

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ [BWV 649]

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

This transcription – by the composer himself – of the third movement of his Cantata No. 6 was published in 1749. The cantata was first performed on Easter Monday in 1736. It is based on this morning's Gospel Lesson: The encounter of the travelers with the risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus and their subsequent meal and fellowship with him.

*The chorale text, translated, that applies here is this:
Remain with us, Lord Jesus Christ, because evening approaches now.
Your divine word, the bright light; let it not be extinguished.*

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

*Lord Jesus, your rising from the tomb heralds the dawning of life eternal
as the dawning of this day holds the possibilities of new life.*

*Open our eyes to the signs of your resurrection, and confirm in our hearts
the power of your amazing love, that we may with confidence sing,
"Alleluia." Amen.*

CHORAL INTROIT

O Come, Let Us Worship

J. Harold Moyer, 1969

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our maker;
for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

- Psalm 95:6-7

✦ please stand as you are able

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Followers of Jesus, by his cross,
we are redeemed from the futility of sin.

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: By his rising, we are free from the fear of death.

People: Alleluia!

Pastor: By his love, we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God.

People: Alleluia! Let us worship God!

✦ HYMN 51

To Abraham and Sarah

Llanfyllin

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of redemption, we confess our stubborn foolishness. We have been foolish to doubt your promises. Foolish in wasting your good gifts. Foolish in failing to see you in our midst. Foolish to think hope is lost. Forgive us, we pray.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

God of all creation and creativity, raise us to new life. Open our eyes and hearts to your presence in our lives, in our neighbors, and in our world. By your grace, help us embrace your presence with us and show us your way in Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Franz Schubert, 1826; adapt.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

- Greek, 5th/6th centuries; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**All: He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross,
that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good.**

Leader: I declare that in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

✦ EASTERTIDE RESPONSE

Be Not Afraid

Jacques Berthier, 1998

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two systems of musical notation for the song 'Be Not Afraid'. Each system consists of a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: 'Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!'.

- Taizé Community, 1998

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bob Connor, *lay reader*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 51:1-6
(Pew Bible, p. 681)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35
(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 90)



Supper at Emmaus, Caravaggio, 1601

THE RESPONSE

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

In life and death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good, acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation, and makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, was crucified, and raised from the dead, delivering us from death to life eternal.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus!

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*)

Vincent Persichetti (1915-1987)

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Please visit ryepc.com/give/ to give online. 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

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé (1902-1986)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen.

*God is where there is charity and love.
Christ's love has gathered us as one.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us honor and love the living God.
And with sincere hearts let us love each other.
Amen.*

- based on John 13:35 and 1 Corinthians 13:13

✦ **EASTERTIDE DOXOLOGY**

Lasst uns erfreuen

The tune is printed in the hymnal at no. 10.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

- Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt.

✦ **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SENDING FORTH

✦ **HYMN 238**

Thine Is the Glory

Judas Maccabeus

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Fugue in C Major [BWV 545/ii]

J. S. Bach

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be held in the Assembly Room following worship.
(The Assembly Room is found by exiting the front right doors.)

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Hudson Wallach, *crucifer*

Edward Avery, Sarah Barringer, Molly Boxford, and Susan Morison, *ushers*

DEDICATIONS

The chancel flowers are given by

Joan Marshall Cresap and Frank McDowell Cresap,
in loving memory of and with gratitude for
Joan de Wolfe Wilmarth Cresap.

In Memoriam

Joan Rutherford Mazzotta, April 2, 2026
Mother of Lesley Mazzotta

Nancy Platt, April 14, 2026

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Age 4 – Grade 5)

Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings during worship in the Education Wing. If you have any questions or if you would like to register your child for Sunday School, please reach out to Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

CHILDCARE (3 Months Old – 3 Years Old)

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for young children while parents attend worship. 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 ahalloin@ryepc.com.

RAINBOW BAGS

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 full-color monthly church newsletters, available at every sanctuary entrance: includes photos, updates, articles, and devotions from pastors. It is also available digitally through email, along with our website’s resources page at ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/.

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, April 19

- 11:00 a.m. Keen-Agers Interest Meeting – Library
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Westminster Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study – Library

Monday, April 20

- 9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study - Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Search Committee – Conference Room

Tuesday, April 21

- 1:00 p.m. Women’s Discipleship – Library
- 7:30 p.m. Trustees – Westminster Room

Wednesday, April 22

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel
- 4:15 p.m. Spring Sing... and More – Westminster Room
- 5:30 p.m. Middle School Connection – Youth Rooms
- 7:30 p.m. Session – Westminster Room

Thursday, April 23

- 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop – Assembly Room
- 7:00 p.m. Coming Home Dinner – Westminster Room

Saturday, April 25

- 10:00 a.m. Thrift Sale – Assembly Room

Sunday, April 26

- 8:45 a.m. Moms’ Bible Study – Conference Room
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up – Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Mission Trip Bingo Fundraiser – Assembly Room
- 5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Westminster Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Dinner – Westminster Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

To learn more, visit ryepc.com/about-rpc/events/



KEEN-AGERS INTEREST MEETING

Today, April 19, at 11:00 a.m., in the Library

There will be a meeting for anyone interested in revitalizing our “Keen-Agers” church program. The purpose is to share ideas, explore possibilities, and design programs tailored to the interests of older adults in our congregation. We welcome your thoughts and participation as we work together to create opportunities for fellowship, friendship, and fun.

DINNER AT NOON

Saturday, April 25, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the Carver Center
400 Westchester Ave, Port Chester, NY 10573

Calling volunteers for Dinner at Noon! Dinner at Noon is a community meal offered on Saturdays at the Carver Center in Port Chester to those in need. The next Dinner at Noon provided by RPC is scheduled for Saturday, April 25. We are looking for volunteers to contribute food items (such as juice or a dessert), set tables, plate food, serve meals to guests, and clean up. Please help us make this a special meal for our neighbors! Contact Madison Walsh at madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering. Families with children ages 8 and up are welcome to volunteer together; having children help serve the meal is a rewarding experience for all!

YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE TRIP: BINGO FUNDRAISER



Sunday, April 26, from 11:15 – 12:15 p.m., in the Assembly Room

Join us for our annual Bingo Fundraiser following worship! The suggested donation is \$5 per Bingo Card to help pay for this year’s Youth Summer Service Trip.

To make a donation ahead of the event, please visit our [Youth Service Trip PayPal](#).

This year, RPC is partnering with the Appalachia Service Project for our Youth Summer Service Trip. To learn more about ASP, visit asphome.org.

SPRING SING... AND MORE 2026

for Children in Kindergarten
through Grade 5



Wednesdays, April 8 through May 20

4:15 - 4:45 p.m., in the Westminster Room
(snack available at 4:00)



Children are invited to join Mr. C. to grow in faith through song and story. There also will be occasional explorations of different musical instruments, having the children hear, see, and learn about them from those who play them.

So that he might be able to prepare appropriately, please let Mr. C. know if your child plans to attend:

jcharneski@ryepc.com.



PARENTING YOUNG ADULTS

Guest Speaker Rev. Andrea Raynor



April 28, at 7:30 p.m., in the Westminster Room

Join us for a time of discussion, sharing, and support.

What happens when the small child, who once needed you for everything, suddenly doesn't need you so much – at least not in the same way? Just when you think the most challenging parts of parenting are behind you, a young adult who once was your baby emerges from the chrysalis. Who is this person! No longer a child and not fully adult, their needs (and ours) have changed. How do we navigate, understand, and parent through the years that seem to offer few resources – spiritually, emotionally, and practically?

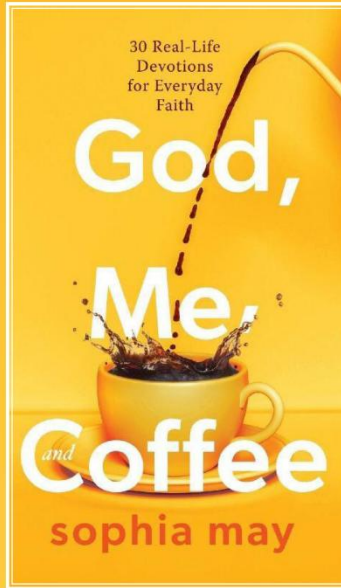
Rev. Andrea Raynor (Andie) will be our facilitator. Andie is the mother of two grown children (now in their thirties – phew!) Although most known for her work as a hospice chaplain and writer, she recently started a new chapter herself. She is currently working as a Campus Minister at Manhattan University in the Bronx, supporting and guiding young adults on their spiritual journeys.

All are welcome! Let us know if you plan to attend by contacting Sue DeStaebler: sdestaebler@mac.com.

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AUTHOR TALK with Sophia May



Tuesday, May 5, at 10:00 a.m., in the RPC Library

We're excited to welcome author Sophia May, discussing her new book
God, Me, and Coffee: 30 Real-Life Devotions for Everyday Faith.

Join us for this book launch, author reading, book-signing, and discussion.
Coffee and pastries will be served. This event is free and open to all!

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COMMUNION WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 2, from 10:00-11:15 a.m., beginning in the Westminster Room

A warm welcome to the table

If a young person in your household has been curious about the Lord's Supper, this is a great opportunity for them to learn more. Those in grades 4-7 are invited to come to this special workshop. Together, we will explore the church and its many symbols, and then focus in on the meaning of the sacrament and how we celebrate it here at Rye Presbyterian.

Space is limited, so please sign up by contacting Rev. Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

EMPTY BOWLS 2026

Saturday, May 3, following worship, in the Assembly Room

We are pleased to be hosting this much-enjoyed team-effort fundraiser! This year, for our 20th time, potters from the Clay Art Center in Port Chester will be working with the middle school youth of our church to bring Empty Bowls to Rye Presbyterian.

Following worship on May 3, all are invited to the RPC Assembly Room. There you will find beautiful ceramic bowls created and donated by local artists at the Clay Art Center. With the purchase of a bowl, guests receive a meal (to stay or to go) of soup and bread. A great gift or addition to any home, the bowls remain as a reminder that amid all that we have, there is always someone with an empty bowl.

With food, bowls, and help provided by local talent, all proceeds will be donated to hunger relief efforts in Port Chester. Since its inception in 2000, the Empty Bowls event has raised over \$80,000! Come be a part of this great event!



SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP CRAWFORD CHAPEL

RPC's Crawford Chapel is adjacent to the Sanctuary



MAY 3, 2026, AT 7:30 P.M.

Choral Music for this service will be offered by a quartet comprised of professional singers from the Chancel Choir.

These services, each approximately 40 minutes in duration, provide an opportunity to worship at the close of the day.

The intimacy of the chapel, coupled with its warm acoustics and decorative flexibility, enables clarity and resonance in the sung and spoken word.

ONGOING EVENTS

To learn more, visit ryepc.com/about-rpc/ongoing-events/



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Monday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

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

CHAPEL YOGA

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

SPRING SING... AND MORE 2026

Wednesdays, from 4:15 – 4:45 p.m., in the Westminster Room
Singing and learning for children in Kindergarten through Grade 5

THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room
Email RyeThrift10580@gmail.com for donation information

COMING HOME 2026

Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room
Dinner is open to church members by RSVP
Email [Douglas Carey](mailto:DouglasCarey@poningoeearthcare@gmail.com) at poningoeearthcare@gmail.com

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, April 26, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Conference Room
Childcare is available!

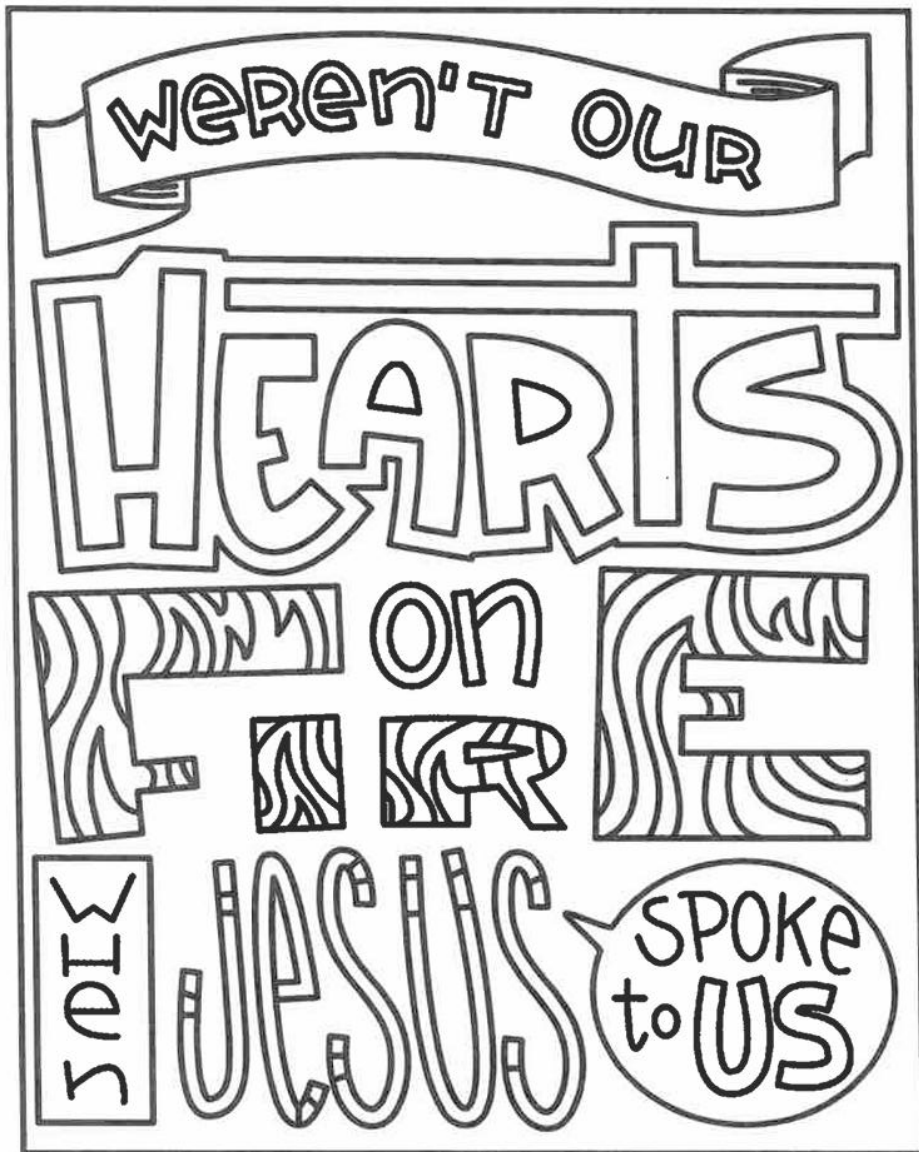
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER

Sunday, April 26, at 6:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

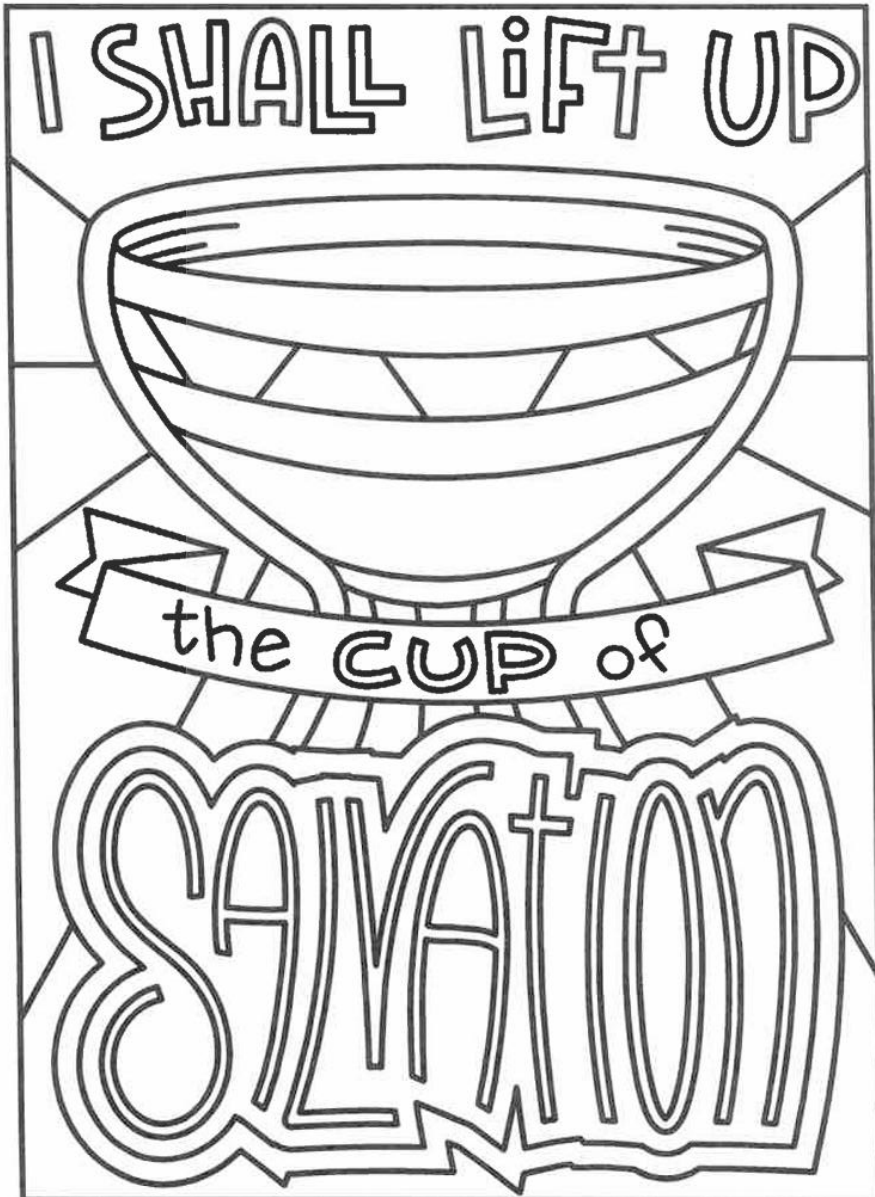
Sunday, May 3, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

COLOR IN THE WORDS



CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Psalm 116:14, 12-19, Luke 24:13-35.





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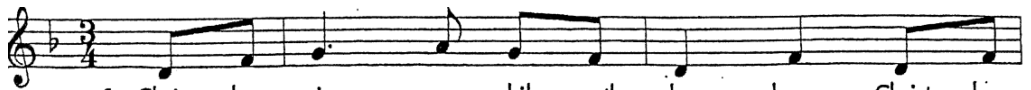
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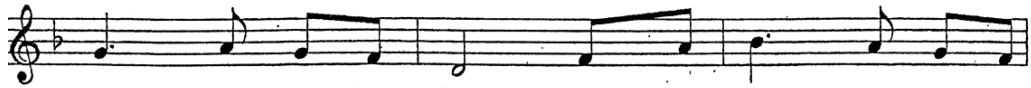
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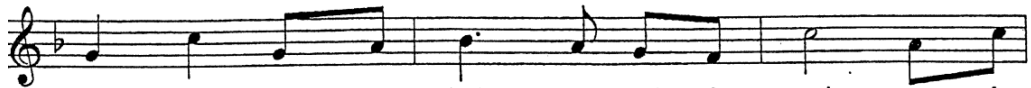
Transformation



1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has
2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he
3. Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer
4. Christ has ris - en and for ev - er lives to



ris - en where hope died, as he said and as he
died to love and save; Christ has ris - en for the
friends who fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i -
chal - lenge and to change all whose lives are messed or



prom - ised, as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the
wom - en bring - ing flowers to grace his grave. Christ has
ta - tion where their faith had once burned bright. They be -
man - gled, all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is



moon em - brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the
ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud - dled in an up - stairs
moan what is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful
ris - en, Christ is pres - ent, mak - ing us what he has



cheer; let the world con - firm the ru - mour: Christ is
room. He whose word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be
sign till Christ ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing
been— ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which



ris - en, God is here!
si - lenced by the tomb.
bread and shar - ing wine.
God is known and seen.

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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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Contact Maida Robinson at mrobinson@ryepc.com with any questions.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the church.

