

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Prelude in A Major [BWV 536/i]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

*That which we know not, reveal; that which we know, confirm;
that which is wanting in us, fill up; and keep us faithful in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

– Clement of Rome

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: From where is our help to come?

**People: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Blessed be God, our Creator and Redeemer,

People: the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

All: Let us worship God.

✦ HYMN 81

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

✦ *please stand as you are able*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, grace, and love, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Proudful, fearful, or simply distracted, we ignore your commandments and stray from your way.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Loving God, by the power of your Spirit, have mercy on us. Forgive our sin and raise us to new life, that we may serve you faithfully and give honor to your holy name in all we say and do. 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

Tess Rafferty, lay reader

FIRST READING

Joshua 2:1-7
(Pew Bible, p. 194)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN-ANTHEM FOR MIXED VOICES

Come, Share the Lord

The Summer Volunteer Choir
Bryan Jeffery Leech (1931-2015);
arr. Roland Tabell (1934-2016), adapt.

We gather here in Jesus' name, his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs;
finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, he takes the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head;
though unseen he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

SECOND READING

Joshua 2:8-15, 21
(Pew Bible, p. 195)

SERMON

"Rahab: The Unlikely Host"

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

✧ **HYMN** (back page) Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table! *Beach Spring*

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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!

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. 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

Pleading Savior

from *Christian Lyre* (1830);
arr. Charles Callahan (1951-2023)

This piece and the music to be offered during Communion are those that were not able to be played on July 5 due to the power outage that affected parts of the church building, including the chancel organ.

*The tune upon which this setting is based is printed in the hymnal at no. 717,
For the Life that You Have Given.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time to seek, to save and to make visible your grace and truth in Jesus Christ.

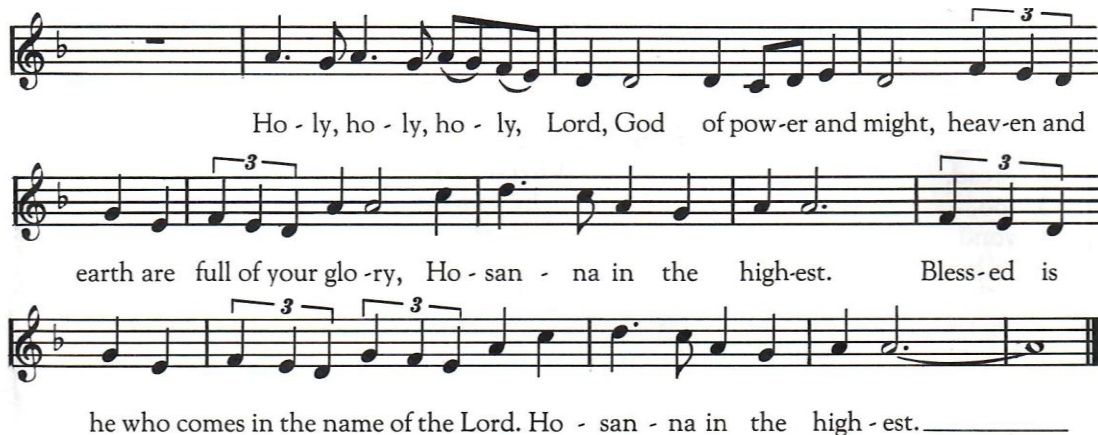
For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here, too, our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore, we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Robert Powell (1932-2025)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est. Bless-ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

– Isaiah 6:3b, Revelation 4:8, and Psalm 118:25-26

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed the way of heaven; for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again. Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and for all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hands too readily take, and our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. But as best we can, we trust in your welcoming grace; we come into your holy and loving presence, and find our place at your table. For with you alone is mercy and the power to change us.

Send down your Holy Spirit on us, on this table you have prepared for us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they might become for us your body - healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

And now, trusting in you the risen Lord and the promise of your coming kingdom, we are bold to pray together...

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*Please come forward to receive communion by intinction:
take a piece of bread and dip it in a cup.*

*Wine is in the blue ceramic cups, and grape juice is in the silver chalices.
Gluten-free wafers are available at the station in front of the lectern.*

MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Let Us Break Bread

Spiritual; arr. Chelsea Chen (b. 1983)

*The tune upon which this setting is based is printed
in the hymnal at no. 525, Let Us Break Bread Together.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Send us out to live as changed people, for we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much of us, enable much of us, encourage many through us. May we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

✦ HYMN 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Surge ecclesia

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Rondeau

Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738);
arr. Elaine C. Gardner

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, Gary Gibson, Fallys Ngalauka, and Wisdom Ngalauka, *ushers*
Sam Altenberger, Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson, Susan Morison, Connie McBroom,
Fallys Ngalauka, and Wisdom Ngalauka, *communion servers*

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.

WOMEN IN THE HEBREW BIBLE SUMMER SERMON SERIES

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

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, 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) 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



8/2 Rahab
8/9 Deborah
8/16 Ruth
8/23 Esther
8/30 Hannah
9/6 Medium at Endor

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/.

CREDITS

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Gloria Patri: Glory to God the Creator

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Come, Share the Lord

Text and Music: Bryan Jeffery Leech Music arr. Roland Tabell

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Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table (Beach Spring)

Text: Thomas H. Troeger

Music harm. *The New Century Hymnal* (sts. 1-3); A. Royce Eckhardt (st. 4)

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Pleading Savior

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Sanctus and Benedictus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Music: Robert Powell

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Let Us Break Bread

Music arr. Chelsea Chen

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Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (Surge ecclesia)

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Rondeau

Music: Jean-Joseph Mouret, arr. Elaine C. Gardner

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THIS WEEK

Today, August 2

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

Tuesday, August 4

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

Sunday, August 9

8:45 a.m. Young 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/

RPC SUMMER PARTY

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

Please join us for the RPC Summer Party this 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!

EVERY BIRTHDAY MATTERS

Donations will be collected through Sunday, August 9



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

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



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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER VOLUNTEERS

Calling all those with a heart for nurturing the faith of the children of RPC! We are recruiting next year's putting together Sunday School Teacher teams for the 2026-2027 school year and looking for adults who can volunteer once a month and lead our children in Bible stories, crafts, and games. Lessons and teaching schedules are sent ahead of time, and materials are prepared for you before you arrive so that your time volunteering is easy, engaging, and fun! If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Anne A. Halloin at ahalloin@ryepc.com.

RPC CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Wondering what will happen next for our children and youth, after Anne A. Halloin leaves for seminary, and before we find our full-time Director/Associate Pastor of Children, Youth, and Family Ministry?

We are pleased to announce that Rye Presbyterian Nursery School's Co-Directors Margaret Sculti and Kristin Kumar will be stepping up in mid-August as our new Interim Co-Directors for Sunday School and Children's Ministries.

Margaret and Kristin, well-known to many of you, are a long-time powerhouse combo of leadership and children's programming, serving as guiding lights for RPNS for 27 and 20 years, respectively. As veteran teachers and administrators, Kristin and Margaret come to us with a wonderful history of coaching teachers, coordinating staff, communicating with parents, planning events, and most importantly, loving and educating children. While still directing the nursery school, Margaret and Kristin will work a combined fourteen hours per week for RPC, up until the time our full-time director/pastor begins. They will oversee all parts of Childcare and Sunday School, including teacher recruitment and training, supplies and set-up, classroom support, and parent communications.

Alongside Aileen Lynch, who lends administrative help to Sunday School materials preparation, and our capable crew of volunteer teachers, Margaret and Kristin will ensure that our vibrant Sunday morning children's experience continues to reach every child and family who walks through the door. They will also work with the current Christian Education Committee and Co-Pastor Cari Pattison, to see that our children's programming and special events continue smoothly during this interim time.

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

Co-Pastors Dan Love and Cari Pattison will continue their involvement with the teens of our church. Together, they will lead Middle School Connection twice a month on Wednesday nights. Additionally, they will coordinate service and fellowship opportunities for high schoolers that vary between Saturdays and Sundays. As always, 9th graders will enjoy the usual rich experience of regularly scheduled confirmation class with Dan, supported by occasional teaching from Cari.

We look forward to shared support from our youth ministry volunteers, as well as youth deacons and elders, to continuing to grow together in faith and friendship. Stay tuned for calendar details! Feel free to reach out to the Co-Pastors with any questions, ideas, and to learn more about how to get involved.

RPC MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that Eric Birk will join the staff in late September to serve as Interim Assistant Organist for the 2026-2027 program year. Eric is familiar to many here, as he has served as substitute organist for Jason Charneski when Jason has been on vacation (and will do so again this summer). Eric also was with us as an assisting organist and choir director for Advent/Christmas 2024 and Easter 2025.

Following much discussion about the future of RPC's ministry needs, the Worship & Music Committee recommended to the Personnel Committee that, for the foreseeable future, we move from having a sacred music intern (a student) to having an experienced church musician in this very part-time role. Such would provide stability in the near term while church leaders look to the longer term. The goal of this process is to discern further and then develop a comprehensive, interconnected plan for staffing and programming for the church's music ministry (looking to span and engage all ages).

In addition to Eric providing support to the congregation, the Chancel Choir, and Jason for the 2026-2027 program year, his presence and broad range of abilities will enable Jason to foster additional music education, enrichment, and performance opportunities for RPC's children and youth.



INCOMING INTERIM STAFF

Visit ryepc.com/about-rpc/interim-staff/ to learn more about our interim staff members.



Eric Birk



Kristin Kumar



Margaret Sculti



ONGOING EVENTS

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

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

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.

YOUNG MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Young Moms' Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 13.

THRIFT SHOP

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

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Women's Discipleship will resume with a new book study on Tuesday, September 22.

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday Women's Bible Study will resume in October.

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

Beach Spring



1. Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
2. Clouds of light sur-round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
3. Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou-sand
4. Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing; some have
ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled with their
dif - ferent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon: they all
be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound-ed, who will



songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in-
guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de-
end in thanks and praise for the host who has in-
o - pen wide your eyes when he bles - ses bread and



vit - ed, bur-dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
vit - ed north and south and east and west to con-verge a-
breaks it - truth and man - na from a - bove! - and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
fruit-less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
round his ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
wine that wak - ens in your heart the taste of love.

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Music: from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm.

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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.

