

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Sketch on "Ar Hyd y Nos"

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

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

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, & love.

It is there for each and every one of us.

– St. Thérèse of Lisieux

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord watches over us in times of bitter loss and deep empty days.

People: God's loyal love remains with us, quiet and steady.

Leader: Out of small choices and unexpected meetings, the Lord shapes
a new future.

People: Under the shadow of God's wings, we find a safe home.

Leader: Come, let us trust the God who provides.

All: Come, let us worship the Redeemer of our lives.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you carry us through the summer heat and rain, through the days of fun and the storms of challenge. We confess we need you in order to be the people we want to be. Forgive us for answering others in haste, striving for control, tuning out in distraction, and focusing primarily on ourselves. Forgive us for thinking that everything depends on us, rather than turning in trust to you.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Teach us your ways, O God. Expand our patience. Widen our perspective. Deepen our compassion. Increase our capacity to listen. Help us extend the same grace and understanding to others that we wish they would extend to us. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to be the kind of people you created us to be: generous of spirit and abounding in hope. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news! ...Believe the good news of the Gospel:

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; 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 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

Douglas Carey, *lay reader*

FIRST READING

Ruth 1:1-14

(Pew Bible, p. 241)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Ruth 1:15-18, 2:1-12

(Pew Bible, p. 241)

SERMON

"Ruth: Reversals of Fortune"

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ HYMN 442

Just As I Am, without One Plea

Woodworth

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

We believe in God who chose a wandering people for God's own, calling them from slavery into freedom; yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus, Darius and many others, called outsiders to be agents of God's purpose.

We believe in Jesus who was revered by Persian sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached that God loves Jews and Gentiles alike, attracted to God's cause Greeks and Romans, found his first evangelist in a Samaritan, had his mind changed by a Phoenician, and his cross shouldered by an African; and ascended above his native land that he might be present in every place.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost proved that heaven had no favored mother-tongue, who in the baptism of an Ethiopian denied racism a foothold in faith, and who in the ancient world founded churches across cultures.

We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus, yet we affirm that God may choose to show God's face in different guises, for the kingdom of God is bigger than the Church and the love of God is beyond our understanding.

We therefore celebrate that God's ways are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses, and that in Jesus, God's surprise surpasses all human expectations. 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

Orison No. 3 (op. 94)

Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

✧ 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 36

For the Fruit of All Creation

Ar hyd y nos

✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Postlude in F

Eric H Thiman (1900-1975)

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

Sarah Barringer, Sue Carriero, Gary Gibson, 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.

SUMMER STAFF UPDATE

Rev. Love will be on vacation beginning Sunday, August 23,
and returning Tuesday, September 8.

Anne A. Halloin's last Sunday with us will be next Sunday, August 23.

Jason Charneski will be on vacation through Labor Day.
The Summer Volunteer Choir will sing again on Sunday, September 13.

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)

Concluding today, Sunday, 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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Gloria Patri: Glory to God the Creator

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Woodworth [Just As I Am, without One Plea]

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THIS WEEK

Monday August 17

7:00 p.m. Stewardship – Conference Room

Tuesday, August 18

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

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

3:00 p.m. Summer Bible Study: Philippians – Westminster Room

Thursday, August 20

9:30 a.m. Stephen Ministry – Library



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY: PHILIPPIANS

Wednesdays, from 3:00-4:30 p.m., in the Westminster Room



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. Each weekly meeting includes video session, discussion, and prayer, gathering in-person only through September 9. The required workbook is available 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.

SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB

Sunday, September 13, following worship, in the Library

We are pleased and excited to announce the first scheduled meeting of the Senior Social Club on September 13, in the church library, right after worship. We'll kick off with a meet and greet, and light refreshments will be provided. Our second meeting is planned for October 25. In conjunction with the formation of the club, Cari will be offering a chair yoga class once each week starting in October.

TEACHING FAITH TO CHILDREN

Seeking Sunday School Teachers

Do you have a heart for nurturing the faith of the children? We are putting together Sunday School Teacher teams for this coming school year, and we are 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 email Margaret Sculti and Kristin Kumar at directors@ryepc.com.

INCOMING INTERIM STAFF

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



Rye Presbyterian Nursery School's Co-Directors Margaret Sculti and Kristin Kumar will be stepping up on August 16 as our new Interim Co-Directors for Sunday School and Children's Ministries while our Search Committee continues their work. Eric Birk will join the staff in late September to serve as Interim Assistant Organist for the 2026-2027 program year.



Eric Birk



Kristin Kumar



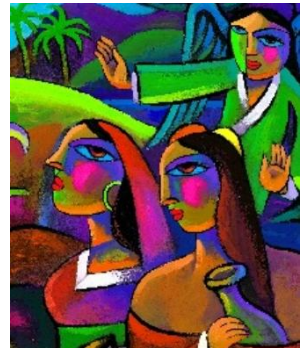
Margaret Sculti

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. Cari will be preaching the next three Sundays on Esther, Hannah, and the Witch of Endor, continuing our summer sermon series.

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



8/16 Ruth
8/23 Esther
8/30 Hannah
9/6 Witch of Endor



ONGOING EVENTS

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

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Tonight, August 16, 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

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.

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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.

