914-967-0842 x12, or mrobinson@ryepc.com with any questions. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the church.*



COMING HOME IS BACK

The 2025 program will begin on Thursday, February 6. Coming Home seeks to empower those who are returning to the community from incarceration. The 18-week program offers several volunteer opportunities, including serving as mentors who are paired with participants, as well as cooks who prepare and serve the evening meal. If you are interested in serving contact Program Coordinator, Kevin Bunch, at 914-473-2221 or by email at savedmedic2001@yahoo.com.



WEST COAST SWING DANCE CLASSES

Every Thursday, from 6-7 p.m., in the RPC Assembly Room

Taught by Dance Instructor Christopher Bledsoe

\$20/person/session – all levels welcome!

www.westie-night-out.com

Brought to RPC by the Fellowship and Formation Committee.

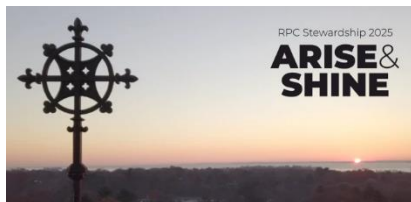
Contact Carol Love at cloveny5@gmail.com for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE TRIP

Information Session Today, 11:15 a.m., Westminster Room

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for our High School Youth Service Trip! This year we will be partnering with the Indigenous Oglala Lakota Tribe and spending a week at Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. If you are interested in joining us, please come to today's information session following worship. Registration will go live on the church website on Wednesday, January 15, at 8:00 p.m., at <https://ryepc.com/article/high-school-youth-service-trip/>. Participation will be limited to twelve youth. If you have any questions, please email Anne Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Your Stewardship 2025 mailing will be arriving soon!

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of your gifts to the mission and ministry of your church - and how together we will Arise and Shine in 2025!

You are invited to bring your pledge card to worship on Commitment Sunday, January 26, 2025.

If you are unable to attend on Commitment Sunday, you can mail in your pledge card, or you can make your pledge online by visiting our website: ryepc.com/stewardship-2025/.

Your Stewardship Committee:

Sarah Barringer, Dick Bott, Young Kim, Scot Stevens, Chris Winston, Dan Love, and John Miller



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Day by Day

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Postlude on *Aberystwyth*

Music: Ashley Grote

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and you'll connect with a mental health professional through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.*