

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Vingt-quatre Pièces en Style Libre: 17. Lied

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Printing the original title (in French) of the collection of pieces from which this piece comes (Twenty-four Pieces in Free Style, in English) is intentional, as the title of the piece itself – Lied – is the German equivalent of the French “chanson,” meaning “song” in English.

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

*God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.*

-Sarum Primer, 1517

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 67)

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Pastor: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

All: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

✦ 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 *(adapted from a prayer by Beth Merrill Neel)*

Holy God, hear our prayer: There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you. We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through the power and love of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

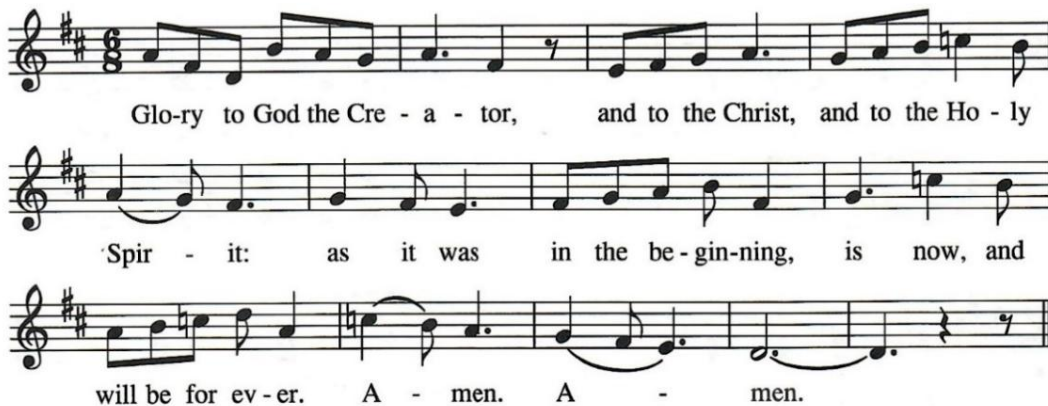
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends, hear the Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thereby freed to love and serve.

All: Alleluia! 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.

Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 5th grade may now leave to go to the Westminster Room for Enrichment Activities.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Walker, lay reader

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 21:10, 22-25; 22:1-5

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 259)

after each reading:

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

GOSPEL LESSON

John 5:1-9

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 96)

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 792

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Balm in Gilead

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(adapted from The Presbyterian Confession of 1967)*

Pastor: What does the reconciling work of Christ do in our lives?

People: The reconciling work of Jesus moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. The new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God’s grace. New life does not release us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. We still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as we mature in love and faithfulness in new life with Christ, we live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

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.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Please visit ryepc.com/givel to give online, detailed on the back cover. 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.

MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Organbook I: 3. Song

Ned Rorem (1923-2022)

✦ EASTERTIDE DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

The tune is printed in the hymnal at no. 10.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

-Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH

✦ HYMN 806

I'll Praise My Maker

Old 113th

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Thirty-five Miniatures: 7. Allegro maestoso

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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).

Grace Notes Newsletter

Pick up one of our free full-color monthly church newsletters, available at every sanctuary entrance: includes photos, updates, articles, and devotions from pastors. It is also available via email subscription, along with our website’s resources page at ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/.

Participants in Today’s Service

Edward Avery, Susan Morison, Kathryn and Terence Stack, *Ushers*

In Memoriam

Gloria Stroetzel, May 18, 2025, mother of Judy Nelson, Carol Wolfe, Bob Wolfe, and Bill Wolfe

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 26

The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 27

- 1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library
- 7:30 p.m. Spring Book Study – Library
- 7:30 p.m. Trustees – Westminster Room / Zoom

Wednesday, May 28

- 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting – Westminster Room
- 8:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Meeting with Session – Sanctuary

Thursday, May 29

- 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop
- 7:00 p.m. Coming Home Dinner – Library / Westminster Room

GENERAL NOTICES

BABY BUNDLE PROJECT **Through Father's Day, Sunday, June 15**



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

Between Mother's Day and Father's Day, we will be collecting all the essentials for creating a Baby Bundle. 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. Pack'n Plays are in the hall outside the Westminster Room and the entrance to RPNS. During our month-long drive, please feel free to place your donations in the Pack'n Play 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>.

ALL-CHURCH PICNIC **Sunday, June 8, in the Grape Arbor, following Worship**

Come and celebrate the end of the school year! Featuring RPC picnic favorites: sliders, hot dogs, and desserts. Please bring a dish according to your last name: A - H: sides / I - T: fruit or dessert / U - Z: salads. Foods may be left in the kitchen before worship. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve, and clean up. Please email Anne Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com if you'd like to help.

JOIN THE RPC PRAYER TEAM!



"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
Matthew 18:19-20



The RPC Prayer Team is a dedicated group of individuals who provide prayer support to those in need of comfort and healing during times of difficulty in their lives. To become a part of this ministry, all you need is a desire to help those in need by praying for them. Needs are communicated via email.

If you have any questions or would like to be on the Prayer Team, please email coordinator Tony Savarese at rpcprays@ryepc.com. Visit ryepc.com/ministries/prayer-ministry/ to learn more.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Are you, or is someone you know: good with people, knowledgeable about business affairs or physical infrastructure, a good leader, friendly with a variety of RPC members, and interested in putting faith in action?



Serving the church is a fulfilling responsibility that helps build a strong faith community. As an active member of RPC, you are eligible to serve in one of these valuable and enriching roles. As a part of the leadership team at Rye Presbyterian Church, you can grow in your faith and help shape the future direction of our community.

We are currently seeking individuals interested in serving as deacons, trustees, elders (Members of Session), or Nominating Committee members. Deacon, trustee, and elder positions require a three-year commitment, while Nominating Committee members are asked to serve for two years. Youth Elders and Deacons are selected for a one-year term.

If you are interested in contributing to our community in this way, we encourage you to apply. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, please submit their names (with their permission.)

Our recommendation form can be completed as either a printout and an online submission by visiting ryepc.com/article/recommendations-for-church-officers-and-nominating-committee/.

Please return the form to the church office or via email to nominations@ryepc.com by the morning of June 8

THRIFT SHOP

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.



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.

Psalms 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!



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.

SPRING BOOK STUDY

Tuesday evenings at 7:30, through 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.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Next meeting is June 2 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

Next meeting is June 8 at 8:00 p.m.

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.

MOMS’ BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, June 1 and 29, from 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. in the Conference Room

Join us for fellowship and encouragement before we break for the summer! We will dive into a topic together each meeting, but there is no preparation beforehand! Childcare is available. Please reach out to Madison Walsh at madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com with any questions.

WOMEN’S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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

Rye Presbyterian Women's Discipleship group meets every Tuesday in the church library from 1:00 -2:25 p.m. We are currently studying *An Unhurried Life*, Alan Falding. All are welcome to jump in at any time. Please contact Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net, or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com with any questions.

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Next meeting is May 31 at 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.

OPEN DOOR SPOTLIGHT SERIES

Addressing Youth Mental Health Needs in Rye and Neighboring Communities
Wednesday, June 11, 6:00 p.m., at Rye Presbyterian Church



Join RPC Mission & Outreach, in conjunction with Open Door Family Medical Center, for an engaging panel discussion to raise awareness about the mental health concerns of youth, as well as to highlight resources for low-income youth and their families in our neighboring communities. The panel will focus on the increasing demand for mental/behavioral health care and barriers to access faced by many community members, the ways in which Open Door and other community resources are identifying and responding to escalating mental health needs in our community, and how shared connections provide the safety net in our communities. RSVP at [Spotlight Series Registration](#), or scan the QR Code.

Rye
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Pentecost & Gospel Sunday



Hymns, Anthems, and More
led by the Chancel Choir and Instrumentalists

Sunday, June 8, 2025
10:00 a.m. Worship

RPC's annual Summer Picnic will follow the service.



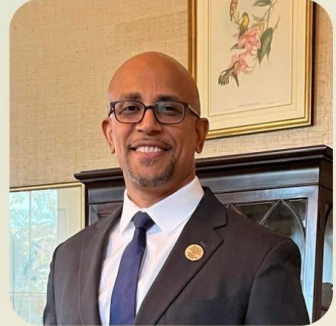
Interfaith Prison Partnership Invites You To
TRANSCENDING TRAUMA



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Please join us as we explore the root causes of incarceration and the power of transformation.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

POWERFUL TESTIMONIES

Listen to the stories of formerly incarcerated people who share their lived experience and healing journeys.

Conversation moderated by Marya Schock, PhD, Head of History Dept. at Trinity School NYC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT:

JMANCUSO@INTERFAITHPRISONPARTNERSHIP.ORG

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Cocomama Trio- an all-women music ensemble blending Salsa, Soul, Afro-Cuban, and Latin jazz .

JUNE 22, 2025, 6 PM-8 PM

- **6:00 pm** - Live Music with Cocomama Trio
- **6:30 pm** - Panel Discussion with Roslyn Smith and Hector Rodriguez
- **7:30 pm** - Q&A, Refreshments, Silent Auction

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Interfaith Prison Partnership

COMING HOME DINNER

Thursday, May 29, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Join us for the last dinner of the season and check out the meaningful work and community of this re-entry ministry. 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.

COMING HOME GRADUATION

Sunday, June 1, 2:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

As this year's Coming Home program comes to a close, all are welcome to celebrate the Class of 2025 by attending their upcoming Graduation! For more information, please use the contact information above.



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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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Contact Maida Robinson at mrobinson@ryepc.com with any questions.
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