

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Thirty-five Miniatures: 21. Allegretto

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

*Risen Christ, meet us here. Companion Christ, be our friend. Redeemer Christ, restore our hearts.
In your loving name we pray, Amen.*

CHORAL INTROIT

In Christ We Live

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

In Christ we live and in Christ we die and in Christ we rise up again.

Let heaven be glad and let earth rejoice and sing, "Alleluia, amen!"

This is God's house, holy ground for God's people, hallowed by singing and silence and prayer;

Blessed by the presence and power of the Spirit, founded on faith in the Savior we share.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25)

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

People: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Leader: Lead me in your trust, and teach me,

People: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

Leader: Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 248

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come carrying the burdens of all the ways we've tried and failed: the selfish ambitions we put above the needs of others, the times we've been disloyal and broken our commitments, the ways we've denied you with our words or choices, the good intentions we haven't acted on, and the encouragement or gratitude we've left unsaid.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of Christ who came to give us all another chance. Set us free from a past we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

Paul Halley, 2001

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

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! Just as Jesus told Peter to forgive seventy times seven, so Christ's restoring love for us knows no bounds. He renews his call every day with the question, "Do you love me?" inviting us to feed his lambs and tend his flock. No matter what's come before, we can always start again with God. Know this truth and be at peace:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** (*sung by all*)

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986

The musical notation for the Gloria Patri is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The time signature is 6/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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.

Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Andrea O'Meara, *lay reader*

GOSPEL LESSON, PART 1

John 21:1-8

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 115)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON, PART 2

John 21:9-19

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 115)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“The Three Questions that Matter”

Cari Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 721

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

Pescador de hombres

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(from The Heidelberg Catechism)*

Pastor: What benefit do we receive from the resurrection of Christ?

People: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, that he might make us partakers of the righteousness which he has obtained for us by his death. Second, we also are now by his power raised up to a new life. Third, the resurrection of Christ is to us a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Please refer to this bulletin's back cover to learn how to give online. If you do not have your offering with you today, "Gift cards" are in the pews so that you may participate in this portion of worship by placing one in the offering plate.

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

Bread of the World

Ian Brentnall (b. 1961)

Bread of the world in mercy broken,	Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
wine of the soul in mercy shed,	look on the tears by sinners shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,	and be thy feast to us the token
and in whose death our sins are dead.	that by thy grace our souls are fed.

-Reginald Heber, 1827

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. _____

-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

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)*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

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 ORGAN

Suite française: ii. Pavane

Francis Poulenc (1899-1963); adapt.

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 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Surge ecclesia

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Sixty Short Pieces: 60. Toccata

Flor Peeters

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

General Information

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.

Children and 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.

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.

Hearing Assistance

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

Participants in Today's Service

Rice Johnson, *Crucifer*

Edward Avery, Susan Morison, Lindsey Furnary, and Avery Woods, *Ushers*

Edward Avery, Sara Barringer, Sue Carriero, Gary Gibson, Nancy Kennedy, and Julianne Laverty,
Communion Servers

DEDICATIONS

The chancel flowers are given by

Amber Nee, in loving memory of Owen and David.

TODAY

Coffee Hour will be held in the Assembly Room following worship. All are welcome!

Moms' Bible Study, 8:45 a.m., Youth Rooms

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

Nominating Committee, 11:15 a.m., Conference Room

The Rev. Cari Pattison's Installation, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary



**INSTALLATION SERVICE
FOR THE REV. CARI PATTISON**

PLEASE JOIN US ON

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE
RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY**

HOSTED BY RYE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AND THE HUDSON RIVER PRESBYTERY

JOIN US AFTERWARDS IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM
FOR A LIGHT RECEPTION

[If you'd like to tune into the livestream from home, follow the QR Code, or click here.](#)

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 5

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

Tuesday, May 6

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

7:30 p.m. Book Study – Library

Wednesday, May 7

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

5:30 p.m. Middle School Connection – Westminster Room

5:30 p.m. Thrift Shop Evening Sale – Youth Rooms / Assembly Room

7:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach – Library

Thursday, May 8

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

GENERAL NOTICES

SPRING BOOK STUDY

Tuesday evenings at 7:30, May 6 – June 10

Led by Rev. Love, together we will read and discuss the profound changes and challenges of living with our embrace of technology through *The Extinction of Experience: Being Human in a Disembodied World* by Christine Rosen. More than just a lament and a yearning for a simpler time, Rosen explores the effects on our sense of self, our relationships, and the choices we face daily, challenging us to “reclaim serendipity, community, patience, and risk.” If you are interested in being a part of this study, please contact Rev. Love at dlove@ryepc.com and begin reading so we can dive in on May 6.

WOMEN’S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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

Please join the Women’s Discipleship Group on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., in the library, for our study of *An Unhurried Life*, by Alan Fadling. For more information, please contact Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com with any questions. All are welcome to jump in at any time!

MOMS’ BIBLE STUDY

First and Third Sundays, 8:45-9:45 a.m., in the Youth Rooms

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. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18. 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 madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

May 17 and 31, 10:00 a.m., in the Library

Women’s Bible Study meets Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. We are reading the whole of the Bible. Please join us! For more information, please contact Cynthia Wells at cynthiawells@gmail.com.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

May 5, 12, and 19 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

All are welcome to join in as we continue touring through the letters of the Apostle Paul. Contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com for more information and to join the email reminder list.

MEN’S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, May 18, 8:00 p.m., in-person in the Library with a Zoom option

Join in the ongoing highlight tour and discussion of the familiar yet surprising book of Genesis. Please contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com to be on the email reminder list.



SPECIAL OFFERING – PENTECOST 2025

The four seasonal Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offer the whole Church a way to embody Jesus' words in Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts that place us in partnership with those who have least. For the church to be the Church it must be actively engaged in relationship with those in need – an understanding that can readily be drawn from Matthew 25. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we support ministries of compassion, justice, alleviation of hunger, Christian formation, education, peace-making and global witness.

The period from April 21 – June 8 is the Pentecost Special Offering. The Pentecost Special Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Investing in our greatest resource – help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Special Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come - children, youth, and young adults.

Your gifts to the Pentecost Special Offering support ministries with children, youth and young adults in our community, across the nation and around the world. As we continue to receive the Pentecost Special Offering, please remember that 40% of the offering remains with the RPC community. The Mission & Outreach Committee will use the 40% to support the Open Door Medical Clinic's Baby Bundle program and the NAACP's ACT-SO (naacpconnect.org) achievement program. The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics is a year-long achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

For more information, please visit pcusa.org. Envelopes are in the pews on Sunday or checks may be sent to the church office. Please note "Pentecost Offering" on the memo line. You may also donate through RPC with PayPal by scanning the QR Code, or visiting our website at ryepc.com/pentecost-special-offering/.

Join other congregations in making an impact on the world!



CARING FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING ANXIETY

Tuesday, May 13, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

The Stephen Leader Team and Fellowship & Formation are teaming up to host Laura Newby, LMHC from the Redeemer Counseling Services to give this talk. There will be a chance to ask questions and connect with others immediately afterward. Let us know if you plan to attend by emailing elizabethlukes@mac.com. We hope to see you there!

THRIFT SHOP & THRIFT EVENING SALE

Our Thrift Evening Sale will be held this Wednesday, May 7, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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.

BABY BUNDLE PROJECT

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11, through Father's Day, Sunday, June 15



RPC and RPNS Invite You to Participate in the Baby Bundle Project in Partnership with Open Door. Please join us as we launch our 8th annual Baby Bundle Project with Open Door Family Medical Center to support new parents in giving babies a healthy and safe start in life. Each year, Open Door helps to deliver close to 500 newborns in Westchester County.

Between Mother's and Father's Day, we will be collecting all the essentials for creating a Baby Bundle for new moms and dads at Open Door to welcome their newborns. Baby Bundles include diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, an infant thermometer, health and grooming kits, sleep sacks, sleep and play pajamas, onesies and other clothing, board books, and small infant toys. The entire baby bundle can be purchased for \$200 per newborn. Bassinets are in the hall outside the first-floor Welcome Area and the entrance to RPNS. During our month-long drive, please feel free to place your donations in the pack n plays or you can order items to be sent directly to Open Door through the Amazon Open Door Baby Registry. You may either follow the adjacent link or the QR Code above. <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>.

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 savedmedic2001@yahoo.com; or Mission and Outreach Committee Liaison, Douglas Carey, at 914-565-6748 or poningoeearthcare@gmail.com.

WEST COAST SWING DANCE CLASSES

Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the RPC Assembly Room

All levels are welcome! Classes are \$20 per person, per session. Please RSVP each week to instructor Christopher Bledsoe at (484) 393-5955 (text/call.) For more information, visit www.westie-night-out.com/.

Brought to RPC by the Fellowship and Formation Committee.

RPC RUNS

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

We 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, so 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.



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If you need assistance from your pastors, deacons, or a Stephen Minister, please call at (914) 967-0842.
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