

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Prelude on *Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

*O Lord, in you we live and move and have our being.
Instill in us the knowledge that we are your offspring, your beloved children,
and you will not leave us orphaned. Amen.*

CHORAL INTROIT Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator Batak melody;
arr. H. A. Pandopo, 1999

Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator,
sun, moon, and stars and angels above.
Praise the Lord, whose word established the heavens,
who upholds all the earth in power and love.
Both young and old, come and join in the song!

*- Tilly Lubis, 2009;
transl. David Diephouse, 2009*

✦ *please stand as you are able*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (*Psalm 66*)

Pastor: Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of God's praise be heard,

People: who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

Pastor: We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

People: I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

Pastor: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

People: I cried aloud to the Lord, who was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, God would not have listened.

Pastor: But truly God has listened and given heed to the words of my prayer.

All: Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. Come, let us worship the Lord!

✦ **HYMN 12**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

st. 4 desc. and harm. Antony Baldwin (b. 1957)

✦ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our hearts are hard, O God – Soften them with your love.

Our hands are clenched, O God – Open them with your grace.

Our feet are planted too firmly, O God – Invite us to dance with you.

Our lives are not our own, we know – Forgive us our illusions of control.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Let us live and move and have our being in you, O God. In Jesus' name, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612);
adapt. James McGregor (1930-2022)

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

- Greek, 5th/6th centuries

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ 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 musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are: 'Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al - le - lu - ia!'.

- Taizé Community, 1998

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES: FIRST GRADERS

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Charles Park, *lay reader*

GOSPEL READING

John 14:15-21

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 109)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 17:22-31

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 137)

SERMON

“Losing Our Religion”

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 22

God of the Sparrow

Roeder

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*)

We believe in God, who conceived all that is created, God, who mothers and fathers all people.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's firstborn and only Lord of the earth. He came from both heaven and the womb of the virgin Mary; he lived in solidarity with humankind, befriending, teaching, healing, and restoring; he was denied and betrayed by his friends; and was done to death by the state. He descended to the place of oblivion, rose to life again on the third day, and ascended to heaven where he sits at God's right hand. This same Jesus will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, whose dynamic presence can make all things new. And we believe in the holy church universal, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES: HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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*)

John Stainer (1840-1901)

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Kim O'Connor

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

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby (b. 1949)

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter,
that he may abide with you forever; e'en the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

- John 14:15-18

✦ 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 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

Down Ampney

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

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

March

Henry Purcell (1659-1695);
arr. C. H. Trevor (1895-1976)

COFFEE HOUR WITH REFRESHMENTS

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

Caroline Parks, *crucifer*

Sally Adler, Carl Friedrich, Susan Morison, and Patrick McGunagle, *ushers*

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The white rose at the lectern is in honor of the birth of Dowd Gehrett Singer, born on April 28, daughter of Chelsea and Andrew Singer.



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Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

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God of the Sparrow (*Roeder*)

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March

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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, May 10

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel

Monday, May 11

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

7:00 p.m. Fellowship & Formation – Library

7:00 p.m. Nominating Committee – Westminster Room

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

Tuesday, May 12

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

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

Wednesday, May 13

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

4:15 p.m. Spring Sing... and More – Westminster Room

5:30 p.m. Thrift Shop Evening Sale – Assembly Room

7:30 p.m. Deacons – Library

Thursday, May 14

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop – Assembly Room

7:00 p.m. Coming Home Dinner – Westminster Room

Sunday, May 17

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

5:00 p.m. Confirmation – Westminster Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Dinner – Westminster Room

8:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study – Library

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



OPEN DOOR BABY BUNDLE
Beginning today, May 10, on Mother's Day, and
lasting through Sunday, June 21, on Father's Day



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 above, or follow the link here: rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes.

A CELEBRATION OF CALLING FOR ANNE A. HALLOIN
Sunday, May 31, following worship, in the Assembly Room



As many of you know, our Interim Children and Youth Director, Anne A. Halloin, has sensed a call to ordained Ministry of Word and Sacrament. She will be starting classes at Princeton Theological Seminary on the Master of Divinity track later this summer. Anne has served faithfully for the past two years, leading with calm, kindness, creativity, and care for the families of our church. To learn more about the next steps for both Anne and RPC, visit our website at ryepc.com/article/a-celebration-of-calling-for-anne-a-halloin/.

To celebrate Anne, all are invited to come to a special coffee hour and brunch in the Assembly Room following worship on Sunday, May 31. Please join us in thanking her as we send her off with prayer and festive food!

COMING HOME GRADUATION LUNCH AND CEREMONY

Sunday, June 7, from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room. All are invited!

Join us in celebration of our Coming Home graduates! These students, formerly incarcerated, are completing an 18-week term of study, mentoring, workshops, and more – all toward their goal of a bright present and future in their return to civilian life. **Even if you haven't previously been involved in Coming Home, the presence of church members is essential for this event.** You provide encouragement, support, and a vote of confidence just by being there. Not only will diplomas and awards be given, but each participant will be sharing a few words about what the Coming Home experience has meant to them, and each mentor will then impart a personalized blessing in kind.

RSVP to Douglas Carey at poningearthcare@gmail.com so that we know how many plates and chairs to prepare. If you are interested in donating a tray of food items for the graduation reception, please indicate it in your email. Thank you for your generosity, and thank you for supporting the achievements and mission of Coming Home!



Guest Speaker: Sean Pica

President of Hudson Link for Higher Education in Prison
Vice President, New Beginnings Transitional Housing

[Visit HUDSONLINK.ORG to learn more.](http://HUDSONLINK.ORG)

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2027

[Submissions are open through Sunday morning, June 7](#)



Are you, or is someone you know: interested in putting faith into action, a good leader, knowledgeable about business affairs or physical infrastructure, friendly with a variety of RPC members, and an active part of the life of RPC?

Serving the church is a fulfilling responsibility that helps build a strong faith community. As an active member of RPC, you are eligible to serve in one of these valuable and enriching roles. As a part of the leadership team at Rye Presbyterian Church, you can grow in your faith and help shape the future direction of our community. We are currently seeking individuals interested in serving as deacons, trustees, elders (Members of Session), or Nominating Committee members. Deacon, trustee, and elder positions require a three-year commitment, while Nominating Committee members are asked to serve for two years. Youth elders and deacons are selected for a one-year term.

If you are interested in contributing to our community in this way, we encourage you to apply. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, please submit their name (with their permission.) The recommendation form can be completed as a printout or an online submission by visiting [ryepc.com/nominating](http://RYEPC.COM/NOMINATING). Please submit the form to the church office, website, or email at nominations@ryepc.com by the morning of June 7.

ONGOING EVENTS

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



MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY
Sunday, May 17, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION
Monday, May 11, 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

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Select Saturdays, at 9:00 a.m., in the Library and via Zoom

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY
Sunday, May 17, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room
Childcare is available!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP DINNER
Sunday, May 17, at 6:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room

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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.

