

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Fughetta in D

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always, though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. – Thomas Merton

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 80)

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see;

People: But let your hand be upon us, making us strong.

Pastor: Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name.

All: Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

✦ HYMN (see interior back cover)

They Did Not Build in Vain

Leoni

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, you call us to run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on you. But we admit we don't always know how to persevere through hardship. At times we get stuck in complaint, self-pity, or discouragement. Our hearts can quickly sink into disappointment with ourselves, others, and you. Forgive us, O God.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

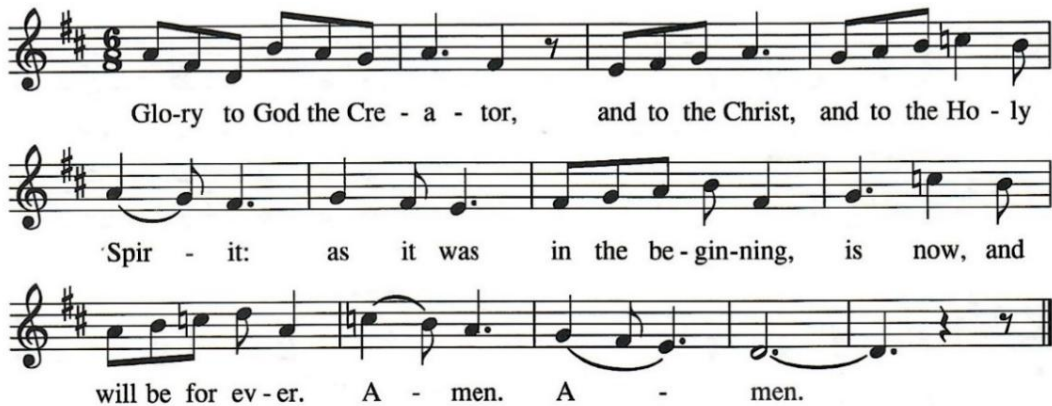
Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Remind us, Lord, that we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses: a host of heavenly and earthly support of those who run this race alongside us. Our mentors in the faith, our loved ones who've passed on, and our spiritual family near and far – all help carry us through. And you, too, pray on on our behalf. So help us throw off everything that hinders us, and the sin which so easily entangles, and run with perseverance this race you've marked out for us, fixing our eyes always on you. Fixing our eyes on you, the author and perfetor of our faith. In your name we pray, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children 3 months to 4 years old may now go to the first floor of the Education Wing for Childcare.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Leslie Bradford, *lay reader*

EPISTLE LESSON 1

Hebrews 11:29-38

(Pew Bible, New Testament page 226)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON 2

Hebrews 11:39-12:1-2

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 226)

SERMON

"The Journey of Faith is Not a Round Trip"

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(adapted from The Westminster Confession, 1643-1646)*

Pastor: People of God, let us affirm our faith together:

All: The grace of faith is the work of the Spirit of Christ in our hearts; and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word: by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments and prayer, it is increased and strengthened. By this faith, a Christian believes what is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God speaks therein; and we embrace the promises of God for this life and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace. This faith is different in degrees, weak or strong, and may be often and in many ways assailed and weakened, but gets the victory. 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

Pastorale

Peter C. Lutkin (1858-1931)

✦ 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 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

God of Grace

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

*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. During these weeks, we’re pleased to welcome Eric Birk as our substitute organist.

Participants in Today’s Service

Edward Avery, Carl Friedrich, and Connie McBroom, *Ushers*.

DEDICATIONS

In Memoriam

Simeon Kovacic, July 31, husband of Penny Kovacic

TODAY

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, August 18

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

Tuesday, August 19

11:00 a.m. Stephen Leaders – Conference Room

Wednesday, August 20

5:00 p.m. Fruit of the Spirit – Pattison Manse: 890 Boston Post Road

Sunday, August 24

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

GENERAL NOTICES

**Helping Hands Rye**

MISSION BACKPACK



Tue, Aug 19
9:30 - 12

Wed, Aug 20
10 - 12



Rye MIDDLE School Gym



www.HelpingHandsRye.org

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



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

Rye Presbyterian Church Summer Session



SING IN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

RPC's music ministry thrives because many volunteers contribute their time and talent.

Might you have interest in singing in the Chancel Choir? If so, please read on!

The Chancel Choir sings most Sundays of the program year (mid-September through mid-June) and in services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.

The usual Sunday schedule begins with warm-up at 9:15 a.m., continues with singing in the 10:00 a.m. service, and concludes with a rehearsal following that service (11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

The ability to read music is helpful, but the main criterion is the ability to match and maintain pitch.

Section leaders (professional musicians) assist and help to inspire all singers.

High school students are encouraged to participate. For younger children, childcare is available.

September 14 is the first Sunday of the Chancel Choir's 2025-2026 program year.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Grade 3 – Grade 5

We're excited to expand our renewed music ministry to children!

Children's Choir will meet on Thursdays, beginning September 18, with snack at 3:30 p.m., followed by rehearsal, in the Westminster Room, from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

While one of the goals is to have the Children's Choir sing in worship, the more important aspect is growing in and learning about faith through making music together.

Participation in Children's Choir is a great way for children to make new friends.

Assistance from parents (on a rotating basis) is an important way for children to come to know and be supported by other adults and for parents to make connections with each other.

MUSIC MAKERS

Kindergarten – Grade 2

We've revamped our music ministry to those in the first years of elementary school!

Music Makers will meet on Wednesdays, beginning September 17, with a snack at 3:30 p.m., followed by an exploration of music and a Bible story, in the Westminster Room, from 3:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Participation in Music Makers is a great way for children to make new friends.

Assistance from parents (on a rotating basis) is an important way for children to come to know and be supported by other adults and for parents to make connections with each other.

If you or your child are interested in any of the above programs, please speak with Jason Charneski once he returns from vacation on September 2.

Call: 914-967-0842, ext. 16. Email: jcharneski@ryepc.com

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT RPC



STEPHEN MINISTRY'S CARING CONNECTIONS

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. This offering is open to all who wish to explore and improve their skills to lead and serve with compassion. Let us deepen our faith together as we learn how to give back!

Classes are led by our clergy and RPC Stephen Leaders. Completing these twelve sessions qualifies you to serve as a Friendly Visitor. For those wishing to go further, Caring Connections is foundational for becoming a Stephen Minister, where training and continuing education continues through January 2026, followed by monthly Supervision Meetings. To register, and to reach out for more information, contact Debbie Zingg at debbie.zingg@gmail.com, or reach out to Becky Ruegger or Mary Versfelt.

Caring Connections Schedule

Meeting in the RPC Westminster Room

Saturday, September 20, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Saturday, October 25, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 14, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Saturday, November 22, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



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God of Grace

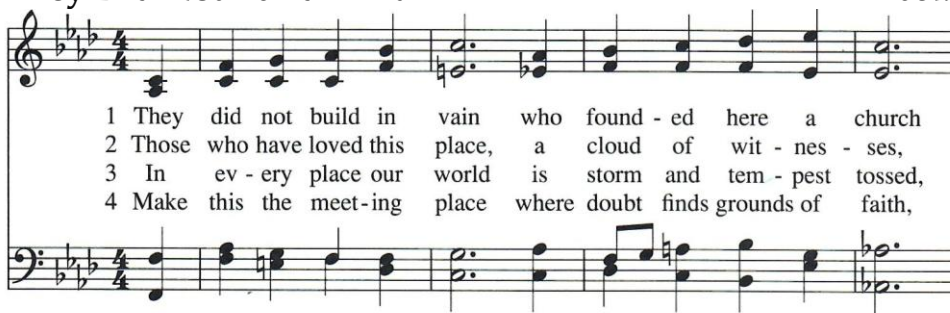
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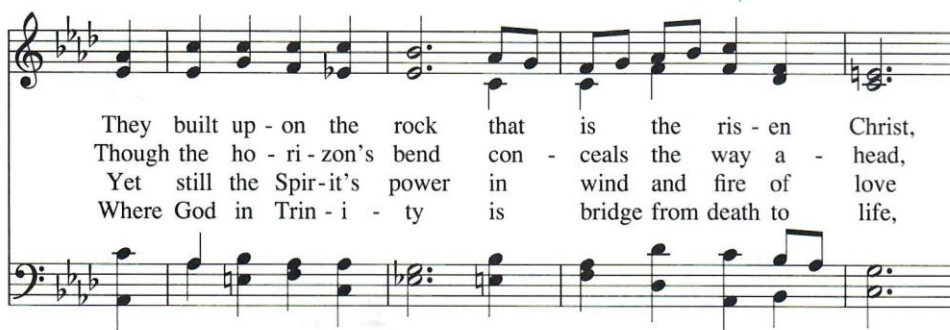
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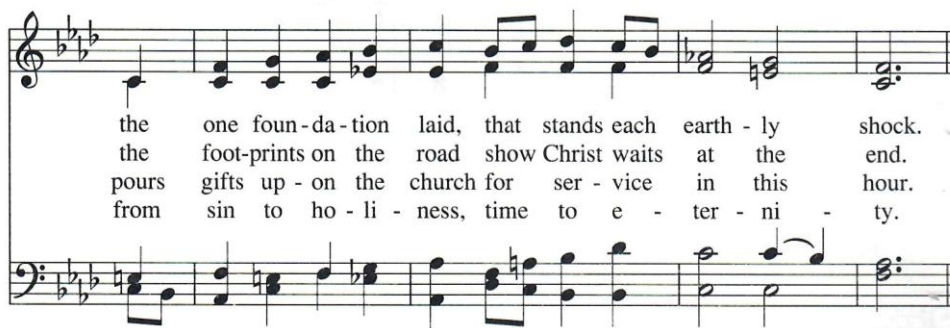
1 They did not build in vain who found - ed here a church
 2 Those who have loved this place, a cloud of wit - nes - ses,
 3 In ev - ery place our world is storm and tem - pest tossed,
 4 Make this the meet - ing place where doubt finds grounds of faith,



as wit - ness to God's love a - mid a world of pain;
 sur - round and urge us on as we now run our race;
 the flames of fear and hate are e - vil's flags un - furled;
 where hurt finds heal - ing love, our pen - i - tence your grace;



They built up - on the rock that is the ris - en Christ,
 Though the ho - ri - zon's bend con - ceals the way a - head,
 Yet still the Spir - it's power in wind and fire of love
 Where God in Trin - i - ty is bridge from death to life,



the one foun - da - tion laid, that stands each earth - ly shock.
 the foot - prints on the road show Christ waits at the end.
 pours gifts up - on the church for ser - vice in this hour.
 from sin to ho - li - ness, time to e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Alan Luff, 1989; alt. Music: Yigdal melody, adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770



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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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