

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Prière [op.6, no. 5]

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

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

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

Grant us the kind of faith, O Lord, that believes even when it cannot see. In your name we pray, Amen.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (*Psalms 34*)

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times;

People: God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Leader: O magnify the LORD with me,

People: And let us exalt God's name together.

Leader: I sought the LORD; the LORD answered me

People: And delivered me from all my fears.

Leader: Look to God, and be radiant,

All: O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in God.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 49

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you call us to be a pilgrim people – followers of Christ, wherever that may lead. Your word reminds us we are all strangers and foreigners here – seeking a homeland, desiring a better country, named citizens of heaven. You call us to be in the world but not of it. Yet too often we live as if this is all there is: focused on our own comforts and security, providing for ourselves and our kindred, presuming a false sense of permanence. We grow impatient with unanswered prayer, tempted to seek solutions apart from you. Forgive us, Lord.

Pause for silent prayers of confession

✦ *please stand as you are able*

Show us a better way. Give us trust in your eternal promise, however far off it may seem. Grant us humility to know we are all just passing through. Renew our faith, that we might hold fast to hope, seek a better home for all, and work together toward Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

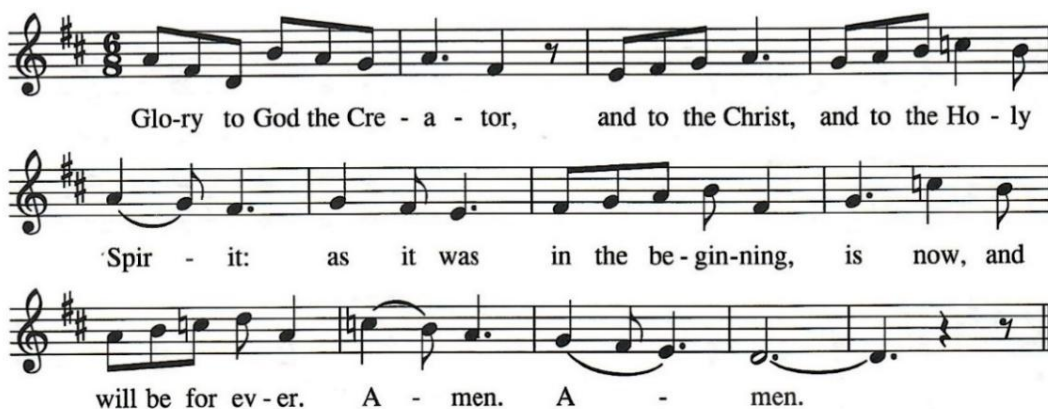
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! God loves to give faith to those who ask for it. Jesus prays for us and the Holy Spirit us abides with us, that we might not be alone in this world. We have an advocate who brings us back to a place of trust and a life of holy freedom, forgiveness, peace, and joy. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann McNeel, *lay reader*

EPISTLE LESSON, PART I

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10
(Pew Bible, New Testament page 255)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON, PART II

Hebrews 11:11-16
(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 255)

SERMON

"What Good is Faith?"

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 50

Deep in the Shadows of the Past

Shepherds' Pipes

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Question 28 from The Heidelberg Catechism*)

Pastor: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

All: **We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that nothing in creation will separate us from God's love. Amen.**

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

Sonata I [op. 65, no. 1]: ii. Andante

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

✦ 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 (*see interior back cover*) We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Azmon

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Postlude in C

Arthur Foote (1853-1937)

*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/.

Summer Staff Notice

Please note that Rev. Love is on vacation. He will return on Tuesday, September 2. If you have a pastoral emergency or concern during this time, please contact Rev. Cari Pattison by email at cpattison@ryepc.com, or by phone at 914-967-0842, extension 14.

Jason Charneski is on vacation. He, too, will return on Tuesday, September 2. In the meantime, we’re pleased to welcome Eric Birk as our substitute organist.

Participants in Today’s Service

Sam Altenberger, Connie McBroom, and Susan Morison, *Ushers*.

DEDICATIONS

The flowers are given today by Annette Coulter and family in loving memory of her husband LeRoy, marking the second anniversary of his passing.

TODAY

Walking Group – Slow cooker Sundays, 5:00 p.m., Rye Nature Center Entrance

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 11

9:00 a.m. Walking Group: Moderate Mondays – Sanctuary Doors

Sunday, August 17

5:00 p.m. Walking Group: Slow Cooker Sundays – Rye Nature Center Entrance

GENERAL NOTICES

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Wednesdays, August 20 and 27, from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Come to one session, or come to all!



Co-Pastor's Manse

890 Boston Post Road, Rye
(right next to the Church)

Enjoy a relaxed evening of light food and fellowship with
a brief devotion & question on the Fruit of the Spirit.

On the day of, we'll decide whether we're
outside on the patio or indoors with AC
depending on the weather.

RSVP to Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com



WALKING GROUPS

MODERATE MONDAYS

August 4, 11, 18, and 25

9:00-10:00 a.m. starting in front of the Sanctuary Doors

Brisk walk, rain or shine!

Good leash-walker-dogs welcome.

We'll explore a number of
different routes around town.

SLOW-COOKER SUNDAYS

August 10, 17, and 24

5:00-5:45 p.m. starting at the Rye Nature Center

873 Boston Post Rd, Rye, NY 10580

Light and easy pace, enjoying nature and conversation.

No dogs. Walks are cancelled for heavy rain.

We'll conclude with a short scripture and prayer.

Rye Presbyterian Church Summer Session





Helping Hands Rye

MISSION BACKPACK

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

**Tue, Aug 19
9:30 - 12**

**Wed, Aug 20
10 - 12**



Rye MIDDLE School Gym



www.HelpingHandsRye.org

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.

SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

REACH OUT AND READ

AT THE OPEN DOOR FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER IN PORT CHESTER

Do you love reading to children? Reach Out and Read is a national literacy program designed to take place in medical offices. The goal is to improve kindergarten readiness for children who are economically challenged and to provide a foundation for success by incorporating books into pediatric care and encouraging families to read aloud together.

Volunteers play an important role in the success of Reach Out and Read, and are needed to read aloud to young patients in waiting areas at the medical center, demonstrate reading techniques that parents can use at home, help the child select a book to take home, organize the Open Door book library, help restock book inventory at medical centers, and deliver books to medical centers and arrange and categorize by age level on book carts.

For additional information contact: Wendy Armstrong, Senior Manager of Volunteer Services at warmstrong@odfmc.org or 914-502-1468. Let Cari know if you'd like to get two or three RPC folks together to share the fun and service!



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SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

CARVER CENTER MARKET

The Carver Market has consistently served the Port Chester community throughout the early days of the pandemic till today. Their self-choice market has a robust selection of fresh produce, protein, and shelf-stable food items each week.

They currently need volunteers (16+ over: and bilingual in Spanish a plus) during the following timeslots to help re-stock and reorganize shelves, unpack deliveries, and help set up for Market days. Many of these tasks might require the ability to lift boxes.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

MONDAY

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



400 Westchester Avenue, Port Chester, NY 10573

Go to carvercenter.org/volunteer/ via the QR Code to fill out a volunteer application for one of the above time-slots, and to see what market items are currently most needed, should you like to make a donation. Let Cari know if you'd like to get two or three RPC folks together to share the fun and service!

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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 rhuegger@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.



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Prière

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Glory to God the Creator

Music: Ronald A. Nelson

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Deep in the Shadows of the Past (*Shepherds' Pipes*)

Text: Brian Wren Music: Annabeth McClelland Gay

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We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

Azmon

1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with gra-cious words draw near,
2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor fol - low where you trod;
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and may our faith a - bound
4. And when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er light

O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
but in your prom - ise we re - joice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
to call on you when you are near and seek where you are found.
may we be - hold you as you are, with full and end - less sight.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the piano accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with four numbered verses and a concluding prayer. The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: Henry Alford, 1844; alt Music: Carl G. Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839



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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

Online donation options are available on our giving page,

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.

