

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Prelude in C Major [BWV 545/i]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you.

— Colossians 1:3-6

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP *(adapted from Colossians 1:9-10)*

Pastor: Since we have heard the good news of God's love, let us not cease praying for Christ's church and asking that we may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

People: so that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as we bear fruit in every good work and as we grow in the knowledge of God.

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord!

All Thanks be to God.

✦ HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, your Word calls us to lives worthy of our calling: to be people of faith who bear the fruit of your Spirit. But we confess that at times we choose cynicism over hope, hurry over helping, and convenience over caring. Forgive us, Lord.

Time for silent prayer

You call us to patience and joy, to notice our neighbor in need, and to regard no one as anything less than a beloved child of God. Give us the grace to live that way in all the big and small moments of our days. Through the power and love of Christ, who alone can make all things new, and in whose name we pray, Amen.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

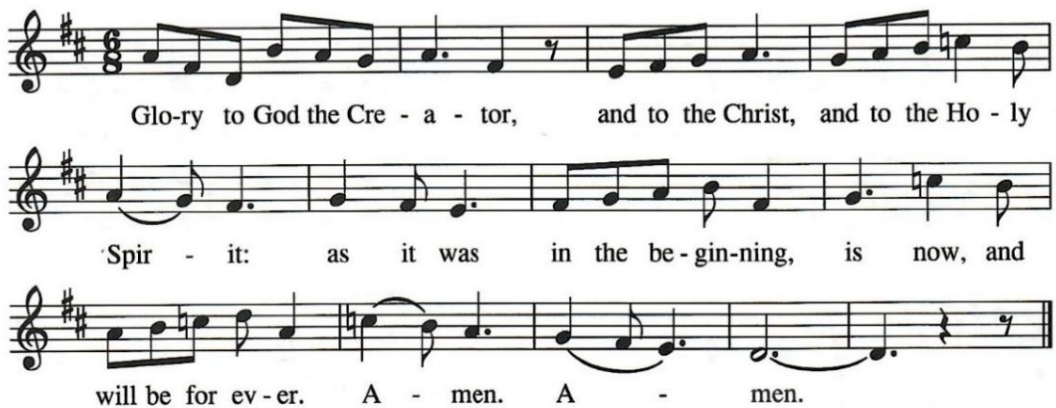
Pastor: Hear the good news! The Apostle Paul gives us this blessing: "May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from God's glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:11-14)

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 5th grade may now leave to go to the Westminster Room for Summer Sunday School class.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leslie Bradford, *lay reader*

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:1-14

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 199)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:25-37

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 71)

SPIRITUAL FOR MIXED VOICES

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

The Volunteer Summer Choir
arr. Wendell P. Whalum, 1984; adapt.

I'm gonna live so God can use me.
I'm gonna work so God can use me.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me.

SERMON

"We Expect Love to Grow Here"

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(adapted from the Belhar Confession of 1982, South Africa, during apartheid)*

Pastor: What do you believe?

All: We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. This unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity, and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered.

This unity is manifested when we love one another, and when we experience, practice, and pursue community with one another. We demonstrate Christ's love when we give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another. We thereby together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ.

We bear one another's burdens, reflecting the way we need one another and upbuild one another, admonish and comfort one another, and suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness. We pray together and serve God in this world, that we might together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.

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/give/ 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

Pastorale on *Forest Green*

Richard I. Purvis (1913-1994)

This is a setting of the English folk melody printed in the hymnal at no. 712, As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought. Richard Purvis served as the organist and choirmaster of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco from 1947 to 1971.

✦ 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 714

God of the Fertile Fields

Italian Hymn

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Fugue in C Major [BWV 545/ii]

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Coffee and refreshments will be in the Chapel Narthex following worship. All are welcome!
(The Chapel Narthex can be found by exiting the front left doors.)*

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

Barbara Cummings and Carl Friedrich, *Ushers*

DEDICATIONS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.

TODAY

Sunday Fun Day for Families at 1:00 p.m. in the Westminster Room
(and extending to the Grape Arbor if weather permits)

Walking Group: Slow-cooker Sunday at 5:00 p.m.
Rye Nature Center Entrance (873 Boston Post Rd., Rye, NY 10580)

THIS WEEK

Monday, July 14

9:00 a.m. Walking Group: Moderate Mondays – Sanctuary Doors
7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee – Conference Room

Tuesday, July 15

11:00 a.m. Stephen Leaders – Conference Room
1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library

Sunday, July 20

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Library

GENERAL NOTICE

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., in the RPC Library and via Zoom

Women's Discipleship Group will continue meeting through, July, and potentially part of August. Please join us for our study of, *Mostly What God Does: Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere*, by Savannah Guthrie. All are welcome—feel free to jump in at any time! For questions, please contact Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com.

RPC RUNS

Friday mornings at 6:00, starting in the RPC Parking Lot

We start running from the RPC side-entrance parking lot across from the high school. From there, we make a 3-mile loop to Rye Town Park that finishes back at RPC. This is a relaxed group! We encourage you to run at your own pace and do what works for you. Runners of all skill levels are welcome.

To prepare, please send a check-in message the day before you plan to attend a run. Runs are organized by Jordy Winslow. To check in, or to learn more, please text 203-246-5690, or email jordywinslow@gmail.com.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT RPC



Are you going through a hard time? Or do you know someone who is?

"If it matters to you, it matters to God."

It may not be a crisis, but we all go through a rough patch now and then and could use someone to talk to. Whether situational or ongoing, major or minor, your life circumstances and well-being matter. Our church offers free, one-to-one, Christ-centered care for you and your loved ones (available to those outside the church as well), by thoroughly vetted and trained Stephen Ministers. These are fellow congregants at RPC who keep strict confidentiality and meet with you to listen and pray. Reach out to Co-Pastors Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com and Dan at dlove@ryepc.com, or Stephen Leader Referral Coordinator Becky Ruegger at rhruegger@aol.com to find out more!

STEPHEN MINISTRY'S CARING CONNECTIONS

Save the Date! Fall 2025 Stephen Ministry Course

Caring Connections, a Stephen Ministry-based training course, has been helping RPC members become better listeners and caregivers since 2004. Planning is in the works for our twelfth offering, now open to all who wish to explore and improve skills to serve as compassionate caregivers. The 8-week program begins with a September Saturday retreat and ends before Thanksgiving. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister should definitely take the course, which includes additional sessions in 2026. Classes will be led by our clergy and RPC Stephen Leaders. For more information and to register, contact Debbie Zingg at debbie.zingg@gmail.com, or reach out to Becky Ruegger or Mary Versfelt.

RPC SUMMER PARTY

Tuesday, July 22, at 6:30 p.m., in Rye Town Park



Please join us for the RPC Summer Party on Tuesday, July 22, in Rye Town Park. We will enjoy lite bites, beverages, and a Rye Town Park Summer Concert. We will gather on the lawn near the Pavillions beginning at 6:30 p.m.; the concert starts at 7:30. Please bring your lawn chairs and beverages of your choice. Looking forward to a lovely summer night of fellowship!



For more information, please contact Sarah McGill at sarah.g.mcgill@gmail.com.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School is here, with sessions continuing through August 3. This one-room-schoolhouse summer model, which will include all of our students together in the Westminster Room, will be focused on biblical lessons, games, and crafts for all ages. Because we will be together in a single room this summer, we will only need two adults to help us staff each week's session. If you're available, we would love to have you! Please email Anne Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com with any questions.



Sign up as a Summer Sunday School Volunteer via our [SignUpGenius](#) or QR Code.

VOLUNTEER SUMMER CHOIR

As in summers past, we are including a message in song in worship many Sundays this summer from a volunteer summer choir. Please join us! The Volunteer Summer Choir will sing on **July 20 and August 3**.

We gather in the chapel at 9:30 a.m. to learn and rehearse a piece of music to sing in the 10:00 service. You then get to sit with your family or friends during worship. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and find your way into the church's music ministry.

If you plan to attend, please email Jason Charneski at jcharneski@ryepc.com, or call 914-967-0842, ext. 16. This helps us prepare appropriate materials for you. Thank you!

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Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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Glory to God the Creator

Music: Ronald A. Nelson

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I'm Gonna Live

Music arr. Wendell P. Whalum

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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (Beach Spring)

Text: Robert L. Edwards

Music harm. *The New Century Hymnal* (sts. 1 & 2); A. Royce Eckhardt (st. 3)

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*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.*



GIVING AT RPC

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

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