

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE FOR PIANO

Introduction to *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

*The prelude this morning serves to help us become familiar with the hymn to be sung at the close of worship.*

### 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

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten us with your celestial fire; for if you go with us, then nothing else matters. And if you do not go with us, then nothing else matters.*

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In those days, says the Lord –

**People: in those days after Jesus rose from the dead,**

Pastor: in those days when no one really knew what was going on or what was going to happen –

**People: in those days God exhaled the Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: And when the disciples pushed out their fear,

**People: and as dancing flames heralded the arrival of something new,**

Pastor: and as the birth carried the call of many languages, all understood.

**People: In those days, the church was born, out of fear and fire, with joy and awe.**

Pastor: The church was born.

**People: Our church.**

Pastor: God's church.

**All: Come, let us worship God.**

✦ *please stand as you are able*

## ✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: Holy God,

**People: Holy Breath, Wind, Flame, Spirit:**

Pastor: Refine us with your fire.

**People: Burn off all that is dry and lifeless,**

Pastor: and grow us anew.

**People: Let your Spirit dance within our spirits,**

Pastor: uprooting us when we have been unmoved

**People: and refreshing all that is stale in our lives.**

Pastor: Breathe on us your peace,

**People: that we will share that peace with all we meet.**

Pastor: Now hear the silent prayers of our hearts.

*Silent prayers of confession are offered.*

**All: For those times we stifle your Spirit, O God; for those times we ignore your whispers and shouts; for those times when we turn away from your wonders and miracles: forgive us. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

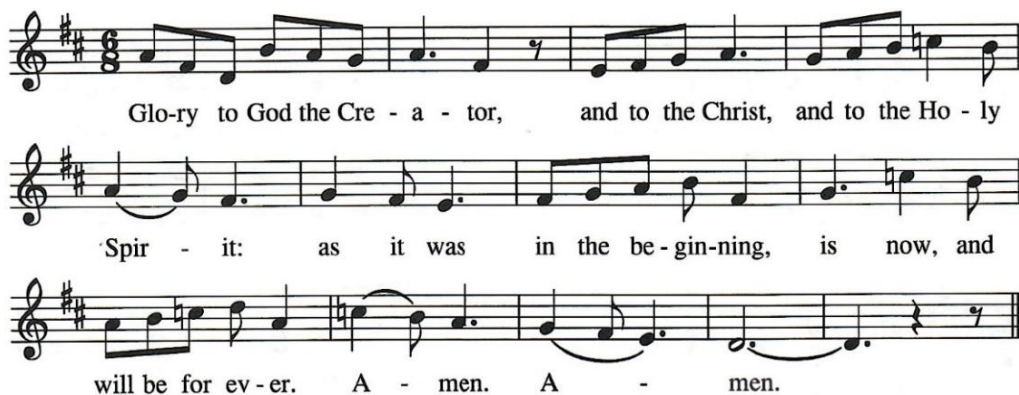
## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Always God is with us: nudging us like a gentle breeze, stirring us with flames of hope, speaking to us with words engraved in our hearts. Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know mercy and grace, forgiveness and service. In this Spirit, and through Christ, we proclaim the Good News:

**All: We are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.**

## ✦ GLORIA PATRI

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986



Glo-ry to God the Cre - a - tor, and to the Christ, and to the Ho - ly  
Spir - it: as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and  
will be for ev - er. A - men. A - men.

- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> century Latin; transl.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*There is no Sunday School scheduled for today; we will resume next week.*

*Childcare is available today for children 3 months old – 3 years old.*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Sally Adler, *lay reader*

### EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 174)

*At the conclusion of each reading:*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 2:1-21

(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 119)

### SERMON

“Mirth, Wind, and Fire”

Rev. Pattison

## THE RESPONSE

### ✦ HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

*Living God*

*We will sing this petition three times.*

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(adapted from the Pentecost Affirmation by the Iona Community)*

We believe in God who chose a wandering people for God's own, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, and others, called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

We believe in Jesus who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, attracted to God's cause Greeks and Romans, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan woman, had his mind changed by a Phoenician, gave his cross to be shouldered by an African, and ascended above his native land that he might be present in every place.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost proved that heaven had no favored mother-tongue, who in the baptism of an Ethiopian denied racism, and who in the ancient world founded churches across cultures and nations.

We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus, yet we affirm that God may choose to show God's face in different guises, for the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church and the love of God is beyond our understanding.

We celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God bestows spiritual gifts upon each and every person, and that God's surprise surpasses all human expectations. Amen.

## **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.

## **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

*Please visit [ryepc.com/give/](http://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.*

## MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Organ Book: iv. Flutes

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

*The lighter sounds of the organ's flute stops, demonstrated in this piece, reflect the wind associated with the Holy Spirit.*

### ✦ 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 289

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Spirit*

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Improvisation on *Veni Creator Spiritus*

*The plainsong melody on which this improvisation is based is printed in the hymnal at no. 278, Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire.*

## COFFEE HOUR

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

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## *PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP*

Edward Avery Jr., Nancy Heldman, and Susan Morison, *ushers*

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# NOTEPAD

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**On Pentecost They Gathered**

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**Gloria Patri: Glory to God the Creator**

Music: Ronald A. Nelson

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**Spirit of the Living God (*Living God*)**

Text and Music: Daniel Iverson

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**Organ Book: iv. Flutes**

Music: Jean Langlais

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**Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (*Spirit*)**

Text and Music: James K. Manley

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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/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://ryepc.com/grace-notes-newsletter/).

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 25

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The office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

### Tuesday, May 26

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

7:30 p.m. Trustees – Westminster Room

### Wednesday, May 27

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10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

7:00 p.m. Session – Westminster Room

8:00 p.m. Confirmation Class with Session – Westminster Room

### Thursday, May 28

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9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry Leaders – Library

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

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

### Saturday, May 30

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10:00 a.m. High School Summer Service Trip Gathering – Boundless Adventures

### Sunday, May 31

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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

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Library

## 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/](http://ryepc.com/ministries/summer-sunday-school/)

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**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](https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes).

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**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/](https://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!

# **WALK & TALK TUESDAYS**

**Resuming Tuesday, June 2, and continuing throughout the Summer**

9:00-10:00 a.m. starting in front of the Sanctuary Doors

Facilitated by Cari and Anne, this series of weekly morning walks opens with scripture and a theme for the day and closes in prayer.

We'll proceed each day through rain or shine! We welcome the company of strollers and good leash-walking dogs.



If you have any questions, please email either Cari or Anne at [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com) or [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto:ahalloin@ryepc.com), respectively.

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## 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](mailto: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)

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## 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](mailto: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.

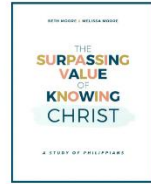
# SUMMER BIBLE STUDY PHILIPPIANS

Join Rev. Cari for an in-depth Beth Moore study through the book of Philippians. One of the most beloved letters of Paul, written from prison, this short book packs a powerful message of joy, unity, and hope amid hardship.

We'll be exploring *"The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: A Study of Philippians,"* co-authored by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore. Throughout the summer, we'll meet across five consecutive weeks for 90-minute sessions in the church library, in-person only. This study includes workbook homework, live discussion, and a weekly viewing of Beth Moore's teaching videos together.

**To RSVP, please email [cpattison@ryepc.com](mailto:cpattison@ryepc.com) by Wednesday, June 3.**

The date and time of the study will be determined once we've received sign-ups. We'll do our best to work around your summer plans!



If this is your introduction to Beth Moore, you're in for a treat! She's a decades-long Bible teacher and speaker based in Houston, TX, whose studies are full of humor, life-application, and intensive research on Scripture. Moore writes: *"The book of Philippians is exhortation driven by unabashed affection. Discover how you can be unstoppable in love, faith and good works even amidst frustration and opposition."*

**The required workbook is purchasable online for \$20:**

**Beth Moore**  
Co-Author



**Melissa Moore**  
Co-Author

## ONGOING EVENTS

To learn more, visit [ryepc.com/about-rpc/ongoing-events/](https://ryepc.com/about-rpc/ongoing-events/)



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### MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

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

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**MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**  
May 31, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom

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**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION**  
Monday, June 1, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom

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**WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**  
Tuesdays, from 1:00 – 2:25 p.m., in the Library

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**CHAPEL YOGA**  
Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel  
Chapel Yoga continues throughout the summer!  
Meets on these select dates: June 3, 10, and 17 · July 1, 8 · August 12, 19, & 26

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

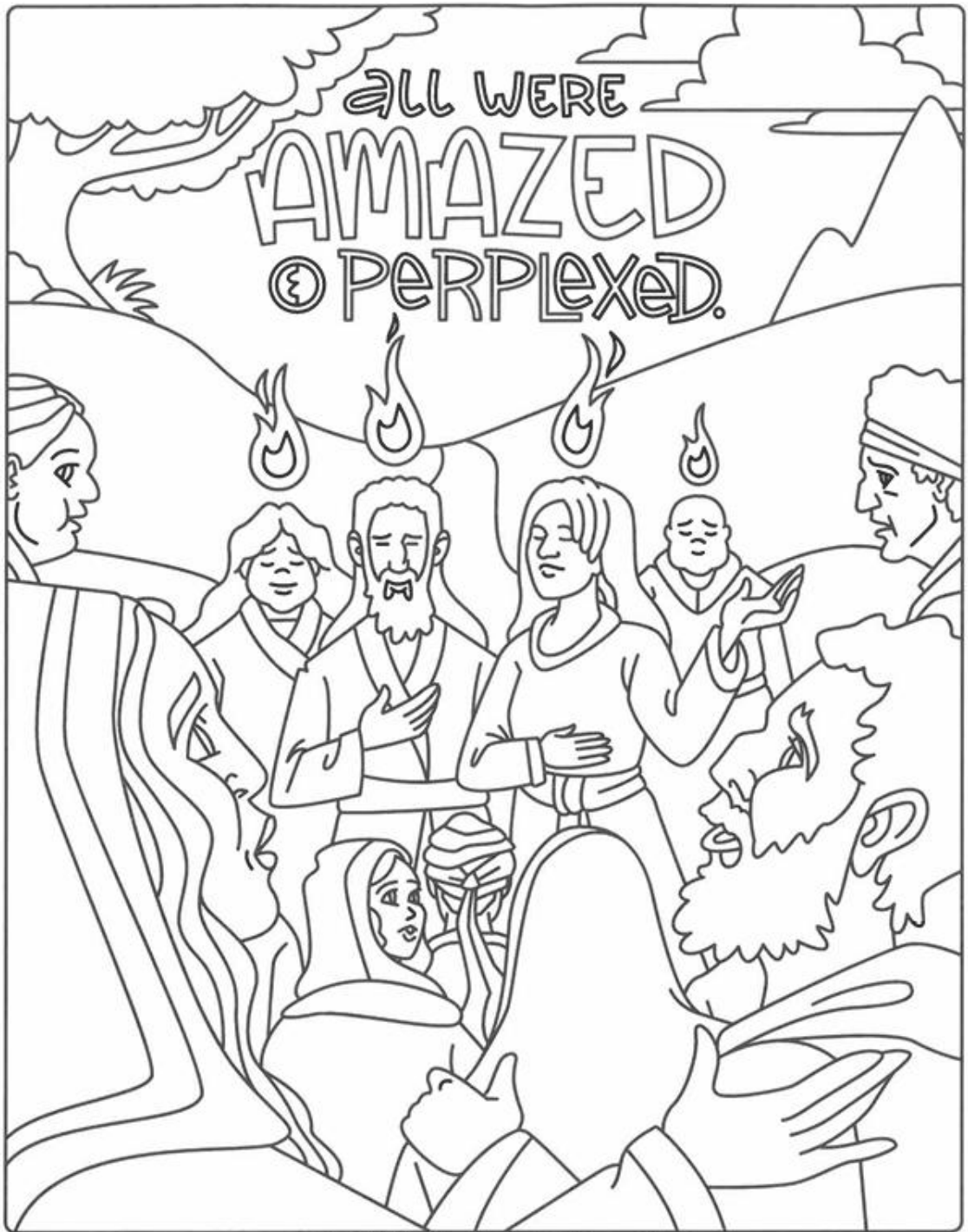
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**COMING HOME 2026**  
Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room  
Dinner is open to church members by RSVP  
Email Douglas Carey at [poningoeearthcare@gmail.com](mailto:poningoeearthcare@gmail.com)

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

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Acts 2:1-12 • [illustratedministry.com](http://illustratedministry.com)

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*We are a Stephen Ministry church that offers a one-on-one caring ministry to those in need. 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.*

## GIVING AT RPC

Online donation options are available on our giving page: [ryepc.com/give/](https://ryepc.com/give/).

Contact Maida Robinson at [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com) with any questions.

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

