

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Sonata IV [op. 65, no. 4]: iii. Allegretto

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

*Correct me, O Lord, but in just measure,
not in your anger, or you will bring me to nothing.*

-Jeremiah 10:24

CHORAL INTROIT

What Is This Place

Dutch melody, 1626;
harm. Bernard Huijbers, 1968

What is this place, where we are meeting? Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof, sheltering people, windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives when we are gathered here, and know our God is near.

-Herb Oosterhuis, 1968; transl. David Smith, 1970

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: No matter how far from God we seem to be,
we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Pastor: No matter how many obstacles we face in life,
we do not lose heart:

People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

Pastor: No matter how hard it is to follow where you lead,
we do not lose heart:

**People: For the days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will forgive and restore my people,
when I will equip them for every good work,
and when I will grant justice,
for I hear their cries day and night.**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

✦ *please stand as you are able*

✦ **HYMN** (*interior back cover*)

Praise to the Living God

Diademata
st. 4 harm. Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

✦ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us always and in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options.

Forgive us, we pray, for listening to voices other than yours.

Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work for your kingdom; for losing hope in your power to transform the powers of this world.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Tune our ears to the sound of your call. Turn our hearts to your commandments as well as your words of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever, for we pray in Christ's name. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

-Greek, 5th/6th centuries; transl.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

✦ **GLORIA PATRI**

Ronald A. Nelson, 1986

The musical score for 'Gloria Patri' is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: '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.' The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics.

Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 5th grade may now go to their Sunday School classes.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Gibson, *lay reader*

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 119:97-103

Oh, how I love your law!
All the day long it is in my mind.
**Your commandment makes me wiser than
my enemies, for it is always with me.**
I have more understanding than all
my teachers, for your decrees are my study.
**I am wiser than the elders,
for I observe your precepts.**
I restrain my feet from every evil way,
that I may keep your word.
**I do not turn aside from your ordinances,
for you yourself have taught me.**
How sweet are your words to my taste!
They are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 735)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 18:1-8

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 81)

SERMON

"In the Meantime..."

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from the Study Catechism*)

What are the Ten Commandments?

The Ten Commandments give a summary of God's law for our lives. They teach us how to live rightly with God and one another.

Why did God give this law?

After rescuing the people of Israel from their slavery in Egypt, God led them to Mount Sinai, where they received the law through Moses. It was the great charter of liberty for Israel, a people chosen to live in covenant with God and to serve as a light to the nations. It remains the charter of liberty for all who would love, know, and serve the Lord today.

Why should you obey this law?

Not to win God's love, for God already loves us. Not to earn our salvation, for Christ has earned it for us. Not to avoid being punished, for then we would obey out of fear. With gladness in our hearts, we should obey God's law out of gratitude, for God has blessed us by it and given it for our well-being.

What are the uses of God's law?

First, it shows us how grievously we fail to live according to God's will, driving us to pray for God's mercy. Second, it teaches us how to live a life that bears witness to the gospel, and spurs us on to do so.

✦ **HYMN 688**

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Morecambe

st. 5 harm. Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

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 (*sung by the choir*)

Jeremy Fletcher, 2017

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Grace Yoon Kilroy

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Please visit ryepc.com/give to give online, detailed on the back cover. 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.

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

On God, and Not on Human Trust

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706);

based on a melody by Severus Gastorius (c. 1646-1682)

On God, and not on human trust, my earthly stand I've taken.

On him, who made me out of dust, I build with faith unshaken.

I trust his hands, who understands, for all that he bestoweth is good, as he best knoweth.

-Christian F. Gellert (1715-1769); transl.

✦ **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 459

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

✦ BENEDICTION

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

Mr. Neves

Postlude in D

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Coffee and refreshments will be in the Assembly Room following worship. All are welcome!
(The Assembly Room can be found by exiting the front right doors.)*

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.

Children and Childcare

Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers is available to care for children 3 months to 3 years old while parents attend worship services. 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.

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/.

Participants in Today’s Service

Lucy Beatty, *Crucifer*

Carl Friedrich, Gary Gibson, Joe Montalto, and Megan Montalto, *Ushers*

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

We encourage you to walk with Jesus this fall by reading one chapter of the Gospels each day.

This Week: Read Luke 13-19

If you're participating with us in the readings and would like to be part of a weekly email unpacking the scripture with Pastor Cari, email her at cpattison@ryepc.com.

DEDICATIONS

The chancel flowers are given by

Carol and Dan Love, in honor of the October 11 wedding of their son Hyelom and Cady Blea.

TODAY

Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel

New Member Discussion, 11:00 a.m., Library

Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room

Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 20

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

Tuesday, October 21

9:00 a.m. Walk & Talk Tuesdays – Sanctuary Doors

11:00 a.m. Stephen Leaders – Conference Room

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

6:15 p.m. Caring Connections – Westminster Room

6:30 p.m. Budget Meeting – Conference Room

7:30 p.m. Trustees – Library/Zoom

Wednesday, October 22

10:00 a.m. Chapel Yoga – Chapel

3:45 p.m. Music Makers (Grades K-2) – Westminster Room

7:30 p.m. Session – Westminster/Zoom

Thursday, October 23

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

Saturday, October 25

8:30 a.m. Caring Connections Retreat – Westminster Room

Sunday, October 26

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

11:00 a.m. New Member Welcome Discussion – Library

11:00 a.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting – Westminster Room

11:15 a.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Chapel

4:00 p.m. Annual Pumpkin Carving – Assembly Room

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group – Youth Rooms

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sunday School for children age 4 through 5th grade is held Sunday mornings during worship. To register your child, please visit the registration page on our website, or scan the QR Code. ryepc.com/ministries/sunday-school-registration/



NEW MEMBER WELCOME DISCUSSIONS

Today, October 19, and Sunday, October 26, following worship, in the Library

Whether you have been coming to Rye Presbyterian for a long time or are brand new to the church, maybe now is the time for you to take a further step into the life, community, and mission of RPC.

All those who are interested in exploring what it means to be a member of RPC are invited to take part in the upcoming New Member discussion sessions. We will meet on Sundays, October 19 and 26, immediately following worship, in the church library. **Childcare will be available as needed.**

In these classes, we will explore what it means to be a Presbyterian in general, and what it means to actively live out our faith together as a part of this particular church. In addition to the Sunday classes, for those choosing to join the church, there will be a meeting with the leadership of the church on **Sunday evening, November 9 at 7:00**. This is a time to meet the officers of the church and for the church elders to welcome the group to official church membership. Public welcome and recognition of the new members will take place **during worship on Sunday, November 16**.

Anyone wishing to find out more about joining the church should contact Peggy Berretta in the church office – pberretta@ryepc.com or 914-967-0842 x10.

ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING

Sunday, October 26, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room

Fall is in the air! Please join us for our Annual Pumpkin Carving fellowship event on Sunday, October 26, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. (note the different time from last year,) in the Assembly Room. This fun, festive, intergenerational event is a great way to celebrate the autumn season. We will provide pumpkins, carving tools, paint, and stickers to decorate silly and spooky pumpkins. To top off the evening, we will provide a family-friendly dinner of chicken, pasta, and salad, available for everyone. You are invited to wear comfortable clothes suitable for messy pumpkin-carving. You won't want to miss this evening of fall fun and fellowship at RPC!



If you intend to participate, please register using either the link or QR code below so that we can be sure to have enough pumpkins and food for everyone.

[Annual Pumpkin Carving Sign-Up](#)



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – SPEAKING ROLE AUDITIONS

Tuesday, November 4, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room

It's time to plan for the annual Christmas Pageant! Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 21, at 4:00 p.m. The Christmas Pageant is offered by those age 5 through Grade 6 – anyone in that age range is welcome to participate!

To help us get ready for the pageant, auditions for the speaking roles will be held on Tuesday, November 4, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., in the Westminster Room. These roles include Mary, Joseph, the Angel Gabriel, Elizabeth, the Innkeepers, Isaiah, the three Magi, and the Narrator. If you are interested in one or more of these speaking roles, please sign up via SignUp Genius, linked below, for a specific audition time. If you cannot come on November 4, please let Anne A. Halloin know, and she will work with you to find another time.

[Christmas Pageant Speaking Role Audition Sign-Up](#)

Please note that these auditions are ONLY for those interested in the speaking roles. For those who are interested in the non-speaking roles, such as Sheep, Animals, and Angels, there is no need to audition. Stay tuned for registration information regarding the non-speaking roles.

MIDNIGHT RUN

**Saturday, November 8, Middle Schoolers meeting at 4:00 p.m., in the RPC Kitchen,
High Schoolers meeting at 8:00 p.m. in the RPC Parking Lot**

Youth Volunteers

We hope that you'll join us for RPC's annual partnership with Midnight Run! We'll need all hands on deck to prepare and distribute food and clothing for those who need it most in our community. At 4:00 p.m., middle schoolers are invited to the RPC Kitchen to help make sandwiches. At 8:00 p.m., high schoolers are invited to meet in the church parking lot before breaking into groups and driving supplies to Larchmont.

Making Donations

To all of our church members, please consider donating new and gently used men's clothing, including jeans, hoodies, fleeces, sneakers, backpacks, jackets. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks about dropping off clothing.

About Midnight Run

From midnightrun.org: "Midnight Run coordinates over 1,000 relief missions per year, in which volunteers from churches, synagogues, schools and other civic groups distribute food, clothing, blankets and personal care items to the homeless poor on the streets of New York City. The late-night relief efforts create a forum for trust, sharing, understanding and affection. That human exchange, rather than the exchange of goods, is the essence of the Midnight Run mission."

THRIFT SHOP

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

For more information on donations, please check the church website.

You can also email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE – DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR LISA A. PHILLIPS

Thursday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m., in the Westminster Room

We're excited to welcome Lisa A. Phillips to RPC! She'll be discussing her latest book, *First Love: Guiding Teens through Relationships and Heartbreak*. While she adeptly addresses the troubles of youth, her expertise extends to relationships across all stages of life. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

CHAPEL YOGA

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

Cari Pattison is a certified yoga instructor (RYT 200), and is offering a Level 1 Vinyasa flow class on Wednesday mornings. Weaving a bit of scripture into the basic class 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.

Bring a mat if you have one; mats are also available to borrow, along with other props. All are welcome, including beginners! To RSVP, or to learn more, email cpattison@ryepc.com.

WALK & TALK TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m., meeting in front of the Sanctuary Doors

We continue in the spirit of our Summer Session Walking Groups with Walk & Talk Tuesdays! Each walk opens with a scripture verse and a simple sharing question, and we end in prayer. All are welcome, including dogs and strollers! To RSVP, or to learn more, email Cari at cpattison@ryepc.com.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

Tuesdays, from 1:00 - 2:25 p.m., in the Library

RPC Women's Discipleship Group will continue our study of *Mostly What God Does; Reflections on Seeking and Finding His Love Everywhere*, by Savannah Guthrie, starting with *Part 4: Grace*.

All are welcome! Please let either Courtney Bennett (courtneybennett910@gmail.com) or Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) know so we can add you to our email communication list.

MOMS' BIBLE STUDY

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

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

SATURDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, October 25, at 10:00 a.m., in the Library

Women's Bible Study returns! We meet on select Saturdays, and our next meeting will be on October 25. Please join us! For more information, please contact Cynthia Wells at cynthialwells@gmail.com.

REQUIEM

BY MAURICE DURUFLÉ

Sunday, November 2, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Offered by the Chancel Choir and soloists
in worship on All Souls Day to commemorate
all who have died.

Jason Charneski, conductor
Larry Allen, organ



Rye Presbyterian Church, 882 Boston Post Rd., Rye NY, www.ryepc.com

Saying Farewell to Juan Velasquez

Sunday, November 9, 2025



To celebrate Juan, all are invited to come to a special coffee hour in the Assembly Room following worship on Sunday, November 9. Cake and light brunch will be served!

It is with hearts full of gratitude that we announce the retirement of Juan Velasquez, our Head Sexton and Building Manager. Juan began work at RPC in 2009 as the evening sexton, cleaning the nursery school and church after hours. In 2012, his role expanded as he became our Day Sexton and eventual Building Manager. Over the last 16 years, Juan has worked tirelessly and faithfully behind the scenes – setting up for countless meetings and events, tending the many facets of all the RPC buildings, coordinating cleaning and outside contractors, and acting as a gracious presence at weddings, funerals, and columbarium interments. In 2024, he received the Davidson Gordon Quiet Service Award for not only his great work, but the spirit of care, kindness, and hospitality that have exemplified his time at RPC.

In December, Juan will be returning to Colombia to be with his extended family.

To celebrate Juan, all are invited to come to a special coffee hour in the Assembly Room following worship on Sunday, November 9. In addition, all are welcome to contribute to a farewell purse to honor Juan's years of faithful service and work in our midst.

To do so, you may give online at ryepc.com/farewell

Alternatively, you may send a check to the church with "Juan" in the memo line.



Juan, you will be greatly missed!



SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

CRAWFORD CHAPEL ✦ FALL 2025

RPC's Crawford Chapel is adjacent to the Sanctuary



NOVEMBER 16, AT 6:30 P.M.

A Service of Contemplative Prayer



DECEMBER 21, AT 7:00 P.M.

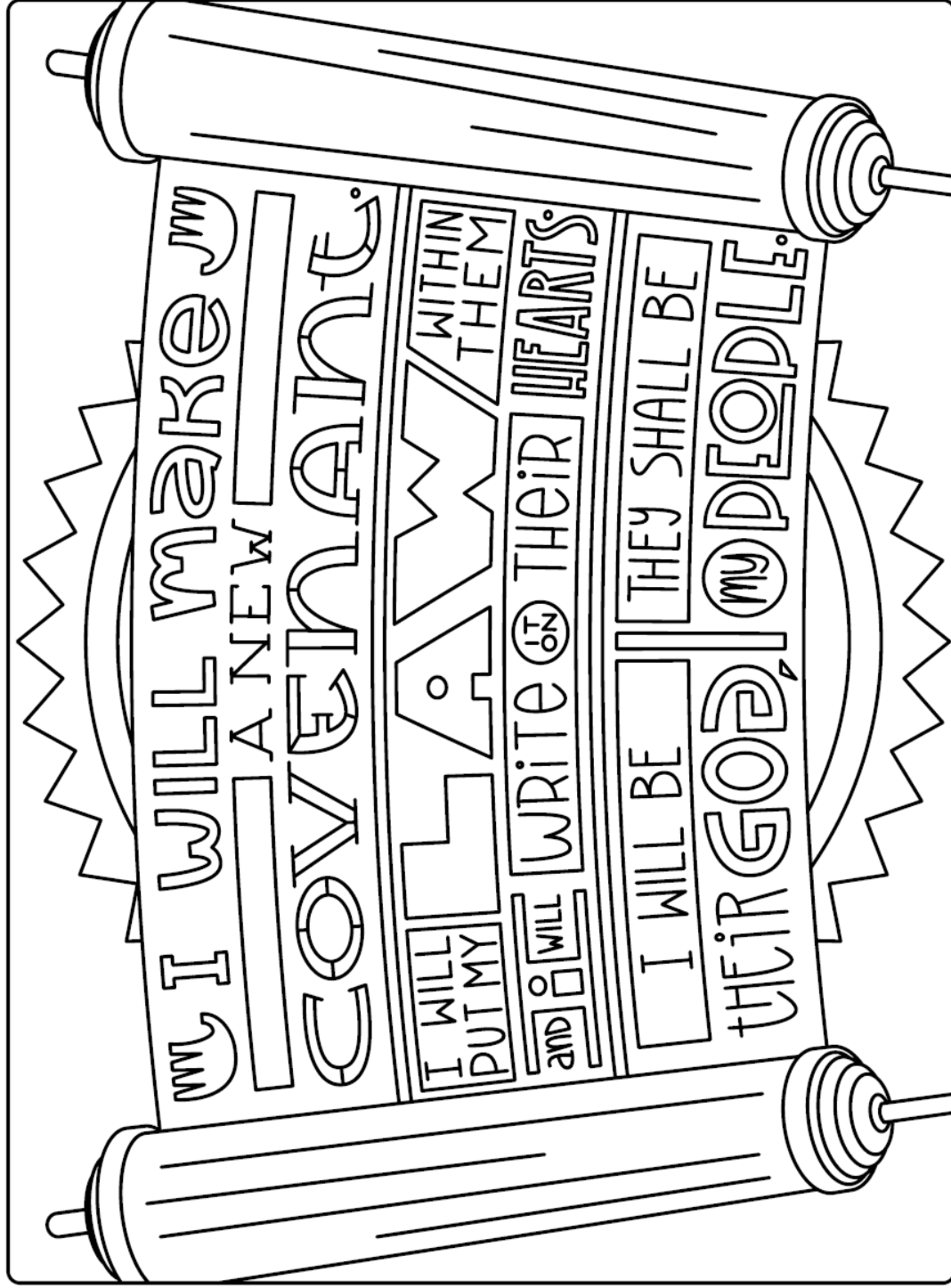
Hope and Healing on the Longest Night of the Year



These monthly services, each approximately 40 minutes in duration, provide an opportunity to worship at the close of the day.

The intimacy of the chapel, coupled with its warm acoustics and decorative flexibility, enables clarity and resonance in the sung and spoken word.

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Kyrie eleison (Lord, have mercy)

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Glory to God the Creator

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Morecambe [Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart]

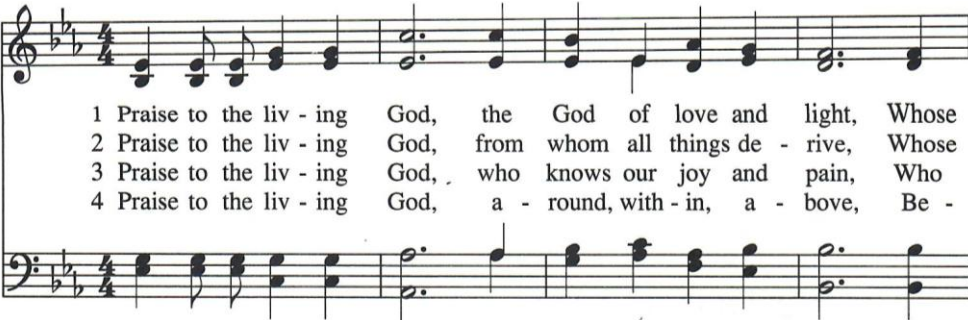
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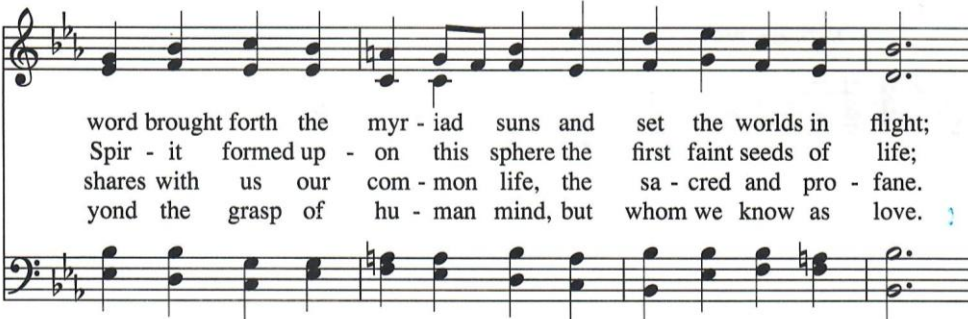
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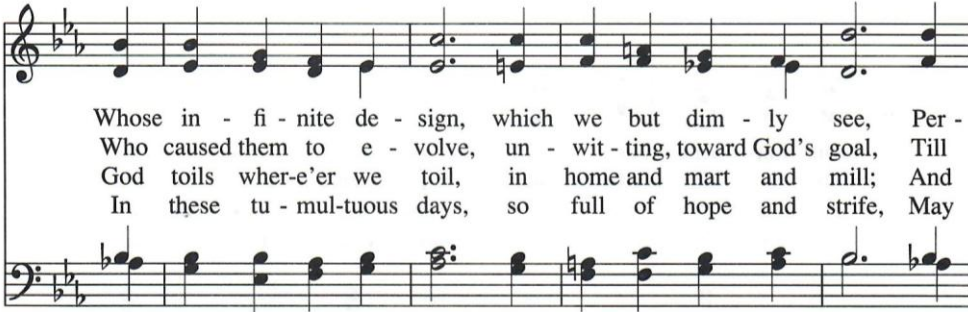
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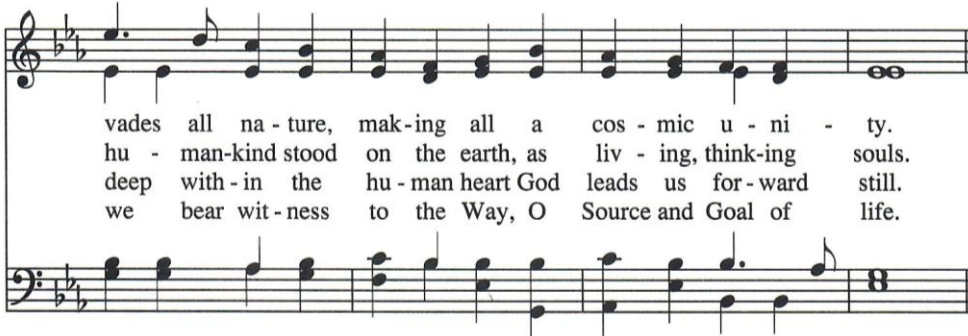
1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -



word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.



Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May



vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

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If you need assistance from your pastors, deacons, or a Stephen Minister, please call at (914) 967-0842.*

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

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

