

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Wer nur den lieben Gott [BWV 647]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The musical bookends to worship this morning feature contrasting settings of the tune to which we will sing the closing hymn. The work heard here is Bach's own transcription of the fourth movement of his Cantata 93. The postlude comes from the Orgelbüchlein, a collection of chorales for the liturgical year and of those associated with Martin Luther's teachings.

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

In you, Father almighty, we have our preservation and our bliss. In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving. You are our mother, brother, and savior. In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvelous and plenteous grace... Teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well.

– Julian of Norwich (1342-1416)

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 13)

Leader: Some days our hearts cry out with the psalmist:

People: **How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?**

Leader: How long must I bear pain in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

People: **Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes.**

Leader: But we trusted in your steadfast love;
our hearts shall rejoice in your salvation.

All: **We will sing to the Lord, because God has dealt bountifully with us.
Come, let us worship together!**

✦ please stand as you are able

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess that we often take matters into our own hands rather than waiting on your perfect timing. We laugh at your promises, letting our disappointment turn into cynicism. Forgive our impatience and the ways we try to force our will, the ways that lead to jealousy, bitterness, and fractured relationships. Forgive us for manipulating circumstances rather than trusting in your faithfulness. Show us the ways we've unwittingly caused harm to ourselves and others.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Gracious God, you are the One who sees us, even when we are lost in our own wilderness of frustration, pride, and pain. You seek us out, no matter how far we've wandered, no matter what path we've taken. Remind us that you still work your divine purposes in us and through us, and that it's never too late to trust you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ 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; trans

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR TUCKER ALEXANDER NISSI

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

STATEMENT ON BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

QUESTIONS TO THE GODPARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Deacon: Do you, on behalf of the whole church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Tucker by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging him to know and follow Christ and to be a faithful member of his Church?

People: **We do.**

✦ 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 Tucker, that he 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 BAPTISM

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 a child 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 5 through 11 may now go to the Westminster Room for Summer Sunday School classes.

To register online for Summer Sunday School, please visit ryepc.com/ministries/summer-sunday-school/.

At the conclusion of today's class, we ask that parents and guardians complete a sign-out in person.

**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. Seward, 1981

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Cairistin Mills, lay reader

FIRST READING

Select verses from Genesis 11-21

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Select verses from Genesis 16 and 21

HYMN-ANTHEM FOR MIXED VOICES

The Summer Volunteer Choir

Surely No One Can Be Safer

Swedish folk melody;

harm. *Song Book for Sunday School*, 1871

Surely no one can be safer than God's children, held in favor,
not the stars so brightly burning, not the birds to nests returning.

With the flock God is abiding, heaven's plenty all providing,
rich in mercy, never sparing, like a father, gently caring.

None shall ever meet rejection, be denied God's own protection;
has there been a friend who better knows our hopes, our fears that fetter?

Whether taking, whether giving, God alone remains forgiving,
and with one true purpose holy to preserve our welfare solely.

– Lina Sandell (1832-1903); transl.

SERMON

“Laughter and Losing God”

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 661

Why Should I Feel Discouraged?

Sparrow

st. 3 harm. Carol Tornquist (1945-2022)

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/ 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

The Salley Gardens

Irish folk melody;

arr. Benjamin Britten (1913-1976); adapt.)

In addition to using being set to this tune, the hymn published at no. 800, Sometimes a Light Surprises, speaks to many tenets of the stories of Sarah, Hagar, Isaac, and Ishmael.

✦ 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 816** If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee *Wer nur den lieben Gott*

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDECTION**

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

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Johann Sebastian Bach

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour with refreshments will be held outdoors, just outside the main sanctuary door.
In the event of inclement weather, Coffee Hour will be held in the Chapel Narthex.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Carl Friedrich, Nancy Heldman, Connie McBroom, and Madison Walsh, *ushers*

BAPTISM

The sacrament of baptism is administered today to:
Tucker Alexander Nissi, son of Brittany and Taylor Nissi.

SUMMER STAFF UPDATE

Rev. Love, along with a number of other adult advisors and high school students, is away on the annual youth service trip. Please keep them in your prayers as they serve together in Grundy, VA, with the Appalachian Service Project.



NOTEPAD

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.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL (Ages 5 – 11)

Sundays, 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, visit ryepc.com/ministries/summer-sunday-school/.

CHILDCARE (3 Months Old – 3 Years Old)

Sundays, throughout the summer (excluding July 5)

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/.

CREDITS

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Gloria Patri: Glory to God the Creator

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Baptized in Water

Text: Michael A. Saward Music: Gaelic melody, harm. Dale Grotenhuis

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Surely No One Can Be Safer

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Sparrow [Why Should I Feel Discouraged?]

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The Salley Gardens

Music arr. Benjamin Britten

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THIS WEEK

Tuesday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Walk & Talk Tuesdays – Outside of the Sanctuary

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

Wednesday, July 1

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

Friday, July 3

The office will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

Sunday, July 5

9:30 a.m. Summer Volunteer Choir Rehearsal – Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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Illustration by Daniel Erlander, a.k.a. Pastor Dan

SUMMER VOLUNTEER CHOIR

Sundays, through August 9

Please join us! All (middle-school age and older) are invited to meet at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, 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, 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?

If 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, 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) to zero 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?

Do Not Be Afraid by He Qi, artwork courtesy of www.heqiart.com



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.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY MOBILE SHREDDER

Friday, July 31, from 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., in the RPC Parking Lot

The Westchester County Mobile Shredder makes its annual return! To prepare, you'll need to box up your confidential personal papers for shredding. Be sure to remove all large binder clips and covers. Paper clips and staples are acceptable. A locked bin will be for drop-off of materials.

RPC SUMMER PARTY

Tuesday, August 4, gathering at 6:00 p.m., at Rye Town Park

Please join us for the RPC Summer Party on Tuesday, August 4, in Rye Town Park. We will enjoy light hors d'oeuvres, beverages and a Rye Town Park Summer Concert with Billy & The Showmen. We will gather on the lawn near the pavilions beginning at 6:00 pm. The concert starts at 7:00 pm. Please bring your lawn chairs and beverages of your choice. We're looking forward to a lovely summer night of fellowship!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE



What's Happening?

We, along with our search consultant, are in the process of promotion, recruitment, and vetting potential candidates for RPC's next Children & Youth Minister/Director!

How Can the Congregation Help?

First, please keep the Search Committee in your prayers as we continue discerning who God is calling to lead our children and youth ministries.

As we cast a wide net in this search, we welcome your help! If you know someone (ordained or not-ordained) who may be a good fit for this position—or someone who could help us connect with potential candidates—please let us know. Personal introductions and connections can be so helpful in this process.

Curious about our job posting? Visit ryepc.com/employment/.

You can also contact the Search Committee directly at search@ryepc.com.

Faithfully,

Margaret Blum & Sue Parish
Co-Chairs, Search Committee

ONGOING EVENTS

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



YOUNG MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, July 12, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room
Childcare is available! Meeting throughout the summer (excluding July 5.)

Contact Madison Walsh at madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, July 12, at 8:00 p.m., in the Library and 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 – 2:30 p.m., in the Library

Continuing through July 28 with our study of C.S. Lewis' *Mere Christianity*,
breaking in August, and resuming in September with a new book study.

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

July 1 & 8 · August 12, 19, & 26

Contact Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

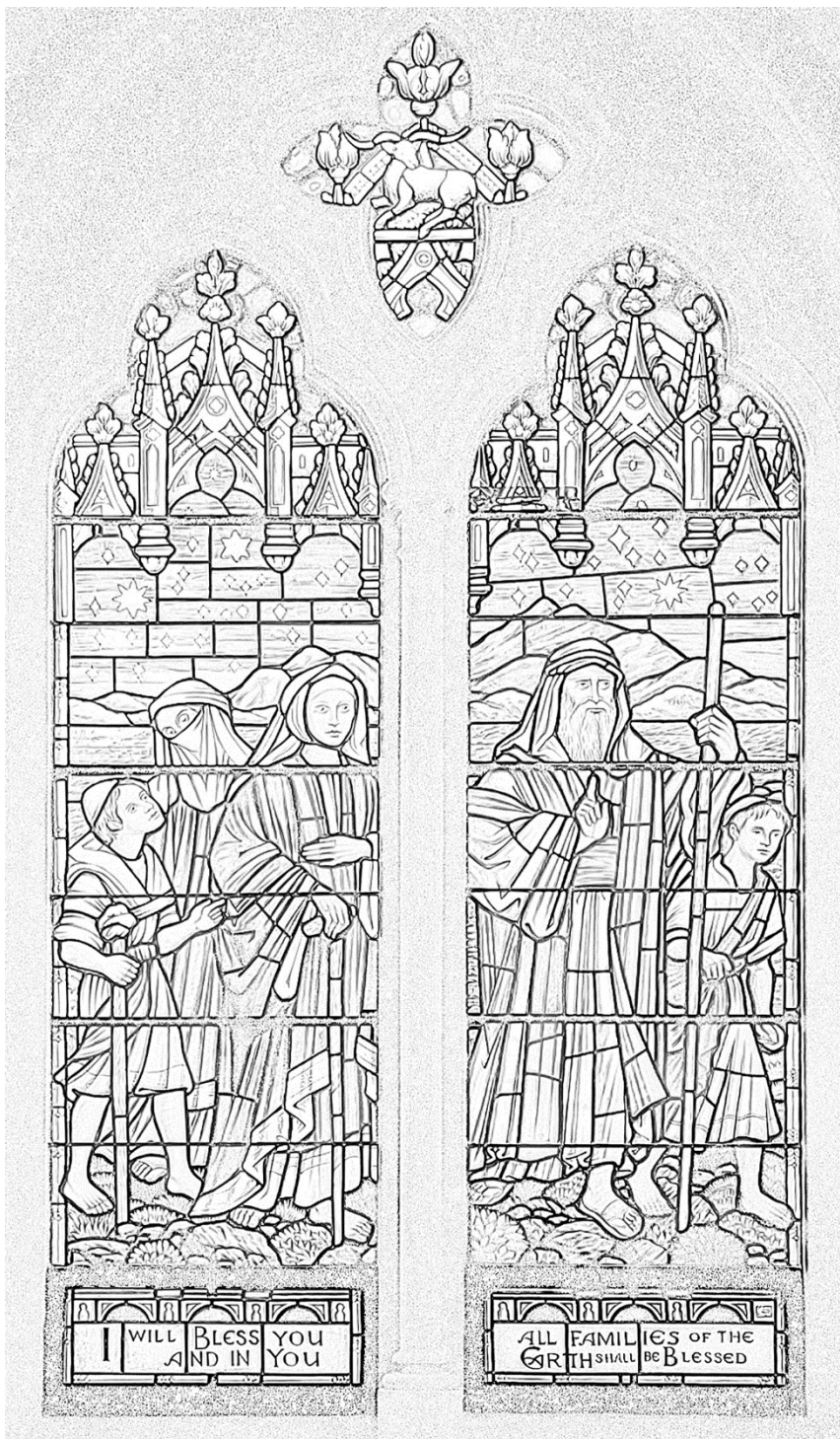
Monday Morning Bible Discussion will resume in September.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop is closed for the summer and will reopen on Thursday, September 17.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday Women's Bible Study will resume in October.



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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.

