

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Come to the Table

The Gospel Sunday Ensemble

Jeremy Fletcher (b. 1974)

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

Angels can fly because they take themselves lightly.

Whoever has the faith has the fun.

- G.K. Chesterton

CHORAL INTROIT

Open My Mouth

Clara Scott (1841-1897)

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere.

Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

✦ *please stand as you are able*

✦ **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 36)

Pastor: Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, and your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: **Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O Lord.**

Pastor: How priceless is your love, O God! Your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

People: **We feast upon your abundance and generosity; we drink from the river of your delights.**

Pastor: For with you is the well of life, and in your light, we see light.

People: **Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you, and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Pastor: Come, let us worship God!

✦ **HYMN 409**

God Is Here!

Abbot's Leigh

Please sing the melody on stanzas 1 and 4, as the harmonization Dr. Fletcher has written for those stanzas does not correspond to that printed in the hymnal.

✦ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we know we do not always live as we ought to: we turn away from you, from our neighbor, and from our true selves. We know we dim your light within us, with our pride, self-righteousness, and our need for control.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

We know that you love us, O God, that you do not abandon us. Help us to come back to you: back to love, back to grace, back to your light. Forgive us, we pray, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

Leon C. Roberts (1950-1999); adapt,

Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.

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

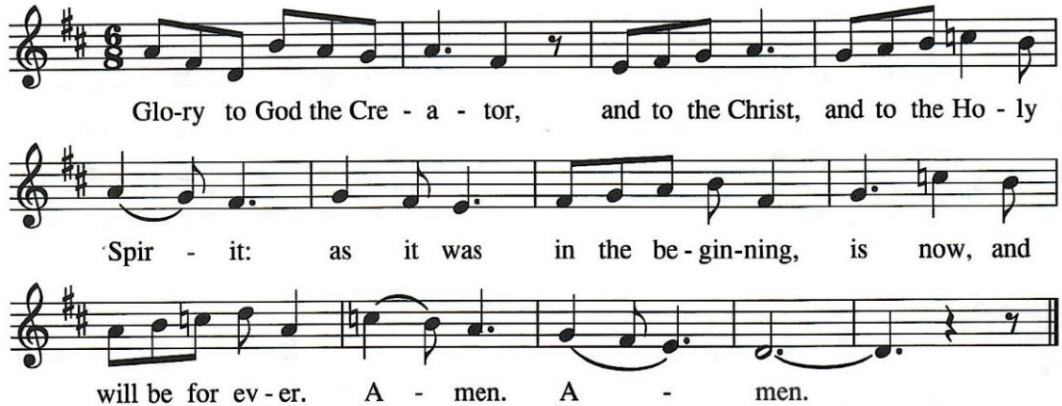
DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the mercies of God are from everlasting to everlasting. Let us proclaim the Good News:

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.**

✦ 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.

- 3rd/4th century Latin; transl.

TEACHER RECOGNITION

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

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Joel 2:26-29
(Pew Bible, p. 848)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:46-48
(Pew Bible, New Testament, p. 70)

SERMON

Who is the Greatest?

Anne A. Halloin

THE RESPONSE

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTS

Order My Steps

Glenn E. Burleigh (1949-2007);
arr. Jack Schrader, 2000

Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me, every day.
Send your anointing, Father, I pray. Please order my steps in your Word.

Humbly I ask thee, teach me your will, while you are working, let me be still.
Though Satan is busy, God is real! Please order my steps in your Word.

I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord, and I'll do your blessed will.
The world is ever changing, but you are still the same.
If you order my steps, I'll praise your name.

Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word;
guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart in your Word.

Show me how to walk in your Word, show me how to talk in your Word.
When I need a brand-new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring in your Word.
Please order my steps in your Word.

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

We believe in God who made the sea and stars, the earth and sky, and who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners. He burned brightly and offended many. His journey was one of life and death and resurrection. His light continues to shine in the darkness.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe. We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone: old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak. We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, brothers and sisters, a light for our world. 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 (*sung by the choir*)

Jeremy Fletcher, 2023

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Margaret Blum

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.

SPIRITUAL FOR CHOIR AND INSTRUMENTS

Children, Go Where I Send Thee

arr. Ryan Murphy (b. 1971)

Children, go where I send thee, how shall I send thee?

I'm gonna send thee one by one, one for the little bitty baby,
lyin' in a manger, he was born in Bethlehem.

I'm gonna send thee two by two, two for Paul and Silas...
I'm gonna send thee three by three, three for the Hebrew children...

And there was seven for the seven that all went up to heaven,
and six for the days when the world was fixed,
and there was five for the five that all stayed alive,
and four for the four that stood at the door.

I'm gonna send thee eight by eight, eight for the eight the flood couldn't take,
nine for the angel choirs divine, ten for the ten commandments,
'leven of 'em singin' in heaven, twelve for the twelve apostles.

Children, go!

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH

✦ HYMN 547

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Ar hyd y nos

Please sing the melody on stanzas 1 and 3, as the harmonization Dr. Fletcher has written for those stanzas does not correspond to that printed in the hymnal.

✦ CHARGE AND BLESSING

CHORAL EPILOGUE

God Be with You

Thomas A. Dorsey (1899-1993)
and Artelia W. Hutchins

God be with you till we meet again.

*The Chancel Choir offers these words as its concluding act of worship for this program year.
They will resume their offerings in worship on September 27.*

POSTLUDE

This Little Light of Mine

The Gospel Sunday Ensemble

Spiritual; arr.

"Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine!"

SUMMER PICNIC

Please join us for the Church Picnic in the Grape Arbor, behind the church, following worship.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Sally Adler, Molly Boxford, Barbara Cummings, and Fallys Ngalauka, *ushers*

GOSPEL SUNDAY ENSEMBLE

Dr. Jeremy Fletcher, saxophone; Jesse Stacken, piano;
Josh Paris, bass; Jeff Davis, drums

CHANCEL FLOWERS

The chancel flowers are given by Amber Nee,
in loving memory of Owen and David.

The White Rose at the lectern is in honor of
the birth of Aurora (Rory) Eugenia Winslow, on June 9,
to Virginia and Jordy Winslow.

IN MEMORIAM

Rosemarie Zingg-Brupbacher, June 2, 2026
Mother of Martin Zingg

NOTEPAD



A NOTE ABOUT THE MUSIC IN WORSHIP TODAY

The music offered in worship this morning is intended to lead us from coming to God (“...let the children come to me.”) to going out to serve God as disciples of Jesus (“Go, my children...”).

The “Gospel Sunday” title for today is applied in the broader sense of multiple styles that can be construed as Gospel music within the United States. The Choral Introit, which serves to encompass coming and going, is from the late-19th century Revival period. The Kyrie Eleison, the Anthem following the Sermon, the Choral Amen, and the Choral Epilogue represent the mid-20th century Black Gospel style. The Offertory Anthem is an arrangement of a Spiritual, in the counting-off and call-and-response styles, in which we revel in the sounds of Dixieland Jazz and the Big Band era.

Going further down the metaphorical rabbit hole, the choice of “Children, Go Where I Send Thee” stems from the Revised Common Lectionary Gospel reading (Matthew 9:35 – 10:8) for today: the sending out of the apostles (Anne has chosen different readings that still embrace coming and going). Beyond the Little Baby, Paul and Silas, the Ten Commandments, and the Twelve Apostles, what are the associations of the people presented with the other numbers. Here they are.

Three Hebrew children: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. In the Book of Daniel, these are the three whom God kept safe from the flames in the furnace into which they were thrown for refusing to worship a statue of King Nebuchadnezzar.

Four who stood at the door: The four friends who lifted a paralyzed man and lowered him through the roof of a home where Jesus was, this so that the man could be healed (Mark 2:1-12).

Five who stayed alive: The five others in the New Testament who were raised from the dead/resuscitated: the widow of Nain's son, Jairus's daughter, Lazarus, Tabitha/Dorcas, and Eutychus.

Six days when the world was fixed: The six days it took for God to create everything.

Seven who went to Heaven: The seven wise bridesmaids who filled their lamps with oil so that they were ready when the bridegroom came (Matthew 25:1-13).

Eight the flood couldn't take: Noah and his family.

Nine angel choirs divine: A reference to an early Christian mystic belief that there were nine orders of angels.

Eleven that went to Heaven: The eleven original disciples who stayed true to Jesus (Judas Iscariot – number twelve – betrayed Jesus).

Take time to read the stories in the Bible that pertain to these numbers. In so doing, you, too, will be like the children Jesus invited to draw near to him. Then, do not keep these stories to yourself: Go, tell them!

- Jason Charneski

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God Is Here! (Abbot's Leigh)

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Kyrie eleison: Lord, Have Mercy

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Gloria Patri: Glory to God the Creator

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Amen

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Children, Go Where I Send Thee

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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, June 14

- 11:00 a.m. Summer Picnic – Grape Arbor
- 8:00 p.m. Men’s Bible Study – Library

Tuesday, June 16

- 9:00 a.m. Walking Club – Meet Outside of the Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Women’s Discipleship – Library/Zoom

Wednesday, June 17

- 10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

Friday, June 19

The church office will be closed in observance of Juneteenth.

Sunday, June 21

- 8:45 a.m. Young Moms’ Bible Study – Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. Summer Volunteer Choir Rehearsal – Chapel
- 4:00 p.m. Final Service Trip Information Meeting – Westminster Room
- 5:00 p.m. High School Youth Group Dinner – Westminster Room
(Last of the 2025-26 Season)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



SUMMER PICNIC

Today, following worship, in the Grape Arbor

To celebrate the beginning of summer, we will have a picnic in the Grape Arbor following today’s worship. We will be providing chicken tenders, cheeseburgers, sandwiches, ice cream, and more picnic favorites. If you brought either a side dish or a salad to share, it may be left in the kitchen before worship. Be sure to stay for yard games on the Great Lawn!

OPEN DOOR BABY BUNDLE
Big Problem · Simple Solution · Huge Impact
Through Sunday, June 21, on Father's Day



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. 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 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. To learn more, and to donate, please visit our website: ryepc.com/article/open-door-baby-bundle-project/.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL
Sundays, June 21 through August 16 (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. To register, please visit our website: ryepc.com/ministries/summer-sunday-school/

SUMMER VOLUNTEER CHOIR
Sundays, June 21 through August 9

Please join us! All those middle-school age and older are invited to meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, June 21 through August 9, in the chapel, to learn and rehearse a piece of music to sing in the 10:00 service. You get to sit with your family or friends, and you do not wear a robe. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and explore the church's music ministry.

Though there is no commitment required for any one of or all of these Sundays, it is helpful to know if you plan to be there. To that end, please call Jason Charneski at 914-967-0842, ext. 16, or send an email to jcharneski@ryepc.com. Thank you!

WOMEN IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

“Half of the world are women. The other half are their children.”
— Efu Nyaki

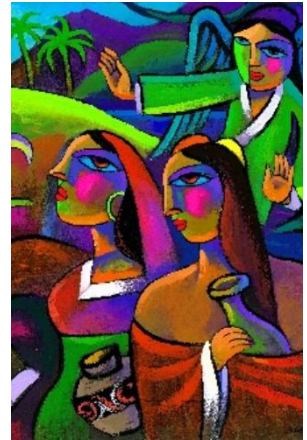
Sundays, June 21 through September 6

Have you ever wondered how many women’s stories are included in the Bible? Not just one-off mentions of wives and daughters, but whole narratives, plot twists, lessons, and laughs? With both halves of our world so inextricably shaped by women, then surely women inextricably shape the holy scripture. And, of course, with both halves in mind, every story centered on women can’t help but speak to men as well.

This summer, from June 21 through September 6, Cari and Dan take a break from the usual Revised Common Lectionary readings (RCL is a 3-year scripture cycle shared by many Christian denominations) and zoom in on some of the signature stories of women in the Hebrew Bible.

Get ready to be surprised, perplexed, and deepened in your faith, as we explore these texts of matriarchs and midwives, monarchs and military leaders, madams and mediums! Who knew the Bible had all this in store?

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- 6/21 Eve
- 6/28 Sarah and Hagar
- 7/5 Rebekah
- 7/12 Leah and Rachel
- 7/19 Shiprah and Puah
- 7/26 Miriam
- 8/2 Deborah
- 8/9 Rahab
- 8/16 Ruth
- 8/23 Esther
- 8/30 Hannah
- 9/6 Endora

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: PHILIPPIANS

Wednesdays, August 12 through September 9,
3:00-4:30 p.m., in the Library



Join Rev. Cari for an in-depth Beth Moore study through the book of Philippians. One of the best loved 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. RSVP by emailing Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com. We’ll all begin together on August 12; there’s no homework before the study begins! The required workbook is purchasable online for \$20: lproof.org/philippians.

ONGOING EVENTS

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



YOUNG MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, June 21, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room
Childcare is available!

Contact Madison Walsh at madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Tonight, June 14, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and via Zoom
Contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Monday, June 15, at 9:00 a.m., via Zoom
Contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com

WALK & TALK TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., starting in front of the Sanctuary Doors
Contact Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com,
or Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays, from 1:00 – 2:25 p.m., in the Library
Contact Alicia Baldwin at alicia.baldwin@verizon.net,
or Courtney Bennett at courtneybennett910@gmail.com

CHAPEL YOGA

Select Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel
June 17 & 24 · July 1 & 8 · August 12, 19, & 26
Contact Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Select Saturdays, at 9:00 a.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

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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.

