

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR PIANO

Two Churches

Dave Brubeck (1920-2012)

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

*By your Holy Spirit, grant us, O God, a mind to meditate upon you;
eyes to behold you; ears to listen for your word;
a heart to love you; and a life to proclaim you,
Amen.*

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 136)

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Pastor: Give thanks to the God of gods,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

People: Give thanks to the Lord of lords,

People: for God's steadfast love endures forever.

All: Abounding in thanksgiving, let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Aberystwyth

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sometimes, O God, we are like Martha. We get stuck in our routines and so busy with our daily lives that we fail to stop and breathe, to look up and to notice the creation you have made and the way it speaks of your love and majesty. We fail to listen for your words – in scripture, in music, in talking to others. We become worried and distracted by many things.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

Sometimes, O God, we are like Mary. We devote our time to looking up – faithful in our prayer and study, but often thinking that all we need to do is love you. But we fail to serve our neighbor and do the concrete work of your kingdom. We commit to your way only in part, failing to get our hands dirty.

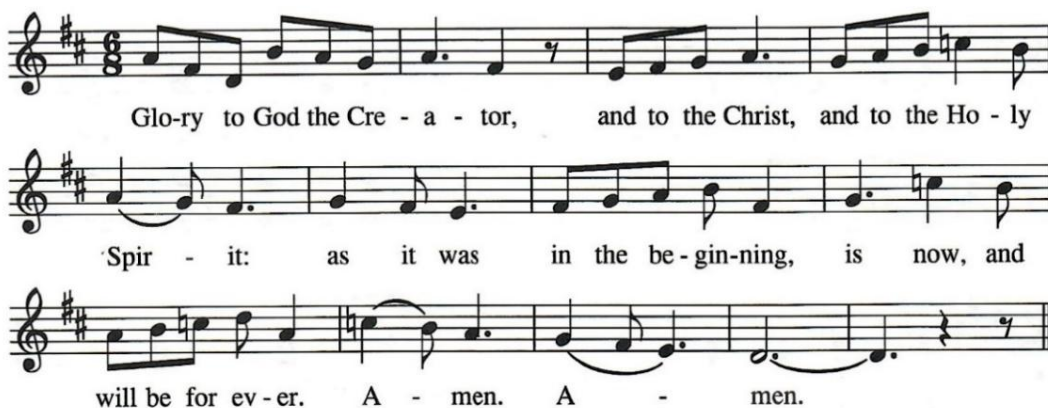
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God of balance, help us. Forgive us when we do not know when to be workers and when to be hearers. In your mercy, heal our worries and our judgments, so that we too can keep the best part. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ 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

Douglas Carey, *lay reader*

EPISTLE READING

Colossians 1:15-23

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 200)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:38-42

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 72)

HYMN-ANTHEM FOR MIXED VOICES

Colossian Hymn

The Volunteer Summer Choir
Sally Ann Morris (b. 1952); adapt.

Christ, of God the unseen image, born before creation's birth;
through whom all things were created, all that live in heaven and earth--
realms and rulers, thrones, dominions, powers great and forces small
Through and for him made and fashioned – he is in and over all.

Christ the firstborn of creation, Christ in whom all things cohere,
all things' Maker, seen and unseen, low and lofty, far and near.

Christ the head of his dear body, of his Church the living core,
risen from the dead before us, him we gladly now adore.

Christ in whom the very fullness of the living God is found,
Christ who reconciles creation turning earth to holy ground,
Christ the home of God's good pleasure through whose blood is made our peace,
in whose cross, beyond all measure, is our freedom and release.

-Leith Fisher (1941-2009)

Note the dichotomies in this text, then ponder the dichotomy of Mary and Martha!

SERMON

“Getting Mary’ed”

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from the *Study Catechism*)

What is God's purpose for your life?

God wills that we should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the Holy Spirit.

How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

We are not our own. We have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved us and gave himself for us. We entrust ourselves completely to his care, giving thanks each day for his wonderful goodness.

How do you live for the love of God?

We love because God first loved us. Amazed by grace, we live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for our sake. Therefore, we take those around us to heart, especially those in need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for us.

How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

By the Holy Spirit, we are made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. We are baptized into Christ's body, the church. As members of this community, we trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God in prayer. As we grow in grace and knowledge, we are led to do the good works that God intends for our lives.

✦ **HYMN 760**

Bring Many Names

Westchase

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

Pastor: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

People: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

Pastor: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors;

People: Thank you, God.

Pastor: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

People: Thank you, God.

Pastor: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor;
for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

People: Thank you, God.

Pastor: For family; for living together and eating together;
for family amusements and family pleasures;

People: Thank you, God.

Pastor: For children; for their energy and curiosity;
for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

People: Thank you, God.

Pastor: For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values;
for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

People: Thank you, God.

Pastor: For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in
leisure, and for time made precious by its passing;

People: Thank you, God.

Pastor: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow;
for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

People: Thank you, God.

Pastor: For the church into which we have been called;
for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament;
for our life together in the Lord;

People: We praise you, God.

Pastor: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love;
who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

People: We praise you, God.

Pastor: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and lives again for our salvation;
for our hope in him and for the joy of serving him;

People: We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

People: God's love is everlasting.

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

Variations on *Nun danket alle Gott*: I. With charm

Stephen Z. Cook, 2005

This simple duo, from a set of variations improvised by the composer in a concert, juxtaposes a busy part against a calm part. The tune on which it is based is printed in the hymnal at no. 643, Now Thank We All Our God.

✦ 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 330

Our Help Is in the Name of God the Lord

Old 124th

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738); arr. Elaine C. Gardner

*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. It 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/.

DEDICATIONS

The white rose at the lectern is in honor of the birth of

Mackenzie Montgomery Gerrish, born on July 8, daughter of Hadley and Monty Gerrish.

In Memoriam

Katherine H. Hrubby, daughter of Zdena Heller.

TODAY

Men’s Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 22

1:00 p.m. Women’s Discipleship – Library

6:30 p.m. RPC Summer Party – Rye Town Park

GENERAL NOTICES

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer Sunday School continues through August 3. This one-room schoolhouse summer model, which will include all of our children together in the Westminster Room, will be focused on Bible 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.



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.

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.

TEXAS FLOOD RELIEF

For those of you who would like to contribute to the response to the devastating and tragic flooding in the Hill Country of Texas, you may do so in one of two ways.

You can make a direct contribution to relief efforts through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance here: <https://pcusa.org/disaster-assistance/active-responses/national-disaster/texas-hill-country-flooding>.

You can also make a gift to the church marked "Texas relief," through our PayPal: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=8FES62FFF3HK4.

As we keep the many affected by this event in our prayers, thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



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 once more: on 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!

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.



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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 52, Colossians 1:15-28, Luke 10:38-42.

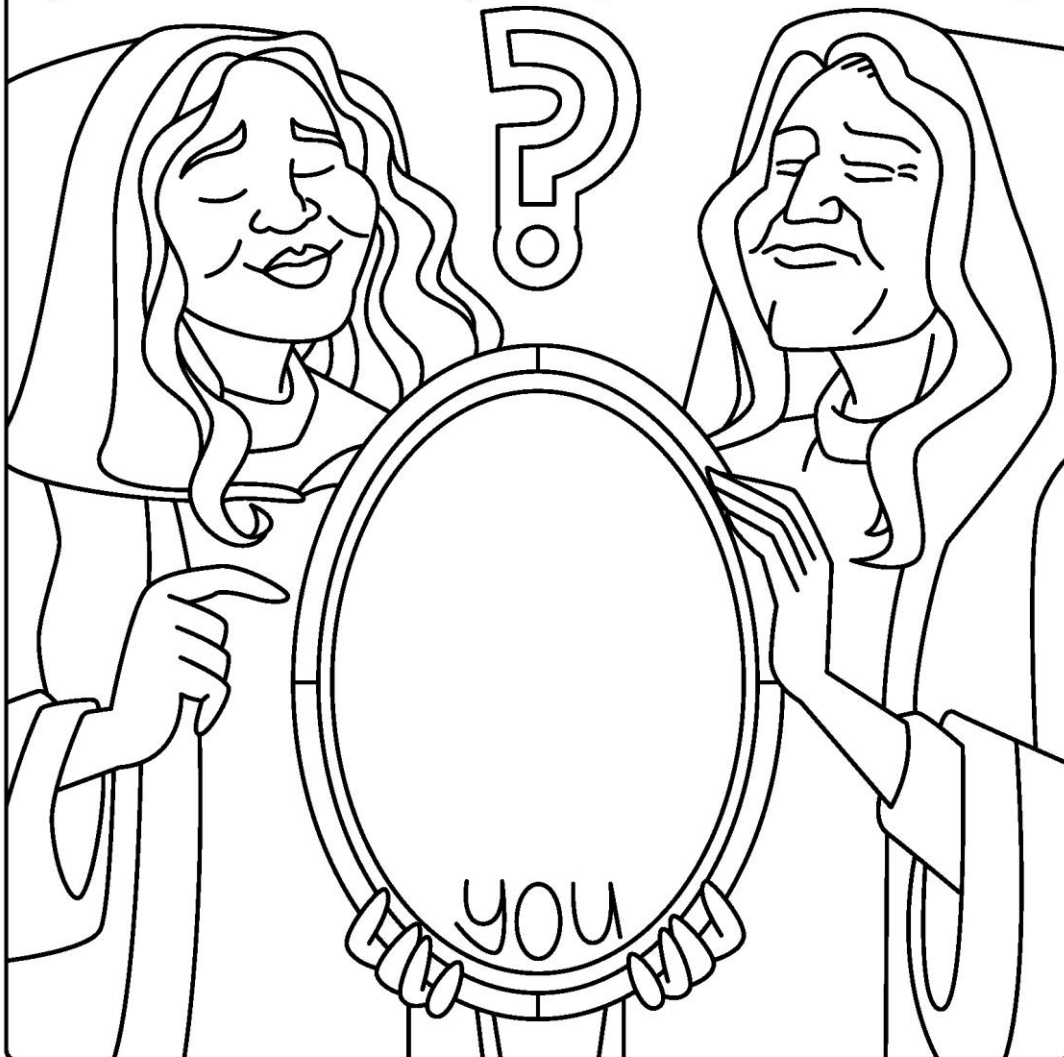


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MARY

OR

MARTHA





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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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