

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

24 Pieces in Free Style [op. 31]: vii. Meditation

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

One might sense in this piece a sonic depiction of lament and weeping.

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

Faithful God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters the desert.

*Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love for all. Amen.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Rend Your Heart

Alec Wyton (1921-2007); adapt.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God:
for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness.

-Joel 2:13

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: As people formed by God, we give praise to the Lord:

**People: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us –
God is doing a new thing!**

Pastor: As people restored by God, we give praise to the Lord:

**People: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us –
God is doing a new thing!**

Pastor: As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to the Lord:

**People: Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us –
God is doing a new thing!**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 645

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit freuden zart

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

**Please stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-creating God, we confess that we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of peace and goodness. Wanting to control our own lives, we cling to old habits.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Forgive us, we pray, for we have closed our hearts to your voice. By your Spirit, help us bend our lives toward your way of self-giving generosity. Fill us, our homes and churches, and the whole world, with your abundant love until all things are made new. In Christ's name, we pray.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

John L. Bell (b. 1949); adapt.

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

-Greek, 5th/6th century

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

***RESPONSE** (*sung by all, two times*)

Jacques Berthier, 1984

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

-Taizé Community; based on Psalm 103:1

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Joining by Reaffirmation of Faith

Chris Beardsley and Allison Young

Joining by Letter of Transfer

Anne and Ed Budill

Sara Nayeem and George Bell

Jenny and Chris Marinak

Rachel and Patrick Fleming

Libby Welsh

Lesley Mazzotta

Krissie and Robert Williams

Children age 4 through 5th grade may now leave to go to their Sunday School Classes.

Children will return to join their families before Communion.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Gibson, *lay reader*

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**Then our mouths were filled with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

**The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.**

Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.

**May those who sow with tears
reap with songs of joy.**

**Those who go out weeping,
carrying the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.**

After each reading:

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

HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21
(Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 672)

SERMON

“It’s About Time”

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

***HYMN (see back pages)**

Gangling Desert Birds Will Sing

Aberystwyth

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

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

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

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

By Night When Others Soundly Slept

David Conte, 2007

By night when others soundly slept
and hath at once both ease and rest,
my waking eyes were open kept
and so to lie I found it best.

I sought him whom my soul did love,
with tears I sought him earnestly.
He bowed his ear down from above.
In vain I did not seek or cry.

My hungry soul he filled with good;
he in his bottle put my tears,
my smarting wounds washt in his blood,
and banisht thence my doubts and fears.

What to my Savior shall I give
who freely hath done this for me?
I'll serve him here whilst I shall live
and love him to eternity. *-Anne Bradstreet (1612-1672)*

The words of Psalm 126:5-6 find another means of expression in this poem.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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 our creator and redeemer. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image to love and serve you, but we forgot your promises and abandoned your commandments. In your mercy, you did not reject us but still claimed us as your own.

When we were slaves in Egypt, you freed us and led us through the waters of the sea. You fed us with heavenly food in the wilderness, and satisfied our thirst from desert springs. On the holy mountain you gave us your law to guide us in your way. Through the waters of Jordan, you led us into the land of your promise, and you sustained us in times of trial. You spoke through prophets calling us to turn from our willful ways to new obedience and righteousness. You sent your only Son to be the way to eternal life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, 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 three staves 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 measures with a '3' above them, indicating triplets. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The piece ends with a double bar line.

-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 took upon himself the weight of our sin and carried the burden of our guilt. He shared our life in every way, and though tempted, was sinless to the end. Baptized as your own, he went willingly to his death and by your power was raised to new life. In his dying and rising, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this wine from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

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 these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ, and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

Help us, O God, to be obedient to your call to love all your children, to do justice and show mercy, and to live in peace with your whole creation. Guide us through the desert of life, quench our thirst with the living waters, satisfy our hunger with the bread of heaven. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

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*)

Lamb of God

German chorale;
arr. F. Melius Christiansen (1871-1855)

Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
Patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.
Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, O Jesu!

*-Nicolaus Decius (c. 1485-1541), based on John 1:29;
transl. Arthur T. Russell (1806-1874)*

*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.*

MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Dorothy K. Bunday (1928-2012)

Susan Chassagnoux, soprano

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of humankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!

*-attr. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153),
transl. Edward Caswall, 1849; alt.*

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 315**

In the Midst of New Dimensions

New Dimensions

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Fugue in C Major ["The Fanfare"]

attr. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750);

arr. E. Power Biggs (1906-1977)

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).

Participating in worship:

Evan Dolan, *crucifer*

Edward Avery, Barbara Cummings, Joe Montalto, and Susan Morison, *ushers*

Ed Avery, Barbara Cummings, Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson, Ashley Ginnings,

Susie Morison, Becky Ruegger, *communion servers*

TODAY

Coffee Hour will take place in the Assembly Room.

Moms' Bible Study, 8:45 a.m., Library

Sunday School Teachers Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Westminster Room

Youth Service Trip Bingo, 11:00 a.m., Assembly Room

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

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

Youth Service Trip Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Library

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 7

- 9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study – Zoom
7:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting – Zoom

Tuesday, April 8

- 1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library
7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision – Westminster/Conference Room

Wednesday, April 9

- 3:45 p.m. Stories and Songs for Children – Westminster Room
5:30 p.m. Middle School Connection – Kitchen
5:30 p.m. Thrift Shop Evening Sale
7:30 p.m. Youth Leadership Meeting – Westminster Room
7:30 p.m. Deacons Meeting – Library

Thursday, April 10

- 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop
5:30 p.m. Coming Home – Library / Westminster Room
7:00 p.m. West Coast Swing Dance Class – Assembly Room

Friday, April 11

- 6:00 a.m. RPC Runs – RPC Parking Lot

GENERAL NOTICES



YOUTH SERVICE TRIP BINGO

Today, April 6, following worship, Assembly Room

Join us after worship for our annual fundraiser to help support the Youth Service Trip to Pine Ridge Reservation! Our proceeds will go towards scholarships and trip fees, as well as an additional donation to the Re-Member program. There will be prizes for lucky winners! [If you wish to donate, click here, or use the QR Code.](#)



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.*



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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Rye Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

April 13, 10:00 a.m.,
Starting in the Assembly Room

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday

April 18, 12:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Good Friday Family Service

April 18, 3:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Easter Sunrise Service

April 20, 6:00 a.m., Rye Town Beach

Easter Family Service (Flowering of the Cross)

April 20, 9:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday Service (Worship with Communion)

April 20, 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary



SPECIAL OFFERING – LENT 2025

One Great Hour of Sharing and LA Fire Relief



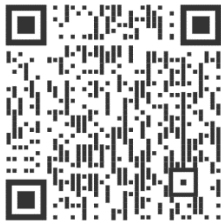
With the blessing of Session, the RPC Mission and Outreach Committee has decided to split this year's Lenten special offering.

50% will go to direct LA fire relief primarily through the Bel Air Presbyterian Church. Through conversations with their pastor, we have learned of their work not only with families in their own church who lost their homes, but with churches and people in both Pacific Palisades and Altadena. The ashes of Ash Wednesday this year were a sign of our connection and commitment to those for whom much of life has turned to ash. The other 50% will go to the PCUSA One Great Hour of Sharing, one of four annual special offerings in which we participate. Our participation in this special offering supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Your gifts to this year's Lenten offering put our faith in action, and are a visible sign of our commitment to those in need throughout the world.

For more information on the One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering, visit pcusa.org/oghs.

Envelopes are in the pews on Sunday or checks may be sent to the church office. Please note "Lent Offering" on the memo line. You may also donate through RPC at ryepc.com/lent-special-offering/.



FOOD2GROWON

Today, April 6, RPC will be participating in a nourishing food packing event with Food2GrowOn. Start time is 4 p.m. at Congregation KTI, at 575 King Street in Port Chester.

The packing should take approximately 1 hour. We need student and adult volunteers to help.

RPC members are also invited to purchase food items via Food2GrowOn's dedicated Amazon site for the event. ([Click here or use the QR Code.](#))

Thank you to all who can volunteer their time to help pack or contribute food to this cause. If you are planning to volunteer at this event, please contact Brad Parish at jbp_1997@yahoo.com.



COMING HOME

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.



THRIFT SHOP EVENING SALE

Wednesday, April 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The Thrift Shop will be holding an evening sale this Wednesday in addition to our regular Thursday schedule.

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.

RPC RUNS

We're introducing a new program at RPC!

Join us for a run on Friday mornings at 6:00 a.m.

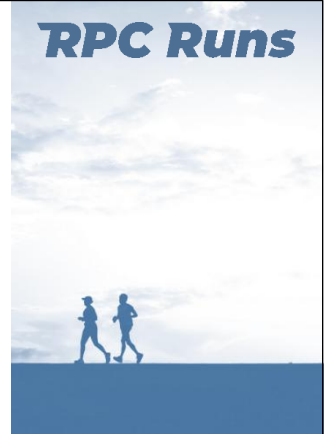
We will start running at 6:00 a.m. from the RPC parking lot, making a 3-mile loop to Rye Town Park that finishes back at RPC.

Please show up 5-10 minutes early
if you would like to stretch and warm up.

This will be very relaxed... run at your own pace
and do what works for you! All are welcome!

Organized by Jordy Winslow. For more information,
email jordywinslow@gmail.com, or call 203-246-5690.

RPC Runs



WEST COAST SWING DANCE CLASSES

Every Thursday from 7-8 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.

Please RSVP each week to instructor

Christopher Bledsoe at (484) 393-5955 (text/call.)

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY RETURNS!

The RPC Moms' Bible Study has a different format this Spring! The group will meet from 8:45-9:45 a.m. the first and third Sundays of each month, before worship. With Easter falling on the third Sunday of April, please stay tuned for adjusted meeting dates this month. This group is for moms with young children who are looking for support, encouragement, and fellowship with other moms.

Childcare is available! If you'd like to be on the email list, or to learn more, please contact Madison Walsh at madisonlichterwalsh@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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

RPC Women's Discipleship Group meets from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday in the church library. We will be starting a new book study in early April. All are welcome to jump in at anytime. Please contact Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com with any questions.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR THE REV. CARI PATTISON

Sunday, May 4, 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary

Save the date, as we will officially welcome The Rev. Cari Pattison into our church family that evening. Hosted by Rye Presbyterian Church and the Hudson River Presbytery. All are welcome!



Waterfall on the Clyde River, Tasmania, by Eugen von Guérard, 1877

“...for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”

Isaiah 43



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Rend Your Heart

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Kyrie eleison

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Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, holy, holy Lord!)

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Fugue in C Major ["The Fanfare"]

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Gangling Desert Birds Will Sing

Aberystwyth

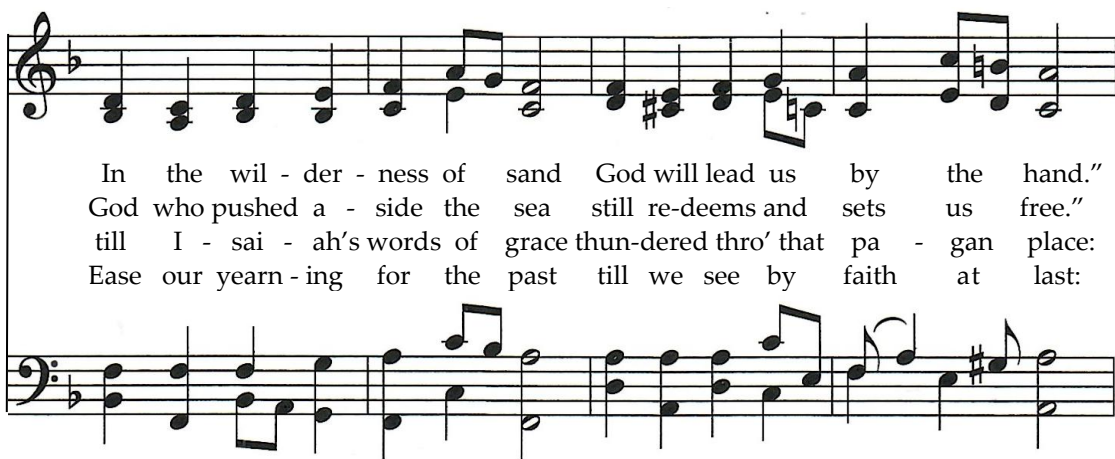


1. "Gang - ling des - ert birds will sing, jack-als too will join God's choir.
2. "In this strange and for - eign land God in un - ex - pect - ed ways
3. While the ex - iles far from home watched their cap-tors' mud - dy streams
4. Lord, a - lert our eyes to probe with I - sai - ah's deep - er sight



Riv - ers out of rock will spring, paths will cut thro' thorn and briar.
will do mir - a - cles as grand as the an-cient deeds you praise.
pass be - tween flat banks of loam, Zi - on's riv - ers filled their dreams
where to - day up - on this globe you are sow-ing deeds of light.





In the wil - der - ness of sand God will lead us by the hand."
 God who pushed a - side the sea still re-deems and sets us free."
 till I - sai - ah's words of grace thun-dered thro' that pa - gan place:
 Ease our yearn - ing for the past till we see by faith at last:



"Here and now in clear, plain view, God is do - ing some-thing new!"

Text: Thomas H. Troeger (1945-2022) Music: Joseph Parry, 1876



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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.*