

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light arr. Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

The hymn on which this setting is based is printed in the hymnal at no. 377.

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 that 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 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, I will 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

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** (*Psalm 16*)

Pastor: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

Pastor: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

Pastor: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

People: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

Pastor: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

All: You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; pleasures forevermore. Come, let us worship the Lord!

✦ **HYMN 247**

Now the Green Blade Rises

Noël nouvelet

✦ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. 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

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

- Taizé Community, 1998

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

FOR KENNETH, CHARLOTTE, AND THEODORE SHERESKY

(Please refrain from taking photographs until after the service is complete.)

STATEMENT ON BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Deacon: Do you, on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Kenny, Charlotte, and Teddy, by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

People: We do.

QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE

✦ PROFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: Blessed are you, almighty God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness, you give us the sign of water.

People: At the beginning, your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water, you nourish and sustain all living things.

Pastor: In the time of Noah, you cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire, you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

People: In the waters of the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.

Pastor: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Kenny, Charlotte, and Teddy, that they may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

People: To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISMS

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Deacon: Receive the light of Christ; you have passed from darkness into light.

People: You have been enlightened with Christ; walk always as children of the light.

RESPONSE (*sung by all*)

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

This setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 482, the third stanza.

Children ages 4 through 5th grade may go to Sunday School during the singing of this response.

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

– Michael A. Saward, 1981

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann McNeel, *lay reader*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 232)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 115)

SERMON

“I’ll Believe It When I See It”

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 286

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

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 AND ORGAN

O for a Closer Walk with God

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

O for a closer walk with God,
a calm and heav'nly frame;
a light to shine upon the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

The dearest idol I have known,
whate'er that idol be,
help me to tear it from thy throne,
and worship only thee.

Return, O holy Dove, return,
sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,
and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,
calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road
that leads me to the Lamb.

- William Cowper, 1769

✦ 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 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

Sonata II [op. 65, no. 2]: iv. Fuga (Allegro moderato) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

Aidan Fletcher, *crucifer*

Amy Dolan, Carl Friedrich, David Tutor, and Whitney Tutor, *ushers*

DEDICATIONS

Chancel Flowers

The Chancel Flowers given in memory of Milly Cordtz,
with love from her children Wendy, Kay, and Jeff,
her eight grandchildren, and her three great-grandchildren.

In Memoriam

Rodney Earl Moyer, April 8, 2026,
Father of Grant Moyer

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 26

- 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

Monday, April 27

- 9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study – Zoom

Tuesday, April 28

- 1:00 p.m. Women’s Discipleship – Library
- 7:00 p.m. Parenting Young Adults – Westminster Room

Wednesday, April 29

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel
- 4:15 p.m. Spring Sing... and More – Westminster Room

Thursday, April 30

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

Saturday, May 2

- 10:00 a.m. Communion Workshop – Beginning in the Westminster Room

Sunday, May 3

- 8:45 a.m. Moms’ Bible Study – Conference Room
- 9:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Warm-Up – Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Empty Bowls – Assembly Room
- 11:00 a.m. Keen-Agers – Library
- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Service – Chapel
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study – Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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 DeStaeble: sdestaebler@mac.com.

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YOUTH SUMMER SERVICE TRIP: BINGO FUNDRAISER



Today, 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 online, 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](#).

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

Sunday, 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



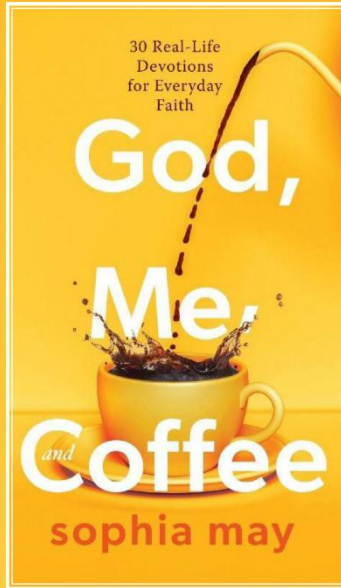
MAY 3, 2026, AT 7:30 P.M.
Holy Communion

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.

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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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.



KEEN-AGERS INTEREST MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Sunday, May 3, 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.

OPEN DOOR BABY BUNDLE

Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 10, through Father’s Day, Sunday, June 21

Big Problem · Simple Solution · Huge Impact

RPC Mission and Outreach invites you to celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day with new parents at Open Door by participating in our 9th Annual Open Door Baby Bundle Project. Open Door midwives deliver over 400 babies a year. The majority of their patients live at or below the federal poverty level. They struggle with inadequate housing, food insecurity, low health literacy, and cultural/language barriers.

Even under the best circumstances, the birth of a new baby can be overwhelming. Then consider the stress of living in poverty and not being able to provide the most basic necessities for your child. The Baby Bundle, supported only through donations, provides Open Door prenatal patients with basic newborn essentials: diapers, wipes, onesies, hats, mittens, socks, bibs, a thermometer, and seasonal clothes.

The support through Open Door doesn't stop with Baby Bundles. All women who deliver their babies with Open Door are supported by a Patient Advocate who provides prenatal information, postnatal support, nutrition and wellness guidance, and access to insurance benefits.

The entire Baby Bundle can be purchased for \$200 per newborn. Bassinets are in the hall outside the first-floor Welcome Area and the entrance to RPNS. During our month-long drive, we invite you place your donations in the pack-n-plays. Additionally, you can order items to be sent directly to Open Door through the Amazon Open Door Baby Registry. Please scan the QR Code below, or follow the link here: rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes.



ONGOING EVENTS

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



MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Monday, April 27, 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 at poningoeearthcare@gmail.com

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

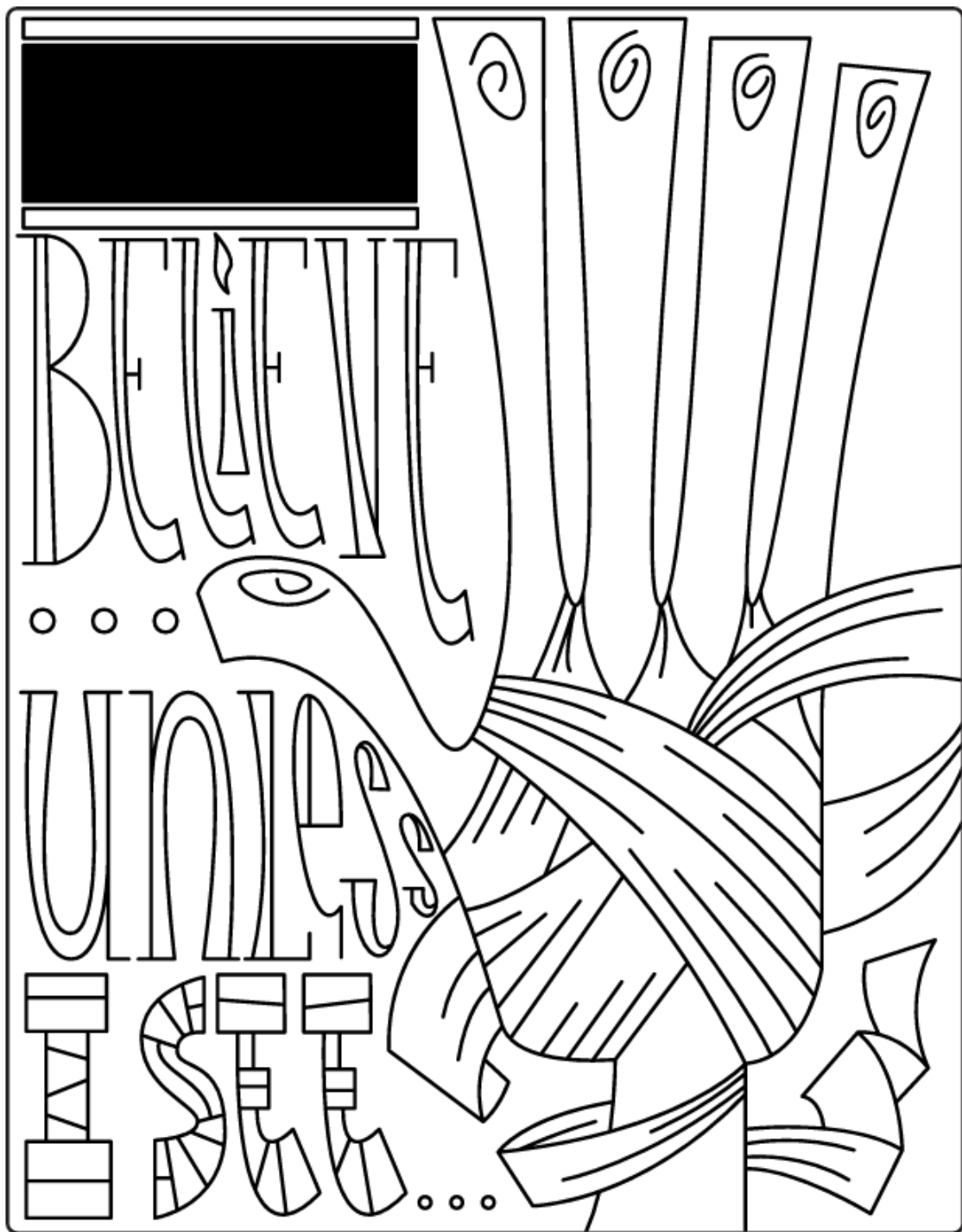
Sunday, May 3, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Conference Room
Childcare is available!

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



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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.



GIVING AT RPC

Online donation options are available on our giving page: ryepc.com/give/.

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

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

