

# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

WORSHIP AND COMMUNION AT 10:00 A.M.

#### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE FOR ALTO SAXOPHONE AND KEYBOARD

Deep River Spiritual, arr. Stephen DeCesare (b. 1969)

#### 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.

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God of this and every morning, as we begin this day and this new season, call us by name; as we step into this day, guide our feet; as we live this day, care for those we love; as we learn this day, teach us your ways. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### **♦ CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pastor: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,

People: for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.

Pastor: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

All: Let us worship God!

**†HYMN** I Sing the Mighty Power of God Ellacombe

Hymns are printed on the closing pages of this booklet.

#### **♦ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of compassion, have mercy on us. We lean into worry instead of seeking peace in you. We assert our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We turn away those who are hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Forgive us, heal us, and help us to live in you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

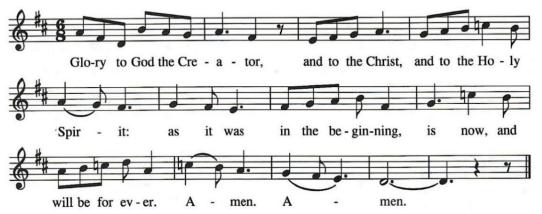
Pastor: The God of steadfast love is our refuge and Savior. In Christ, we who are broken are

healed, forgiven, filled, and transformed.

People: Alleluia! Amen.

♦ please stand as you are able

♦ GLORIA PATRI Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Latin, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> centuries; transl.

#### COMMISSIONING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

As followers of Christ, we are lifelong learners called to make disciples. Some are gifted by the Spirit to serve as teachers, so that the children of God may learn and grow in faith. Those who have committed themselves to be a part of the Sunday School ministry of Rye Presbyterian Church, please stand as your name is called.

Teachers, God has called you to the sacred task of guiding and nurturing the children and youth of this congregation on their journey of faith. Please show your purpose in answering these questions:

Do you profess your faith in God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

#### I do.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

#### I do.

Will you accept the children whom you teach right where they are and just the way they are, as beloved children of God?

# I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to engage the Word of God with passion and joy, to live the lessons you share, and to grow in faith as you serve?

# I will, with God's help.

Will you undertake this ministry with energy, imagination, intelligence, and love?

# I will, with God's help.

# For the Congregation:

Will you support, encourage, and show your appreciation for these teachers as they engage in this ministry?

We will, with God's help.

#### For the Children:

Will you seek to be kind and faithful, eager to learn, and willing to grow closer to God this year? We will, with God's help.

#### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Loving God, you are the source of life and the giver of faith. Thank you for calling these servants of yours to guide and nurture our children and youth on their journey of faith. Let your Spirit flow within and through our Sunday School teachers. Fill them with your wisdom, patience, and love that they may faithfully and fruitfully teach the faith entrusted to them. Deepen their own faith in you as they seek to serve your people in this place, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

You are now commissioned as Sunday School teachers of Rye Presbyterian Church. Whatever you do, in thought, word, or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God the Father through him. And may the God of peace bless and sanctify this ministry to you, this year and all of your days, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Children age 4 through 5th grade may now go to their Sunday School classes.

#### THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Chrissy Connor, lay reader

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 27:1-5, 13-14

after each reading:

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

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Exodus 33:7-11

SERMON

"Living Tent-atively?"

Rev. Love

#### THE RESPONSE

**♦HYMN** 

Let All Things Now Living

The Ash Grove

Hymns are printed on the closing pages of this booklet.

#### **♦ THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Your offering may be left in the plates at the back of the tent. You also may go to the website <a href="https://ryepc.com/give/">https://ryepc.com/give/</a> to give online.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION AND GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

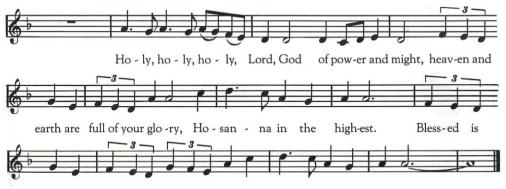
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, strong and faithful God. All your works, the height and the depth, echo the silent music of your praise. In the beginning, your Word summoned light, night withdrew, and creation dawned. As ages passed unseen, waters gathered on the face of the earth and life appeared.

When the times at last had ripened and the earth grown full in abundance, you created humanity in your image, calling us to be stewards of creation. You gave us breath and speech, that all the living might find a voice to sing your praise, and to celebrate the creation you call good. So now, with all the power of heaven and earth, we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

#### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell (1932-2025)



he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_

-Isaiah 6:3b, Revelation 4:8, and Psalm 118:25-26

All holy God, how wonderful is the work of your hands! When sin had scarred the world, you entered into covenant to renew the whole creation. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a father joyfully welcomes his own, you embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail.

Through countless generations, your people hungered for the bread of freedom. For them you raised up Jesus, your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers were satisfied. He healed the sick, though he himself would suffer; he offered life to sinners, though death would hunt him down. But with a love stronger than death, he opened wide his arms and surrendered his spirit.

Gracious God, as we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we commemorate Jesus, your Son. Death could not bind him, for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness and exalted him as Lord of creation.

Great is the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in serving one another. Then, at last, all peoples will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

And now, trusting in you, the risen Lord, and the promise of your coming kingdom, we are bold to pray together...

#### 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.

#### BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

#### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We will celebrate communion by intinction. The communion elements are available on the tables.

#### MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND KEYBOARD

Don't Be Weary, Traveler

Spiritual; arr. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

Don't be weary, traveler: come along home to Jesus.

My head got wet wth the midnight dew,...

angels bear me witness, too,...

where to go I did not know,...

ever since he freed my soul: come along home to Jesus.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living God, in this sacrament, we have been given a taste of your eternal kingdom. May we who share this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE SENDING FORTH

**♦HYMN** 

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Lancashire

Hymns are printed on the closing pages of this booklet.

#### **♦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

#### POSTLUDE FOR ALTO SAXOPHONE AND KEYBOARD

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual; arr. Stephen DeCesare

# 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. To learn more about the ongoing life of the church, please go to <a href="mailto:ryepc.com/im-new/">ryepc.com/im-new/</a> and fill out the welcome form online.

#### 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 A. Halloin at <a href="mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com">ahalloin@ryepc.com</a>.

### 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 <a href="revepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/">revepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/</a>.

# Participants in Today's Service

#### Musicians

Jeremy Fletcher, alto saxophone, & Kelly Sawatsky, soloist

#### Ushers

Sarah Barringer, Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson, and Sarah Snell

#### **DEDICATIONS**

The flowers this Sunday are given by by the Zingg family, in memory of Debbie's mother, Barbara B. Blinn.

#### In Memoria

Barbara B. Blinn, August 25, mother of Debbie Zingg. The Rev. Donald W. Poole, Jr., August 30.

#### GOSPEL CHALLENGE

We encourage you to walk with Jesus this fall by reading one chapter of the Gospels each day.

This Week: Read Matthew 15-21

If you're participating with us in the readings and would like to be part of a weekly email unpacking the scripture with Pastor Cari, email her at <a href="mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com">cpattison@ryepc.com</a>.

#### **TODAY**

RPC Fall Picnic, following worship, Great Lawn Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library

### THIS WEEK

#### Monday, September 8

7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee – Conference Room

### Tuesday, September 9

10:00 a.m. Walk & Talk Tuesdays – Sanctuary Doors

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

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision – Westminster Room

#### Wednesday, September 10\_

10:00 a.m. Level One Yoga - Chapel

7:30 p.m. Deacons – Library

#### Thursday, September 11

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop Reopening

### Sunday, September 14

11:00 a.m. Confirmation Orientation - Chapel

7:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Bonfire – Love Manse

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Classes begin today! Sunday school for children who are between kindergarten and fifth grade will be held on Sunday mornings during worship. To register your child for Sunday, please visit the registration page on our website, or scan the QR Code.



ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/

# 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 continue through January 2026, followed by monthly Supervision Meetings. To register and to reach out for more information, contact Debbie Zingg at <a href="mailto:debbie.zingg@gmail.com">debbie.zingg@gmail.com</a>, or reach out to Becky Ruegger or Mary Versfelt.

#### 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.

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

# THRIFT SHOP Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., beginning September 11

For more information on donations, please check the church website. You can also email the shop at <a href="https://RyveThrift10580@gmail.com">RyveThrift10580@gmail.com</a>.

#### WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays from 1:00-2:25 p.m. in the Library, beginning September 9

RPC Women's Discipleship Group will resume on Tuesday, September 9, from 1:00-2:25 p.m. in the RPC Library. We will continue our study of *Mostly What God Does; Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere*, by Savannah Guthrie, starting with *Part 4: Grace*.

All are welcome! Please let either Courtney Bennett (<a href="mailto:courtneybennett910@gmail.com">courtneybennett910@gmail.com</a>) or Alicia Baldwin (<a href="mailto:alicia.baldwin@verizon.net">alicia.baldwin@verizon.net</a>) know so we can add you to our email communication list.

#### WALK & TALK TUESDAYS

Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in front of the Sanctuary Doors, beginning September 9

We continue in the spirit of our Summer Session Walking Groups with brand new Walk & Talk Tuesdays! Each walk opens with a scripture verse and a simple sharing question, and we end in prayer. All are welcome, including dogs and strollers! To RSVP, or to learn more, email Cari at <a href="mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com">cpattison@ryepc.com</a>

#### CHAPEL YOGA

#### Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. in the Chapel, beginning September 10

Cari Pattison is a certified yoga instructor (RYT 200), and will be offering a Level 1 Vinyasa flow class on Wednesday mornings. Weaving a bit of scripture into the basic class structure, the class will give us an opportunity to stretch and strengthen our bodies, breathe into a posture of prayer, and deepen our relationship with God.

Bring a mat if you have one; mats will also be available to borrow, along with other props. Non-church members and visitors are invited to attend as well. Suggested donation to the church: \$10/class.

To RSVP, or to learn more, email <a href="mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com">com</a>. Those with limited mobility are also encouraged to reach out - to help gauge interest in a potential chair yoga class.

Pastor Cari completed her teacher training at Yoga Haven in Tuckahoe in 2010 and has taught at the Andrus Center in Tuckahoe, Stone Wave in Poughkeepsie, and Euphoria Yoga in Woodstock. She believes yoga is for *every* body, regardless of age, size, injuries, or flexibility, and can be joyfully integrated into our spiritual practice of Christian faith.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

# Orientation – Sunday, September 14, following worship, in the Crawford Chapel First Class – Sunday, September 28, at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room

Does science fit with what is taught in church? What is God really like?

If God is so good... why do bad things happen?

This month, the Confirmation class of 2026 will begin its exploration of these questions and many more, as together we explore the bible story and the life of faith. As a ninth grader, you may not be asking these questions out loud (or at all!) - or eager to take on some extra work as high school begins. Yet the Confirmation process – no matter your decision at the end of the year - is a unique opportunity to explore the life of faith at this important point in your life journey.

To begin the year, following worship on Sunday, September 14, there will be an informational meeting for those considering Confirmation and their parents in Crawford Chapel. All ninth graders and at least one parent are encouraged to come to this brief meeting regardless of eagerness, willingness, doubts, or questions!

If you are a ninth grader or have a child who is in ninth grade, and have not received information regarding Confirmation, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Love at <u>dlove@ryepc.com</u>. You may register for the class on the Confirmation page of the church website: <u>ryepc.com/ministries/confirmation/</u>.

# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - WELCOME BACK BONFIRE Sunday, September 14, 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the Love Manse

We're kicking off the new school year with a Welcome Back Bonfire. Come and get ready for a great night of games and good company – not to mention s'mores! Looking forward to seeing you then. Email Anne A. Halloin at <a href="mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com">ahalloin@ryepc.com</a> to RSVP and learn more.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECTION - WELCOME BACK POOL PARTY Wednesday, September 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

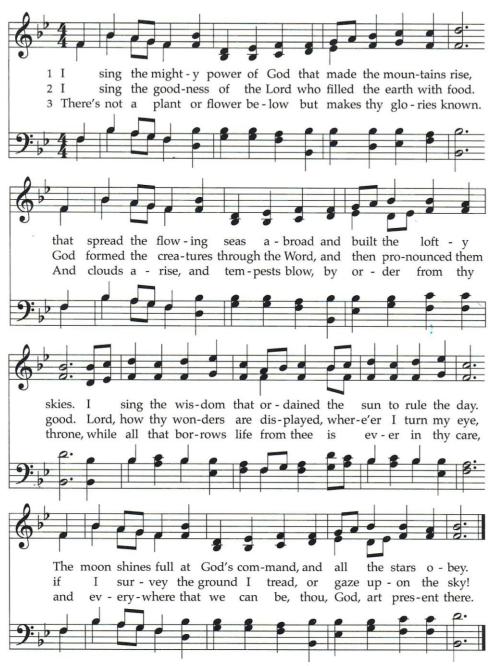
Dive into the fun with our Welcome Back Pool Party! It's the perfect way for our group to cool off before the school year kicks into full gear. Don't forget your towel and sunscreen — we'll take care of the rest, including plenty of pizza and snacks! RSVP to Anne A. Halloin at <a href="mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com">ahalloin@ryepc.com</a> to receive the address.

#### BECOMING A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

Interested in helping our children grow in their faith? We're looking for a few additional Sunday School teachers and substitutes for the upcoming year. If you have a passion for sharing stories, leading crafts, or just being a positive presence, we would love to have you. Please contact Anne A. Halloin at <a href="mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com">ahalloin@ryepc.com</a> if you're interested in learning more about how you can make a difference.

# I Sing the Mighty Power of God

# Ellacombe



Text: Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

Music: Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868





Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt. Music: Welsh folk melody, harm. Gerald H. Knight



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Deep River

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> Glory to God the Creator Music: Ronald A. Nelson

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Let All Things Now Living (*The Ash Grove*)

Text: Katherine K. Davis Music harm. Gerald H. Knight

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Sanctus and Benedictus (Holy, holy, holy Lord!)

Music: Robert Powell

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Don't Be Weary, Traveler

Music arr. Harry T. Burleigh

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Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Text: Ruth Duck

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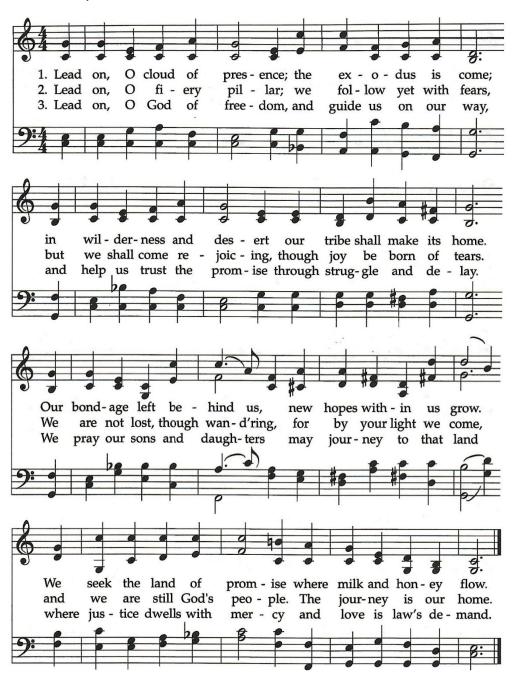
This Little Light of Mine

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# Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

## Lancashire



Text: Ruth Duck, 1974, rev. 1989 Music: Henry T. Smart, 1835



# Spotlight Series

# SHARED COMMUNITIES: Addressing Youth Mental Health Needs in Rye and the Sound Shore Communities



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 by October 3, 2025 to Tara Scarduzio, Development Manager, at tscarduzio@odfmc.org, or scan QR code above.



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Alonso Osorio, Sunday Sexton



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.

