

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Fanfare

John Cook (1918-1984)

The composer wrote "Psalm 81:1-3" (Pew Bible, p. 118) at the top of this work.

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

Bless us, O God, with a lasting sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and worship you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: People of God, hope in the Lord!

People: For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

Pastor: and with God is great power to redeem.

All: Let us worship God.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

✦ **HYMN 268**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

✦ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

st. 4 harm. Eric H. Thiman (1900-1975)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Living God, we confess that often our faith is weak, our love for others faint, our prayers timid, and our gratitude unconvincing. We look to you in times of need, yet you feel far away.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Ruler of all, draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your patience and your power. Grant us deep peace and the hope that comes through the grace of Jesus Christ, our resurrected Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

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

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

- Greek, 5th/6th centuries

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **EASTERTIDE RESPONSE**

Be Not Afraid

Jacques Berthier, 1998

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in 4/4 time and B-flat major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with the lyrics: "Be not a - fraid; sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!". The piano accompaniment consists of chords and a steady bass line.

- 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

Leslie Bradford, *lay reader*

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 1:1-11

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 118)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 192)

SERMON

"Don't Just Stand There"

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

✦ 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.

✦ HYMN (*back pages*)

Why Stare at Heaven's Distant Blue

Melita

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)

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

King of Glory, King of Peace

Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not heaven, I can raise thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort, to enroll thee;
e'en Eternity's too short to extol thee.

- George Herbert (1593-1633)

✦ 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 265

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

st. 5 harm. Antony Baldwin (b. 1957)

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Symphonie V [op. 42, no. 1]: v. Toccata

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

COFFEE HOUR

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

NOTEPAD



PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Tyler Simandl, *crucifer*

Sally Adler, Sarah Barringer, Elizabeth Parks, and Madison Walsh, *ushers*

IN MEMORIA

Richard Paul Boggs, May 12, 2026

Father of Hollis O'Rorke

Issac Nyakamera, May 13, 2026

Brother of Fallys Ngalauka



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Fanfare

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Kyrie eleison

Music adapt. James McGregor

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Be Not Afraid

Text: Taizé Community Music: Jacques Berthier

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Duke Street [Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun]

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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 17

- 11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting - Library
- 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

Monday, May 18

- 9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study – Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Worship & Music Committee – Westminster Room
- 7:30 p.m. Search Committee – Conference Room

Tuesday, May 19

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

Wednesday, May 20

- 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

Thursday, May 21

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

June 21 through August 14 (excluding July 5)



Summer Sunday School is a one-room schoolhouse model for children between ages 5 and 11 to learn together. Using the “Project Restoration” curriculum, the Bible stories that we learn will be applied to our daily lives through crafts, games, nature experiments, and service projects. Please be sure to register via the link below or the QR Code above

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

OPEN DOOR BABY BUNDLE

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.



GOSPEL SUNDAY

Sunday, June 14, 10:00 a.m. Worship

Hymns, Anthems, and More

led by the Chancel Choir and a Jazz Ensemble

RPC's annual Summer Picnic will follow the service.

ONGOING EVENTS

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



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

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION
Monday, May 18, 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

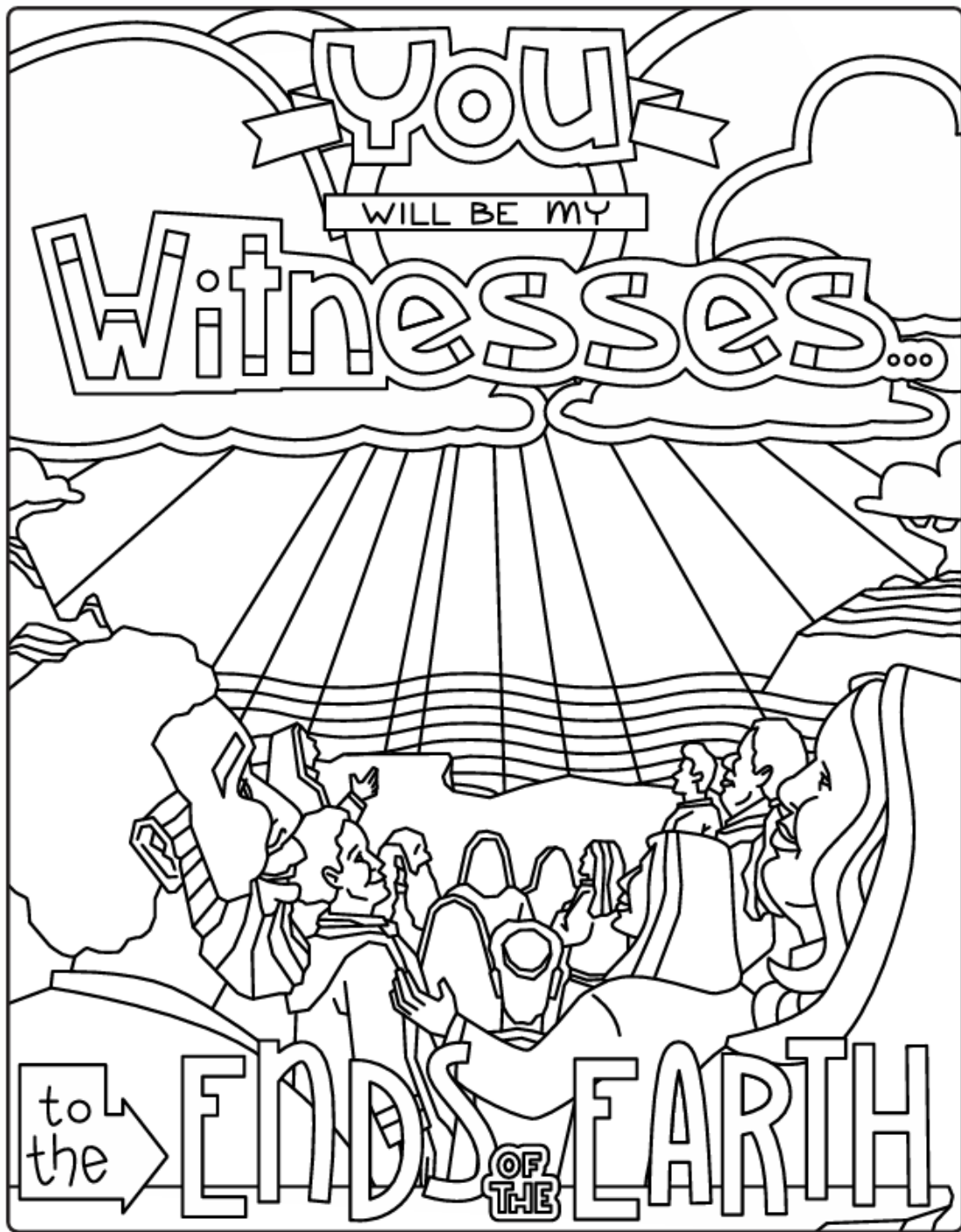
THRIFT SHOP
Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room
Email RyeThrift10580@gmail.com for donation information

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 31, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room
Childcare is available!

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



Acts 1:1-11 · illustratedministry.com

Why Stare at Heaven's Distant Blue

Melita



1. Why stare at heav-en's dis - tant blue when Christ has told you
2. Deep si - lence fell up - on the air, and earth seem'd lone-ly,
3. That con - gre - ga - tion lived be - tween a well-mark'd past and
4. May we be dis - ci - plined to face with that young church's



what to do? Your gaze won't draw the clouds back down that
hard and bare, and where Christ's friends had fixed their eyes stood
things un - seen. With Christ no long - er at their side, di-
pa - tient grace the pray'r - ful, seek - ing, wait - ing days that



rose with glo - ry from the ground. Your Lord now reigns in
 on - ly sun and cloud and skies. Then with a slow re-
 rect - ly there to teach and guide, they sought thro' pray'r with
 are a part of heav - en's ways, by which we learn how

realms a - bove. A - wait God's wind and show God's love.
 luc - tant gait they walk'd t'ward home to pray and wait.
 one ac - cord the will of their as - cend - ed Lord.
 we de - pend on God to send the flame and wind.

text: Thomas H. Troeger (1945-2022)
 music: John B. Dykes, 1861

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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.

