

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Praeludium in G Minor [BuxWV 149]: Sections I and II

Dieterich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707)

For our purposes this day, the sturdy rhythms and melodies, along with the structure of the entire piece (chaconne and simple fugue here; grand fugue and coda for the postlude), provide a musical depiction of deep-rootedness.

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

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

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.

A good portion of the music offered in worship serves to celebrate Black History Month.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Blessed are those who trust in God!

People: We come in trust, to be grounded in God's love.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hope in God!

People: We come in hope, trusting in the One who gives us life.

Pastor: Blessed are those who delight in God's Word!

People: We come to hear God speak, hoping for healing and joy.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

**Please stand as you are able.*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sustaining God, in parched wilderness places you offer us streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in health and wholeness. In places of abundance, we wander from you and your way, content with the ways of the world.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Merciful God, forgive our arrogance and ignorance. Guide us to you, the true source of life, so that our roots might run deep and strong, and our lives bear the fruit of your grace and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Leon C. Roberts (1950-1999)

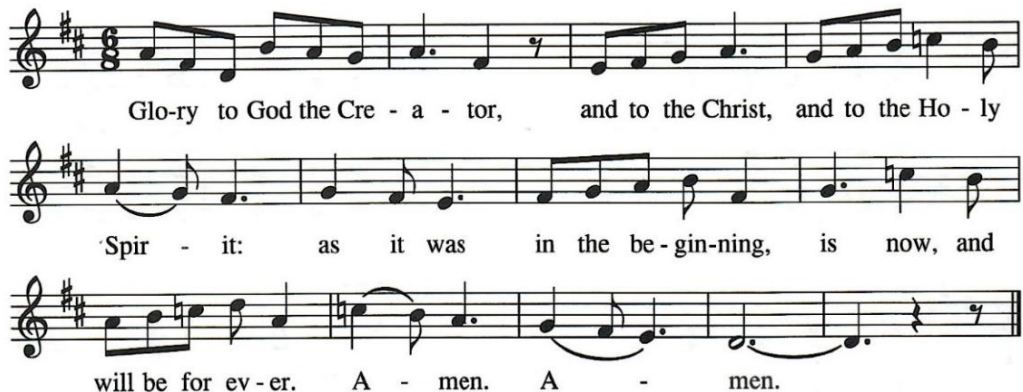
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*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

Chrissy Connor, lay reader

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 17:5-10

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 719)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:17-26
(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 64)

SERMON

“Wednesday’s Child?”

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God and we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God’s condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

*HYMN 457

How Happy Are the Saints of God

Wareham

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*)

Jeremy Fletcher, 2017

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

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR, SOLO VOICE, AND ORGAN

Touch the Hem of His Garment

Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

Kelly Sawatsky, soprano

Touch the hem of his garment, let his love make you whole,
hear the voice of the shepherd and he will lead you into the fold.

Touch the hem of his garment, leave the darkness of sin,
feel the strength of his presence, and you will know the power within.

In loving arms he will take you, he’ll never leave you or forsake you;
and if you trust he will make you rejoice and lay your burdens at his feet.

Touch the hem of his garment, leave the darkness of night,
feel the might of his glory and he will guide you into the light.

-Janice Lovoos (1903-2007)

***DOXOLOGY**

Old Hundredth

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 741**

Guide My Feet
Stanzas 1, 2, 5, and 6

Guide My Feet

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Praeludium in G Minor [BuxWV 149]: Sections IV and V

Dieterich Buxtehude

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 the 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).

The chancel flowers this morning are given in remembrance of all those who suffer and are in need of prayer.

Participating in worship:

Edward Avery, Barbara Cummings, Connie McBroom, and Susan Morison, *ushers*

TODAY

Coffee Hour will take place in the Assembly Room.

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, February 17

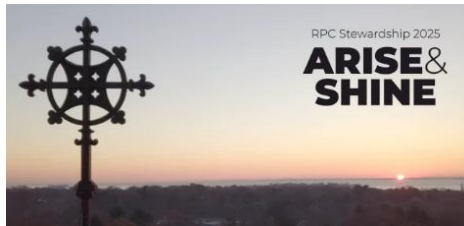
Church office closed in observance of Presidents' Day

Thursday, February 20

- 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

GENERAL NOTICES

2025 ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



As of February 13, here's how our light shines: 215 pledges for \$1,015,000.
Of those 215, 20 are new pledges, and 84 households increased their pledge!

All pledges received by February 27 will be gratefully acknowledged in the March 2 bulletin.

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/.



GIVING AT RPC

Online donation options are available on our giving page, at ryepc.com/give/ and through the QR code. Contact Maida Robinson at mrobinson@ryepc.com with any questions. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the church.*



COMING HOME IS BACK

The 2025 program is underway. 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.



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.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is open on Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

For more information on donations, please check the church website.

You can also email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

Regular Drop-Off Times: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

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 dates are March 1 and 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.

*We are a Stephen Ministry church that offers a one-on-one caring ministry to those in need.
If you need assistance from your pastors, deacons, or a Stephen Minister, please call at (914) 967-0842.
If you are experiencing an acute crisis, you can call or text 988
and you'll connect with a mental health professional through the National Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.*

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