

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Mr. Neves

Arietta

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor (1875-1912)

We welcome Haniel Neves as our Knock Intern Sacred Music. Haniel, who graduated in May from Trinity University in San Antonio, has commenced his studies in the master's program at the Yale School of Music and the Institute of Sacred Music.

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

Lowell Mason, 1830

Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peoples; new by your song as new honors you pay.

Sing of his majesty, praise him forever, show his salvation from day to day.

-Psalm 96:1-2, para.

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Great and wonderful are all your works, O God.

Hear the praises we offer as we gather to worship.

As we open your Word, we discern your goodness.

Your way is holy, great God of all. Amen.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 51)

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

All: Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

Lauda anima

st. 4 desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess that we have sinned against you. You have called to us, but we have turned a deaf ear to your voice. You have shown us the way, yet we have followed our own path. You long to hear our voices in praise and prayer, yet we have been distracted and silent.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

In your mercy, forgive us. By your grace, restore us. Through your Spirit, renew us, that we may live fully in the light of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*
Christe eleison. *Christ, have mercy.*
Kyrie eleison. *Lord, have mercy.*

-Greek, 5th/6th centuries

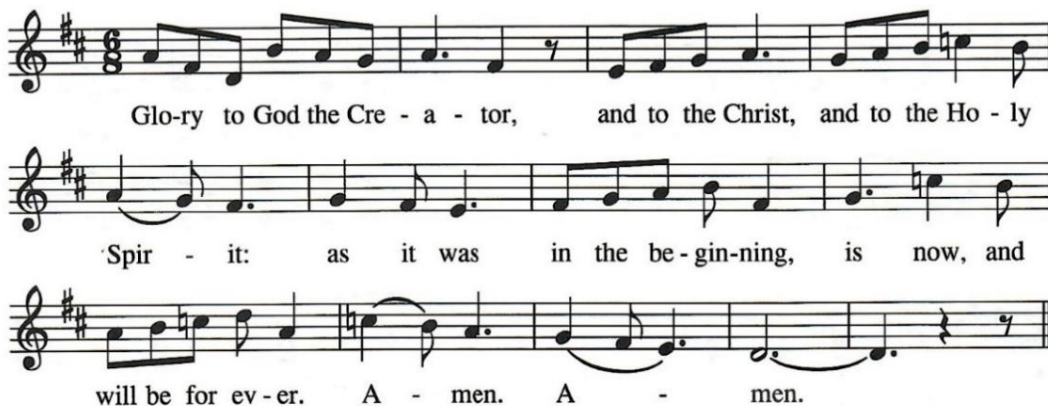
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends, the Apostle Paul writes: "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners..."

All: **Thanks be to God! 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 go to their Sunday School classes.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Chris Marinak, *lay reader*

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 32:7-14

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, p. 78)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 211)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-10

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 78)

SERMON

"What a Fool Believes"

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

✦ HYMN (*see back of bulletin*)

O God, How We Have Wandered

Passion Chorale

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 (*sung by the choir*)

Roland Carter (b. 1942)

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.

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR AND ORGAN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Maurice Bevan (1921-2006)

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
there is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple, we should take him at his word;
and our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

-Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)

✦ **DOXOLOGY** (Hymn 606)

Old Hundredth

**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 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden zart

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Tuba Tune in D Major

Craig Sellar Lang

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

*Coffee and refreshments will be in the Assembly Room following worship. All are welcome!
(The Assembly Room can be found by exiting the front right doors and going down the hallway.)*

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 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

Edward Avery, Sarah Barringer, Carl Friedrich, and Elizabeth Parks, *Ushers*.

DEDICATIONS

The chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God.

In Memoriam, Dr. William E. Thompson, father of BJ Thompson, August 30

TODAY

Confirmation Orientation, 11:00 a.m., Chapel

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary

High School Youth Group: Welcome Back Bonfire, 7:00 p.m., Love Manse

THIS WEEK

Monday, September 15

9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion – Zoom

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee – Conference Room

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Walk & Talk Tuesdays – Sanctuary Doors

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

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

Wednesday, September 17

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

3:45 p.m. Music Makers (Grades K-2) – Westminster Room

5:30 p.m. Middle School Connection: Welcome Back Pool Party – Kidder Household

Thursday, September 18

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

3:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Grades 3-5) – Westminster Room

3:45 p.m. Worship and Music Committee – Westminster Room

Sunday, September 21

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Library

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

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

This Week: Read Matthew 22-28

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 cpattison@ryepc.com.

GENERAL NOTICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School for children age 4 through 5th grade will be held on Sunday mornings during worship. To register your child, 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 debbie.zingg@gmail.com, or reach out to Becky Ruegger or Mary Versfelt.

CHAPEL YOGA

Wednesdays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the Chapel

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 cpattison@ryepc.com. 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 practice of Christian faith.

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.

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

CONFIRMATION

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

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 dlove@ryepc.com. You may register for the class on the Confirmation page of the church website: ryepc.com/ministries/confirmation/.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP – WELCOME BACK BONFIRE

Today, 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 ahalloin@ryepc.com to RSVP and learn more.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECTION – WELCOME BACK POOL PARTY

Wednesday, September 17, 5:30-7:00 p.m., at the Kidder Household

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 ahalloin@ryepc.com.

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 ahalloin@ryepc.com if you're interested in learning more about how you can make a difference.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays from 1:00-2:25 p.m. in the Library

RPC Women's Discipleship Group 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 (courtneybennett910@gmail.com) or Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) 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

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 cpattison@ryepc.com.



Spotlight Series

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

**WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 8, 2025
6:00 PM**

Hosted by

**Rye Presbyterian Church
Mission and Outreach
882 Boston Post Road
Rye, NY 10580**

RSVP

**Tara Scarduzio,
Development Manager at
tscarduzio@odfmc.org or
scan the QR code below.**



Panel

Kim O'Connor, LCSW-R

Psychotherapist
Member, RPC Mission and Outreach

Becky Ruegger, RN, MSN

RPC Stephen Ministry and
Community Advocate

Karen Fink, LCSW

Executive V.P. of Clinical Services
Family Services of Westchester

Karen Mandel, LMSW

Sr. Director, Behavioral & Community Health
Open Door Care Network

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ives

Psychoanalyst and Scarborough
Presbyterian Church Minister

Moderator

Lindsay Farrell

President & CEO
Open Door Care Network

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.**

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

"Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbringing." – Romans 14:19

On World Communion Sunday, October 5, we will celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. The pursuit of peace in the name of Christ is part of an active, engaged faith — a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together. Each year we receive the Peace & Global Witness Offering on World Communion Sunday. This is why we give generously to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace. We retain 25% of the offering from our congregation to support local concerns that are important in our community. Another 25% is used by the Hudson River Presbytery to support the peacemaking efforts with our neighboring congregations. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. We join these monetary gifts with our prayers for peace and our work for justice.



Give Online: ryepc.com/article/peace-global-witness-offering/

THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For more information on donations, please check the church website.

You can also email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.



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Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

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Kyrie eleison

Music: John L. Bell

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Amen

Music: Roland Carter

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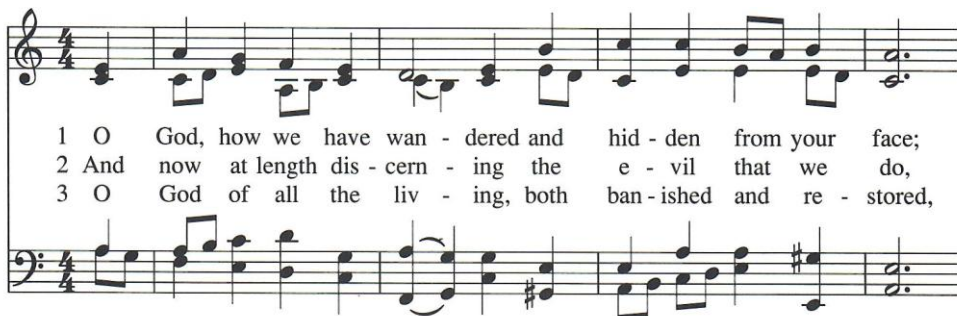
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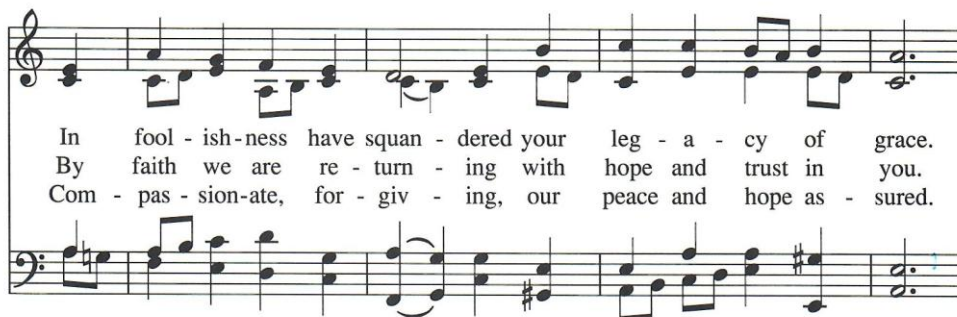
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O God, How We Have Wandered

Passion Chorale



1 O God, how we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O God of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



In fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
By faith we are re - turn - ing with hope and trust in you.
Com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, our peace and hope as - sured.



But how, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we turn with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us, and home re - joic - ing bring,
Grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



As dis - tant but com - pell - ing, you call us each by name.
In glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1980; alt. Music: Hans Leo Hassler, 1601; harm. J. S. Bach, c. 1727

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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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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.

