

*Childcare is available for children four years old and younger on the first floor of the Education Wing.
Following the Children Message, children in Pre-K through 5th grade may go to Sunday School.*

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR SAXOPHONE AND PIANO

“Beach Spring” from *Sacred Harp Medley*

Jeremy Fletcher, saxophone
arr. Brant Adams (b. 1955)

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

Guide us, O God, as you guided the Israelites through the wilderness. Be our cloud by day and pillar of fire by night. Walk before us, watch over us, and widen the trail beneath us, as we seek to live a life worthy of the grace you give us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

✧ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Isaiah 54)

Pastor: Enlarge the place of your tent,

People: let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;

Pastor: do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

People: With everlasting kindness, you will have compassion on us, God.

Pastor: Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed,

People: yet God's unfailing love for us will not be shaken,

Pastor: nor God's covenant of peace be removed.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord!

✧ *please stand as you are able*

✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are the One who guides and provides. We confess we often look askance at our circumstances, wondering if you are really there. We admit to grumbling and complaining instead of leaning into our lives with curiosity and gratitude. We lament the state of the world without taking up the small actions in our own spheres that might make it better.

(Silent prayers of confession are offered.)

Restore us in your love, O Lord. Remind us of how far you've brought us. Return us to faith and refresh us on where you're leading next. Reshape our minds and rekindle our hearts. Deliver us from all that enslaves us to fear, anxiety, and addiction. Give us vision to trust you as the Giver of all good things, even when we fail to understand the gift. 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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children Message, children in Pre-K through 5th grade may go to Sunday School.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Chris Marinak, *lay reader*

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Exodus 16:2-8
(Pew Bible, p. 62)

At the conclusion of each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HEBREW BIBLE LESSON

Exodus 16:9-15
(Pew Bible, p. 63)

SERMON

“What Is It?”

Rev. Pattison

THE RESPONSE

✦ **HYMN 816**

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer nur den lieben Gott

✦ **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Belhar Confession, South Africa, 1986*)

We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family. We believe that Christ’s work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another.

We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. This unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered... and that this unity of the people of God must be manifested in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, and share one hope.

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 SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN

Kelly Sawatsky, soprano

O Lord Most Holy

César Franck (1822-1890)

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty.

O loving Father, we would praise thee evermore.

Help us to know thee and love thee.

Father, grant us thy truth and grace.

Rule thou our willful hearts, keep thou our wandering thoughts,

in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in thee:

And, in temptation's hour, save through thy mighty power.

Thine aid, O send us, hear us in mercy.

Show us thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to thee.

-English translit. anonymous

✦ DOXOLOGY

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** (see back page) Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Lancashire

✦ **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE FOR SAXOPHONE AND PIANO

“Warrenton” from *Sacred Harp Medley*

arr. Brant Adams (b. 1955)

FALL PICNIC

Please join us right after worship for our annual Fall Picnic!
Due to inclement weather, the Fall Picnic will be held in the Assembly Room.

PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Sally Adler, Carl Friedrich, Fallys Ngalauka, and Wisdom Ngalauka, *ushers*.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Pre-K through 5th Grade)

Sundays, during worship, following the Children's Message

Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings during the worship hour. Children begin the morning in worship with their families and, following the Children's Message, are dismissed to their Sunday School classrooms in the Education Wing.

To register your child for Sunday School, and to learn more, please visit:

ryepc.com/sunday-school-registration/

CHILDCARE (4 Years Old and Younger)

Sundays, before worship, on the first floor of the Education Wing

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for young children while parents attend worship. Childcare is available every Sunday morning.

Participating children may be dropped off prior to the beginning of the worship service.

To register your child for Childcare, and to learn more, please visit:

ryepc.com/childcare-registration/

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/.



INTERIM STAFF

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

Rye Presbyterian Nursery School's Co-Directors Margaret Sculti and Kristin Kumar have stepped up as our new Interim Directors for Children's Ministries while our Search Committee continues its work. Additionally, Eric Birk will join the staff in late September as Interim Assistant Organist for the 2026-2027 program year.

CREDITS

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Sacred Harp Medley (*Beach Spring & Warrenton*)

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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Gloria Patri: Glory to God the Creator

Music: Ronald A. Nelson

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Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

Text: Ruth Duck

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THIS WEEK

Today, September 20

11:00 a.m. Fall Picnic – Assembly Room

Monday, September 21

9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion – Zoom

Tuesday, September 22

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

7:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting – Westminster Room

Wednesday, September 23

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

7:30 p.m. Session Meeting – Westminster Room

Thursday, September 24

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

4:00 p.m. Come, Sing! (*Grades 1-3*) – Westminster Room

Saturday, September 26

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal and Lunch – Chapel and Westminster Room

1:00 p.m. Middle School Midnight Run Meal Prep – Assembly Room

8:00 p.m. High School Midnight Run – Meet in the RPC parking lot

Sunday, September 27

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

11:00 a.m. All-Church Photo – Outside the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel

5:00 p.m. Confirmation Class – Assembly Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Dinner – Assembly Room

8:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study – Library



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

RPC FALL PICNIC

Today, September 20, following worship, in the Assembly Room

Due to inclement weather, the Fall Picnic will be held in the Assembly Room.

We will provide chicken tenders and an ice cream truck! If you've brought a side dish or a salad, food may be left in the kitchen before worship.

Hosted by the Congregational Fellowship Committee of the Board of Deacons.

MISSION PARTNER PROFILE: MEALS ON MAIN ST.

Today, September 20, during the Fall Picnic



Meals on Main St.'s Executive Director, Jon Haseltine, will be here with one of their meal trucks at our Fall Picnic following worship today. Meals on Main St. is a local organization in Port Chester that our church is proud to sponsor, as it serves thousands of individuals and families experiencing food insecurity. Come climb aboard the truck and see what they're all about! Jon will be happy to answer questions and share a bit about this vital local service. Learn more about our mission partner at mealsonmainst.org.

ALL-CHURCH PHOTO

Sunday, September 27, following worship, outside the Sanctuary

Join us on Sunday, September 27, for our after-church, all-congregation photo! For the first time since 2018, we're gathering one and all for a first-class photo shoot with Tom Young. It won't take long, and it won't be the same without you there! As worship concludes, we'll walk together and gather just outside the Sanctuary. In case of rain, we'll reschedule for the following Sunday, October 4.



Rye Presbyterian Church 2018 All-Church Photo

CONFIRMATION

Saturday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

We'll start our time together as a class with a gathering on Sunday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room with dinner following. If you are in ninth grade or have a child who is in ninth grade and have not received information regarding Confirmation, or if you have any questions, please contact Mr. Love at dlove@ryepc.com. You may register for the class on the Confirmation page of the church website at ryepc.com/ministries/confirmation/.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The RPC High School Youth group meets roughly twice per month, mixing dinner and time together with service in our local community. If you have questions, please contact either Rev. Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com, or Rev. Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com.

Service Project: Midnight Run to NYC

Saturday, September 26, from 8:00 p.m. until late!

Bringing food and clothing to those in need.

Meeting in the RPC Parking Lot.

High School Youth Dinner

Sunday, September 27, at 6:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

MIDDLE SCHOOL CONNECTION

RPC's Middle School Connection typically meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the downstairs Youth Rooms. We start with dinner followed by 45 minutes of games, learning, and fun. All 6-8 graders are welcome, as well as parent volunteers! If you have questions or are interested in helping out, please contact either Rev. Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com, or Rev. Cari Pattison at cpattison@ryepc.com.

Service Project: Midnight Run Meal Prep

Saturday, September 26, from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

Preparing food for High Schoolers to distribute during Midnight Run.

Middle School Connection Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., in the RPC Youth Rooms

PC(USA): WORLD COMMUNION OFFERING

**What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, ...to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with God. – Micah 6:8**



The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is inviting congregations to participate in World Communion Sunday through the World Communion Offering. On October 4, Christians around the globe gather around Christ's table to celebrate our unity. We Presbyterians will join together through the Offering to cultivate reconciliation and support PC(USA) ministries that embody Christ's love and justice in the world alongside our partners.

The World Communion Offering supports ministries focused on racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations. Through our gifts, we participate in God's work of reconciliation around the corner and around the globe. In our divided and hurting world, this Offering reminds us that Christ's table is open to all people and that we are called to build communities shaped by compassion, justice, peace, and hope, something our world desperately needs right now. Learn about the World Communion Offering and its impact through the mission and ministry of the Church at pcusa.org/wco.

Beginning today, special envelopes are now available in the pews. Donations can be given throughout the event's duration, up through World Communion Sunday, on October 4.

FEEDING WESTCHESTER: *BALANCED BITES*

Sunday, October 4, following worship, on the Front Lawn
Sponsored by RPC's Christian Education Committee.

Join us as we partner with Mission & Outreach and Feeding Westchester to help the hungry in our community! Our *Balanced Bites* event will begin immediately following worship, where we will gather out on the front lawn to pack bags with meal options for a variety of ages. These may include a tuna pouch, applesauce, graham crackers, and other snacks. Our bags will be shared with partners such as Saint Peter's Day Care Center (Yonkers), Port Chester Head Start, Mount Kisco Boys & Girls Club, and more. We could also use Fresh Direct bags to help pack up the finished bags. You can drop these off at the church beforehand or bring them with you that morning. For further information, or if you want to help with the event, please contact Julie Kizer at juliannemcinerney@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday, October 4, from 3:00-3:30 p.m., on the Great Lawn



We welcome your loving pets, your nostalgic photos, and your beloved stuffed animals! All are welcome to join for our annual Blessing of the Animals celebration. A special offering will benefit our local Pet Rescue. Visit their website at ny-petrescue.org.

COME, SING!

FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1 THROUGH 3

THURSDAYS, from 4:00 – 4:45 P.M., through OCTOBER 29

- A snack will be available beforehand at 3:45 P.M.

Come, Sing! is a great way for children to come together in order to learn some songs and stories of the faith. Who knows? They might offer a song or two in worship some Sunday soon!



Questions? Please speak with Jason Charneski.

Call 914-967-0842, ext. 16 · Email jcharneski@ryepc.com.

SING IN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

ALL VOICE PARTS ARE WELCOME!

The Chancel Choir, open to all who are in high school or older, sings in worship most Sundays of the program year and in services on Christmas Eve and Maundy Thursday.

The usual Sunday schedule begins with warm-up at 9:15 a.m., continues with singing in the 10:00 a.m. service, and concludes with a rehearsal from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The ability to read music is helpful, but the main criterion is the ability to match and maintain pitch.

Section leaders (professional musicians) assist and help to inspire all singers.

Childcare is available.

SEPTEMBER 27 IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR'S 2026-2027 PROGRAM YEAR.

If you are interested in adding your voice to the Chancel Choir, please speak with Jason Charneski.

Call 914-967-0842, ext. 16
Email jcharneski@ryepc.com.



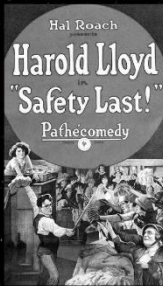
SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

Rye Presbyterian Church

presents Jason Roberts, Organist,

improvising an accompaniment to *Safety Last*,
a silent film from 1923, starring Harold Lloyd.

Popcorn will be provided for a truly cinematic
evening that's fun for the whole family!



on Friday, October 2, 2026
7:00 p.m. *in the* Crawford Chapel

882 Boston Post Road, Rye, NY 10580

ROOTS OF FAITH

Bold Women of the Bible

Come join our local Rye clergy for an interfaith exploration of Tamar, Ruth, Esther, Mary, mother of Jesus, and Mary Magdalene.

Together we offer a shared scripture study that's open to all.

We begin on Thursday, October 15, from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m., in the Rye Presbyterian Church Library. We will continue meeting each Thursday, through December 17, at the same time and place. Kindly RSVP to **cpattison@ryepc.com**, through which a Zoom option is available upon request. Coffee and light refreshments provided!



Rabbi Daniel Gropper
Community Synagogue of Rye



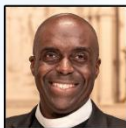
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The Rev. Tommy Watson
Christ's Church Rye





ONGOING EVENTS

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THRIFT SHOP

Thursdays, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.



For more information on donations, shopping procedures, and drop-off times, please visit ryepc.com/ministries/thrift-shop/, scan the QR Code, or email RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

YOUNG MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

Sundays, from 8:45-9:45 a.m., in the Upstairs Conference Room

This group is for moms with young children who are looking for support, encouragement, and fellowship with other moms. Childcare is available! If you'd like to be on the email list, or if you'd like to learn more, contact Madison Walsh at madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com.

MEN'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, September 27, at 8:00 p.m., in the Church Library

If you've considered engaging the bible to see how it speaks to us about life and faith, this is a great time to join this twice-monthly discussion group. This month, we will be resuming our journey through the Gospel according to Matthew, and in particular, the heart of Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount. We meet in person Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m. in the church library with a Zoom option available. If you'd like to learn more or get email reminders about this ongoing study, contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION

Monday, September 21, at 9:00 a.m., on Zoom

Like the Men's Study, we are currently reading the Gospel according to Matthew. It's a great time to jump in! We will meet this month on September 21 and 28. To get on the email reminder list, contact Dan Love at dlove@ryepc.com.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Beginning Tuesday, September 22, from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., in the Church Library

Please join us on Tuesdays, starting September 22 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the church library as we begin our next study, *Walking in the Spirit's Power*, by Gary Hamrick. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or would like to be added to our email list, please contact alicia.baldwin@verizon.net or courtneybennett10@gmail.com.

GENTLE YOGA

October 13 through November 10. Tuesdays, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., in the Chapel.



Looking for a way to feel better in body and mind while accessing more ease and grace in your life? The ancient practice of yoga has been proven to help calm the nervous system, prevent injury, improve breathing, and promote physical and mental well-being. Did you know it can also be a beautiful method of prayer?

Join Co-Pastor and certified yoga instructor Cari Pattison (RYT 200) and friends from the RPC Senior Social Club for a new gentle yoga class on Tuesday mornings. Using both chair and mat, we'll work through a meditative stretching and breathing practice: weaving together slow movements, scripture, prayer, music, and aromatherapy.

All are welcome, whether RPC members or not, to this respite of calm and relaxation for seniors and others who prefer a gentler practice. It's also ideal for those of any age experiencing mobility limitations or injury recovery. Chairs, mats, and props will be included, along with water. Just wear comfortable clothes you can move in!

The suggested donation for those not already pledging to RPC is \$10 per class. Giving can be done through our website at ryepc.com/give/. Kindly RSVP to Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com.

CHAPEL YOGA

Wednesdays, from 10:00 – 11:10 a.m., in the Chapel

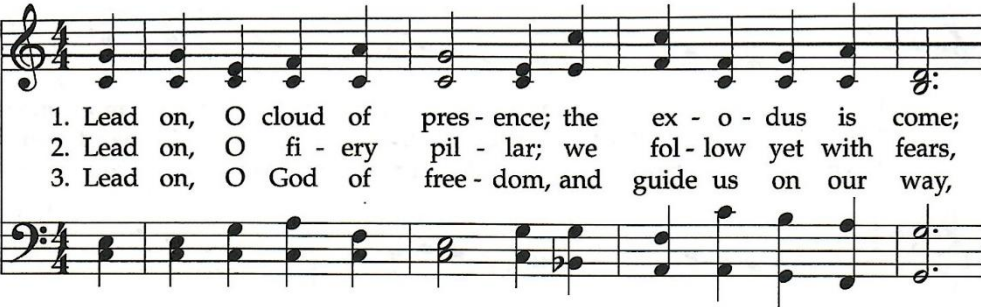
Rev. Cari is a certified yoga instructor (RYT200), offering a Level 1 Vinyasa flow class on Wednesday mornings. Weaving scripture into the yoga practice structure, the class gives us an opportunity to stretch and strengthen our bodies, breathe into a posture of prayer, and deepen our relationship with God. Mats are available to borrow, along with other props. We encourage you to come at least five minutes early for setup. All are welcome, including beginners! To RSVP, please email Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com. If you'd like to donate to the upkeep of this ministry, you may do so at ryepc.com/give/.



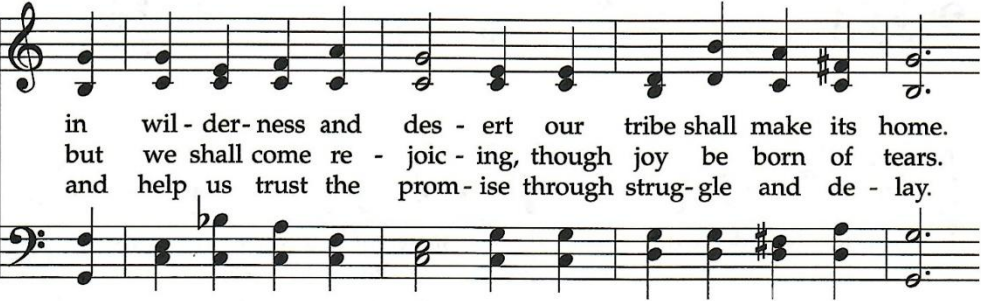
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Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

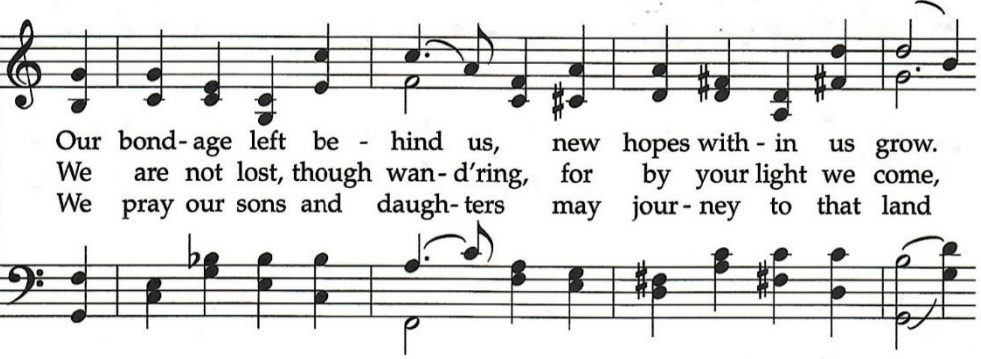
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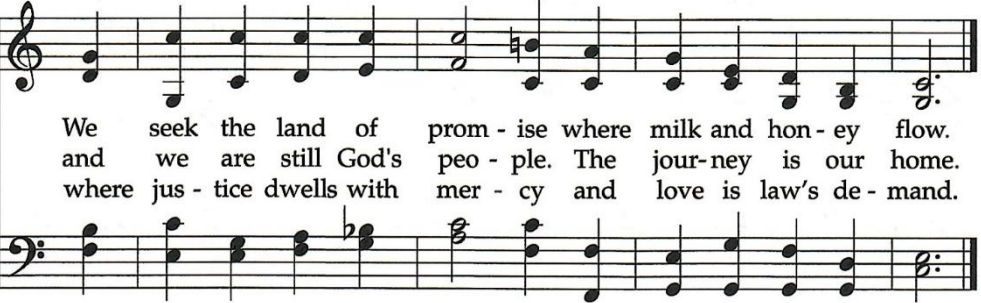
1. Lead on, O cloud of pres - ence; the ex - o - dus is come;
 2. Lead on, O fi - ery pil - lar; we fol - low yet with fears,
 3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,



in wil - der - ness and des - ert our tribe shall make its home.
 but we shall come re - joic - ing, though joy be born of tears.
 and help us trust the prom - ise through strug - gle and de - lay.



Our bond - age left be - hind us, new hopes with - in us grow.
 We are not lost, though wan - d'ring, for by your light we come,
 We pray our sons and daugh - ters may jour - ney to that land



We seek the land of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow.
 and we are still God's peo - ple. The jour - ney is our home.
 where jus - tice dwells with mer - cy and love is law's de - mand.

Text: Ruth Duck, 1974, rev. 1989 Music: Henry T. Smart, 1835

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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.

