

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Adoration

Florence Price (1887-1953)

A good portion of the music offered in worship services this February serves to celebrate Black History Month. Beyond her music for organ and choir, Florence Price's place in history is that she holds the distinction of being the first black female composer to have a major work, her Symphony in E Minor, premiered by a major American orchestra: The Chicago Symphony Orchestra, on June 15, 1933.

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

*O Lord Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life:
Do not let us stray from you, the Way,
nor to distrust you, the Truth,
nor to rest in anything other than you, the Life. Amen.*

-Desiderius Erasmus (1466-1536)

CHORAL INTROIT

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me

arr. Roland M. Carter (b. 1942)

Let the heaven light shine on me, for low is the way to the upper bright world. Amen.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness.

Pastor: Come into God's presence with singing!

People: For the Lord is a gracious God,

Pastor: whose mercy is everlasting;

People: and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.

All: Let us worship God.

***HYMN (inside back cover)** Thanks to God Whose Word Was Spoken

Lauda anima

**Please stand as you are able.*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, your goodness knows no bounds. You created this beautiful world we call home; you fashioned each of us from the dust of the earth; you gave to us life and life abundant. Yet our vision has become small. We fail to acknowledge your creative and life-giving presence in our lives and in others. We hear your call, but turn from you, trusting in our own wisdom and power.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Forgive us, O God; pardon us and redeem us. By the strength of your Holy Spirit, give to each of us a clean heart. Renew in us a clear sense of your love, grace, and purpose, seen in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Leon C. Roberts (1950-1999)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

-Greek, 5th/6th century; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Believe the good news of the gospel!

People: As far as the east is from the west – so far has God removed our sin from us.

Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

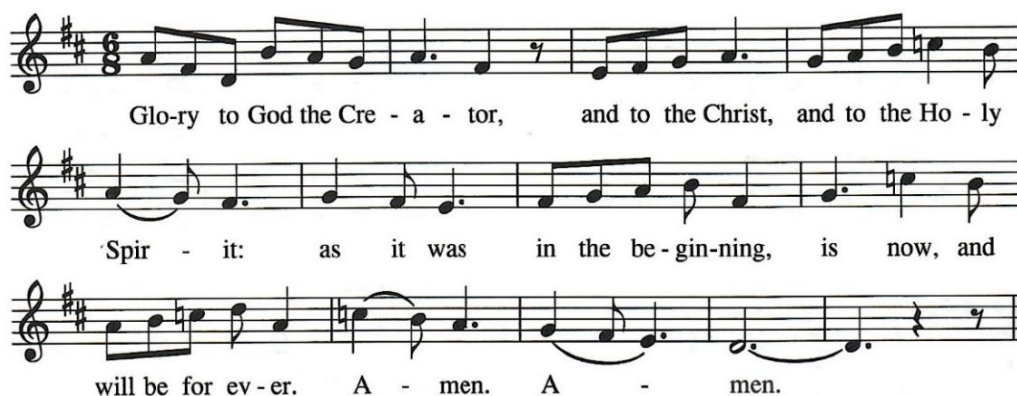
People: The old life has gone, and a new life has begun.

Pastor: Friends, know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Amen.

*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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 5th grade are dismissed to the Westminster Room for Enrichment activities.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann McNeel, *lay reader*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 698)

after each reading:

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:21-30

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 61)

SERMON

“The Jesus We Thought We Knew”

The Rev. Cari Pattison

*HYMN (back cover)

Help Us Accept Each Other

Aurelia

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR AND ORGAN

“How Lovely Are the Messengers” from *Saint Paul* [op. 36]

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

-Romans 10:15, 18

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION AND THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O God of majesty and splendor. By your power, you created all that is, making a universe out of chaos, and ruling over all things in love. Throughout the ages, you called your people to love and serve you, and to be your light among the nations. When we failed you, you did not fail us and sent prophets to call us back to your ways. We praise you that in the fullness of time, you revealed your love by sending your Son Jesus to be the light of the world. He came to heal our brokenness and to set before us the ways of justice and peace.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the angels of light who envelop us, and with all the saints before and beside us, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell (1932-2025)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a melody with various note values including eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests. There are three triplets marked with a '3' over the notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes.

-Isaiah 6:3b, Revelation 4:8, and Psalm 118:25-26

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. He was born to dwell among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, welcomed sinners, and proclaimed good news to the poor. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won for us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he reigns with you in glory and will come again to make all things new.

Remembering the risen Christ, we take from your creation this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, joining us in true communion with Christ and with all who share this feast. Illumine our hearts with the radiance of Christ's presence, that our lives may show forth his love in this weary world. Teach us to befriend the lost, to serve the poor, to reconcile our enemies, and to love our neighbors. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory belongs to you, O God, full of grace and truth. **Amen.**

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

AGNUS DEI (*sung by the choir*)

Eugene W. Hancock (1929-1994)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace. *-based on John 1:29*

Please come forward to receive communion by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it in a cup.

Wine is in the ceramic cups and grape juice is in the silver chalices.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the station in front of the lectern.

SPIRITUAL FOR SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN

I Know the Lord's Laid His Hands on Me

arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Zoe Brooks, mezzo-soprano

I know the Lord's laid his hands on me.

Did you ever see the like before? King Jesus preaching to the poor.

O wasn't that a happy day when Jesus washed my sins away!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

***HYMN 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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

Prelude in G Major [BWV 550/1]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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:

Hunter Snell, *crucifer*

Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson, Becky Ruegger, Scott Snell, and Harry Waters, *ushers*

Cally Bruce, Gary Gibson, Lisa King, Katy Ridley, Becky Ruegger, Sarah Snell, Scott Snell, and Mary Versfelt,
communion servers

TODAY

Coffee Hour will take place in the Assembly Room.

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, following the Congregational Meeting, Chapel

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

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 3

9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study – Zoom

7:30 p.m. Worship and Music Committee – Westminster Room

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

3:45 p.m. Stories and Songs for Children – Westminster Room

5:00 p.m. Thrift Shop Evening Sale – Assembly Room & Youth Rooms

7:30 p.m. Mission and Outreach Committee – Library

Thursday, February 6

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

5:30 p.m. Coming Home – Library & Westminster Room

6:00 p.m. West Coast Swing Dance Class – Assembly Room

Friday, February 7

9:30 a.m. Women's Association Monthly Meeting – Library

GENERAL NOTICES

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



As of January 30, here's how our light shines: 183 pledges for \$899,000.

Of those 183, 18 were new pledges, and 70 households increased their pledge!

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!

If you haven't yet made your pledge, you can do so here: ryepc.com/stewardship-2025/.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today, February 2, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, in person & via Zoom.

A special meeting of the Rye Presbyterian Church is called by Session for today, February 2, following 10:00 a.m. worship, in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. The purpose of the meeting is to hear and act upon the final report of the Co-Pastor Nominating Committee (CPNC), and to vote on the election of the Rev. Cari Pattison as co-pastor. Please note that voting will be conducted in person only.

—John Shuck, Clerk of Session

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 9, following the 10:00 a.m. worship service, in person & via Zoom.

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the congregation and corporation of Rye Presbyterian Church is called for Sunday, February 9, following 10:00 a.m. worship, in the Sanctuary and via Zoom. We will receive the 2024 annual report, hear a brief presentation of the 2025 budget, act on the terms of call for the pastors, and vote on the sale of the All Souls property in Port Chester. Please note that voting will be conducted in person only.

—John Shuck, Clerk of Session



COMING HOME IS BACK

The 2025 program will begin this 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; or Mission and Outreach Committee Liaison, Douglas Carey, at 914-565-6748 or by email at poningoeearthcare@gmail.com.



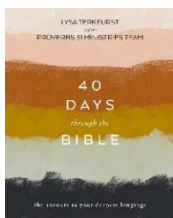
GIVING AT RPC

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.*



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.



WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in the Library

Please join us for our study of 40 Days Through the Bible by Lisa Terkeurst on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the library. All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com.

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

7:30 - 8:30 p.m., every other Tuesday

Moms' Bible Study is a group is for moms with young children who are looking for support, encouragement, and fellowship with other moms. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Tuesday evenings from 7:30-8:00. Please contact Madison Walsh (madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com) if you'd like to be on the email list or for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study meets twice a month on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. We are reading the whole of the Bible. Our upcoming meeting date is February 8. Please join us! For more information, please contact Cynthia Wells at cynthialwells@gmail.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.

Rye
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Jazz Sunday



Raphael. *The Miraculous Draught of Fish*, for a tapestry in the Sistine Chapel, c. 1519.

offered by a quartet of instrumentalists,
under the leadership of Jeremy Fletcher,
and the RPC Chancel Choir.

A highlight will be "Drop Your Net in the Water,"
a new anthem by Dr. Fletcher.

February 9, 2025
10:00 a.m. Worship

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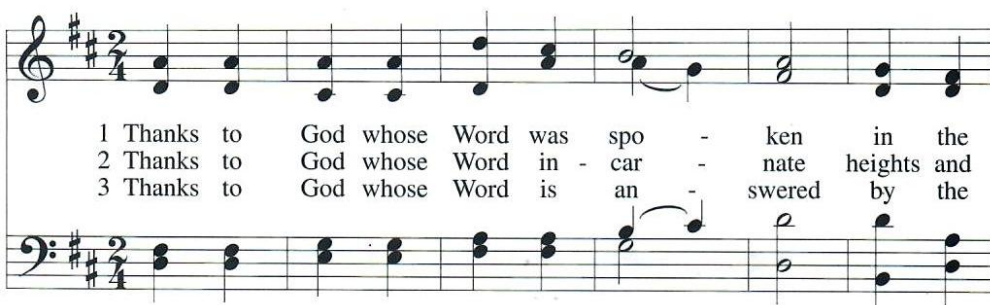
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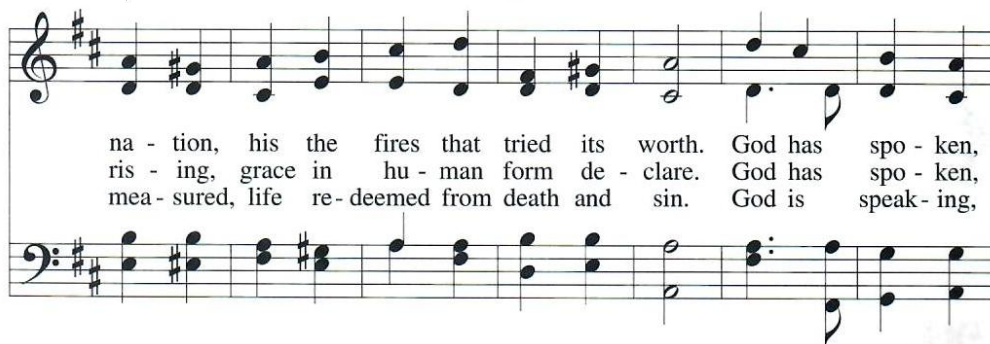
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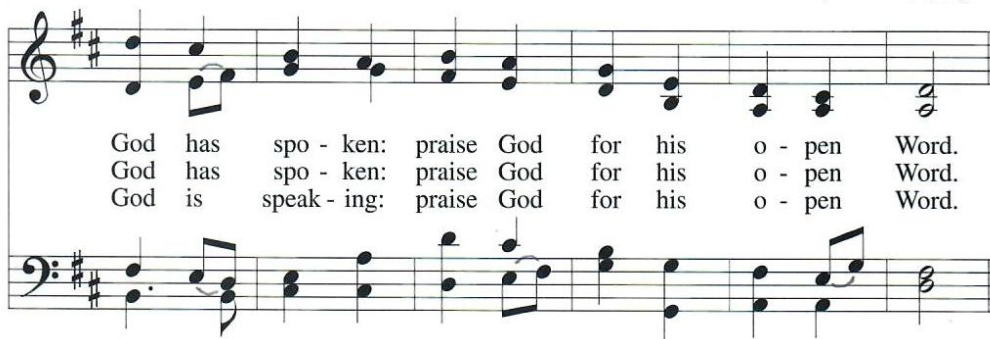
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 3 Thanks to God whose Word is an - swered by the



deed that made the earth: his the voice that called a
 depths of life did share; deeds and words and death and
 Spir - it's voice with - in; here we drink of joy un -



na - tion, his the fires that tried its worth. God has spo - ken,
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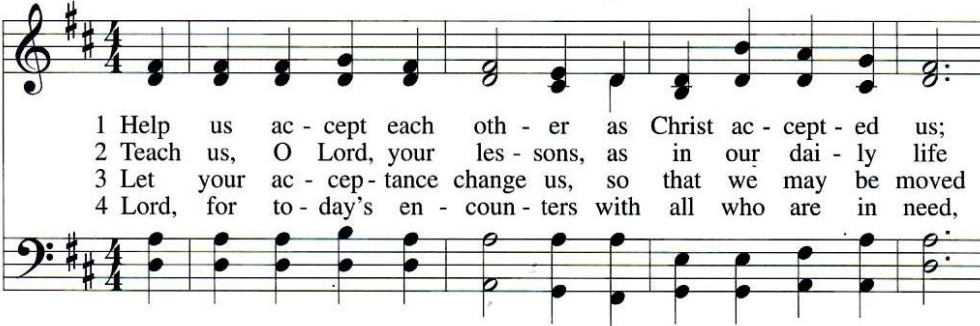


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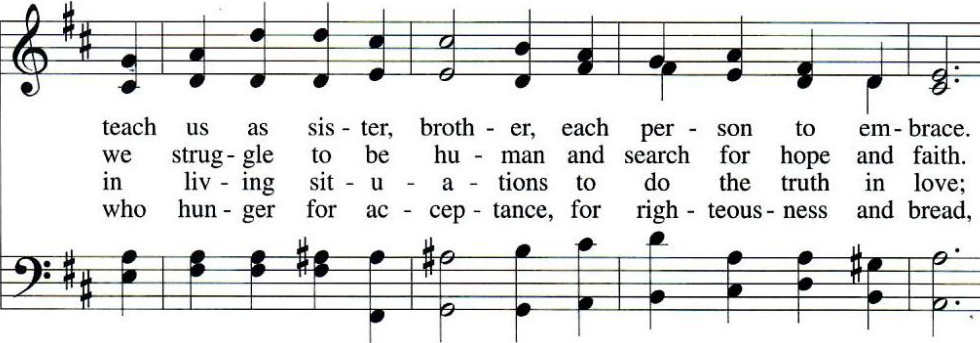
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Help Us Accept Each Other


Aurelia




1 Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2 Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3 Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved
4 Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love;
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us, and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance, un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it; Lord, free us, make us one!