

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Aria

David Ashley White (b. 1944)

The prelude and postlude to worship this morning are those that were not able to be played last Sunday due to the power outage that affected parts of the church building, including the chancel organ.

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

(Breathe in) Lord Jesus Christ, (Breathe out) Have mercy on me. (Repeat)

This is the "Jesus Prayer," from the desert mothers and fathers in 4th/5th c. Egypt. Repeating it over and over remains a core spiritual discipline across many denominations and Christian traditions.

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 143)

Pastor: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

People: **for I have put my trust in you.**

Pastor: Show me the way I should go;

People: **for unto you, I lift up my soul.**

Pastor: We walk in the light of your abiding love, O God.

All: **Guide us in the way we should go, as we trust in you, together.
Come, let us worship the Lord!**

✦ *please stand as you are able*

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, on this midsummer Sunday, we turn to you as the one who sees us in every season. You know where we are weak, the ways we cut corners, and the people we avoid. You see the wounds we nurse and the woes we can't let go. Forgive us, God. Shine the light of your truth and mercy upon us.

Silent prayers of confession may be offered.

Send us your Holy Spirit, we pray, to guide us into a life of quiet faithfulness. Gently nudge us when we need to apologize and make amends. Awaken us when we need to act. Soften us when we need to forgive. Inspire us when we need to speak up. Steer us when we need to see a fellow human and offer care. Keep working on us, God. Form us ever more into the image of your son Jesus, day by day, and hour by hour. It's in his 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Gibson, *lay reader*

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 24:10-21

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN-ANTHEM FOR MIXED VOICES

The Summer Volunteer Choir

Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

William P. Rowan (b. 1951)

Like a mother who has borne us, held us close in her delight,
fed us freely from her body, God has called us into life.

Like a father who has taught us, grasped our hand and been our guide,
lifted us and healed our sorrows, God has walked with us in life.

Though as children we have wandered, placed our trust in power and might,
left behind our brothers, sisters, God still calls us into life.

When we offer food and comfort, grasp our neighbor's hand in love,
tread the path of peace and justice, God still walks with us in life.

– Daniel Bechtel (b. 1932)

SERMON

“Rebekah’s Story: Releasing the Ties That Bind”

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 471

O Lord, Hear My Prayer
and The Lord Is My Song

Hear My Prayer

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

We believe in God in whom is power and compassion. We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space, shaped molecules and mountains, and conceived beauty beyond our imagining. God's power brings down walls of separation, and God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father, encouraging and caring for each of us.

We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land; a human being vulnerable to hunger, thirst, persecution, and grief. He understood the power of love and confronted the powers of evil, spoke the truth with courage and clarity, forgave his enemies, and changed lives. In his living, dying, and rising again, he showed love strong enough to save the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts, and empowers us, opens the scriptures, opens our minds, and illuminates earth's darkness.

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/ 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

Chorale

Alan Ridout (1934-1996)

✦ 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 372

O for a World

Azmon

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Fanfare

Peter Niedmann (b. 1960)

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

Gary Gibson, Connie McBroom, and Susan Morison, *ushers*.

OFFICE HOURS

RPC's summer office hours are 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
RPC's standard office hours will resume after Labor Day.



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

Summer Sunday School is a one-room schoolhouse model for children between ages 5 and 11. To register, visit ryepc.com/ministries/summer-sunday-school/.

CHILDCARE (3 Months Old – 3 Years Old)

Sundays, throughout the summer

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/.

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Fanfare

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THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, July 12

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Library/Zoom

Tuesday, July 14

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

Thursday, July 16

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

Sunday, July 19

8:45 a.m. Moms' Bible Study – Conference Room

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, through August 16



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, 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!

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 p.m. 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!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: PHILIPPIANS

Wednesdays, August 12 – 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.

HELPING HANDS RYE: MISSION BACKPACK 2026

August 18 and 19, Rye High School Auxiliary Gym



This summer, join Helping Hands Rye in providing over 2,000 school-ready backpacks to under-resourced students in Westchester. Tuesday, August 18, from 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., will be unloading and setup. Wednesday, August 19, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., will be backpack filling. Volunteers are needed for both days! To sign up online, and to consider donating, please visit helpinghandsrye.org/backpacks.

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? With both halves of our world so inextricably shaped by women, surely women shape holy scripture. And every story centered on women can’t help but include 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.

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



7/12 Rebekah
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 Medium at Endor

EVERY BIRTHDAY MATTERS

Hannah Keegan, an RPC college student, is doing a summer internship with Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP), taking the lead on their Every Birthday Matters initiative. This initiative strives to provide packaged birthday supplies to clients of Fred’s Pantry, a program under CHHOP. These birthday kits will each contain shelf-stable celebration essentials so that food pantry clients of all ages can celebrate these important milestones with joy, ease, and dignity.

Donations may be placed in the bin outside the church reception area or ordered via Amazon wishlist through the QR code. Together, we can help ensure that members of the community from all socioeconomic backgrounds have the opportunity to be celebrated.

For additional information, please email hannahekeegann@gmail.com.
Hannah Keegan – Food Justice Intern, Fred’s Pantry (CHHOP)



Wishlist:

- Celebration Items:
 - Balloons
 - Banners
 - Streamers
 - Party Horns
 - Hats/Crowns
 - ETC.
- 2 gal. Ziploc Bags
- Boxed Cake Mixes
- Frosting Tubs
- 4 oz. Applesauce
- Birthday Candles



ONGOING EVENTS

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

YOUNG MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, July 19, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room

Childcare is available! Meeting throughout the summer.

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

Taking a break until August 12

Afterwards, we return to a weekly schedule, meeting
Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., in the Chapel.

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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*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/.

Contact Maida Robinson at mrobinson@ryepc.com with any questions.

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

