

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Sixty Short Pieces: 41. Prelude

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

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

Everlasting God, give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light, and in your service find perfect freedom. Amen.

✧ CALL TO WORSHIP (Micah 6:6,8)

Pastor: With what shall we come before the Holy One,
and bow ourselves before God on high?

People: God has shown us what is good.

Pastor: What does the Holy One require of us,

**People: but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God?**

Pastor: Let us worship God!

✧ *please stand as you are able*

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our Creator and Redeemer, you call us to follow into meaningful and challenging discipleship. We acknowledge that all too often we sidestep your summons, saying "Yes" when we mean "Maybe." Forgive our failures to be trustworthy and faithful.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

By your Spirit, help us to live with courageous commitment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Wisdom Ngalauka, *lay reader*

FIRST READING

Exodus 1:1-14

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

My Life Flows On

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth’s lamentation.

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I’m clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heav’n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.

It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!

All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing?

SECOND READING

Exodus 1:15-22

SERMON

“Shiphrah and Puah: Fearsome”

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

✦ **HYMN 74**

When God Restored Our Common Life

Resignation

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

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

Resignation

American folk melody; arr. Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

We return here to the tune to which we sang When God Restored Our Common Life.

✦ 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 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Cwm Rhondda

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Prelude from *Te Deum*

Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1643-1704);
arr. Christopher Morris (1922-2015)

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, Valarie Leishman, and Joe Montalto, *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.

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

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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When God Restored Our Common Life

Text: Ruth Duck

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Resignation

Music arr. Charles Callahan

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Prelude from *Te Deum*

Music: Marc-Antoine Charpentier, arr. Christopher Morris

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THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 21

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

10:00 a.m. Senior Social Club Planning Meeting – Library

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

Sunday, July 26

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 available in the RPC Library 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!

WOMEN IN THE HEBREW BIBLE

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

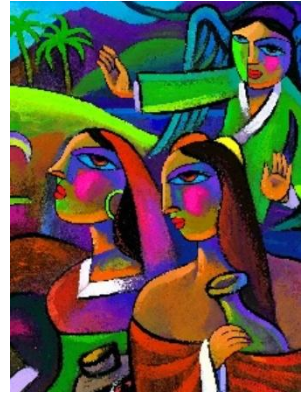
“Half of the world are women. The other half are their children.”
— Efu Nyaki

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 and 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



7/19 Shiphrah & Puah
7/26 Miriam
8/2 Rahab
8/9 Deborah
8/16 Ruth
8/23 Esther
8/30 Hannah
9/6 Medium at Endor

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.

SUMMER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: BUILDING BEDS!

Saturday, August 1, leaving from the RPC Parking Lot at 9:30 a.m.

Join a crew from RPC spending a few hours building beds at the *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* workshop in Bedford Hills. One of our Thrift Shop grant recipients, SHP builds and delivers bunk beds to families with children in our area so that “no kid sleeps on the floor in our town.” This opportunity is open to anyone 14 and older. We will leave RPC at 9:30 a.m. and return by 2:00 p.m. Spaces are limited. Please let Dan Love know if you are interested! dlove@ryepc.com.

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.



EVERY BIRTHDAY MATTERS

Donations will be collected through Sunday, August 9

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

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)



ONGOING EVENTS

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

YOUNG MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, August 2, from 8:45 – 9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room

Childcare is available! Weekly meetings will resume in August.

Contact Madison Walsh at madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, August 2, 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:
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.

