

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR PIANO

Collin Miller

Piano Sonata No. 2 ["Concord"]: iii. Moderately

Charles Ives (1874-1954)

This movement – and the other three movements – of the "Concord" sonata pay homage to well-known residents of Concord, Mass., during the period 1840-1860: i. Emerson, ii. Hawthorne, iii. The Alcotts (Bronson and Louisa May) and iv. Thoreau. A connection to worship this day and to Earth Day (tomorrow) is found in the lifestyle advocated by Bronson Alcott: communal living with an emphasis on the care of nature (things "pastoral").

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

*Lead us, Good Shepherd, into all those places
where we will discover your hope waiting to nourish and restore
our famished souls; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

CHORAL INTROIT

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

Batak melody; arr. H. A. Pandopo, 1999

Hallelujah! Sing praise to your Creator, sun, moon, and stars and angels above.

Praise the Lord, whose word established the heavens, who upholds all the earth in power and love.

Both young and old, come and join in the song!

*-Tilly Lubis, 2009;
transl. David Diephouse, 2009*

*CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 23)

Pastor: Our Good Shepherd has led us to this place.

People: God leads us beside still waters; God restores our soul.

Pastor: Even though we walk through dark valleys,
even though we are fearful and in need of comfort,

**People: Our cup overflows with God's goodness and mercy;
we shall dwell in the house of the Lord our whole lives long.**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Comfort of your people: we confess the emptiness of our souls, which sends us searching for all those things which cannot nourish us. Our restless longing for the goods of the world fill us with lust and envy. Our belief that still waters are stagnant causes us to thirst for whitewater thrills and adventures. Our trust in the hollow promises of our culture turns us away from the shelter you offer to us.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Forgive us, O God. Call us back from our wayward lives, so we may find rest in the stillness of your gentle heart; we may find healing from your scarred hands; we may find that life for which we yearn, together in you and through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Franz Schubert [*Deutsche Messe*], 1826

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

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI *(sung by all)*

John Weaver, 1978

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written on three staves of music in G major and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, 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. A - men." The music features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line.

Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 8th grade may now leave to go to their Sunday School classes.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian Hesse, *lay reader*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 John 3:16-24

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 240)

after each reading:

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18
(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 103)

SERMON

“The Good Shepherd”

Dr. Miller

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION 473

Shepherd Me, O God

Shepherd Me

The refrain melody will be given by the organ, then the Choir will sing it. Following that, all will sing the refrain and then move into the responsive reading, with the sung refrain, as indicated in the hymnal.

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.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

George Whelpton, 1897

Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;
incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

-Psalm 134:1

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Please visit <https://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.

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR, SOLO VOICE, AND PIANO

Touch the Hem of His Garment

Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

Kelly Sawatsky, soprano

Touch the hem of his garment, let his love make you whole,
hear the voice of the shepherd and he will lead you into the fold.

Touch the hem of his garment, leave the darkness of sin,
feel the strength of his presence, and you will know the power within.

In loving arms he will take you, he’ll never leave you or forsake you;
and if you trust he will make you rejoice and lay your burdens at his feet.

Touch the hem of his garment, leave the darkness of night,
feel the might of his glory and he will guide you into the light. *-Janice Lovoos (1903-2007)*

*EASTERTIDE DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

The tune is printed in the hymnal at no. 10.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

-Thomas Ken, 1674; adapt.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

st. 3 harm. Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

24 Pieces in Free Style [op. 31]: 21. Carillon

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Perhaps the bells pealing from the tower of a church serve as one of the voices of the Good Shepherd!

* Please stand as you are able

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

If you are a guest today, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. So that we may get to know you better, please fill out an information card found in the pew racks and put it in the offering plate.

You may also go to: <https://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 sanctuary and live video in the church library.

The sanctuary is equipped with an induction loop assistive listening system. To access the system, please switch your hearing aid setting to "T" (telephone).

Participating in worship:

Kyle McKiernan, *crucifer*

Gary Gibson, Ashley Ginnings, Pat McGunagle, and Christopher Winston, *ushers*

TODAY

Coffee Hour will follow worship in the Assembly Room.

Empty Bowls – 11:00 a.m., Assembly Room

New Member Discussions – 11:15 a.m., Library

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



CHILDCARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare for ages 3 months through 3-year-olds is being offered this Sunday! Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing.

Please make sure to sign up your children for Childcare using the form on our [website](https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/).

Sunday School for ages 4 through 8th grade is being offered this Sunday as well. Classes for age 4-3rd grade are on the second floor of the Education Wing, and 4th -5th grade are in the Westminster Room. Middle school meets in the Youth Rooms downstairs in the basement.

To register, visit our website at (<https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/>)

EMPTY BOWLS



Today, following worship in the Assembly Room.

For our 19th time, potters from the Clay Art Center in Port Chester have worked with our youth to bring Empty Bowls to RPC! All are invited to the Assembly Room following worship, where you will find beautiful ceramic bowls created and donated by local artists. With the purchase of a bowl, guests receive a meal (to stay or to go) of soup and bread, donated by local merchants. The bowls are a reminder that amid all that we have, there is always someone with an empty bowl. With the food, bowls, and help donated by local talent, the entire proceeds will be donated to food relief efforts in Port Chester.

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 22

7:30 p.m. Book Study – Library

Tuesday, April 23

11:00 a.m. Women's Discipleship – Library/Hybrid

7:30 p.m. Trustees – Westminster Room/Hybrid

7:30 p.m. Moms' Bible Study – Library

Wednesday, April 24

7:30 p.m. Session – Westminster Room/Hybrid

Thursday, April 25

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

7:00 p.m. Coming Home Dinner – Westminster Room

Saturday, April 27

8:30 a.m. Youth Mental Health First Aid Training – Assembly Room

9:00 a.m. Session Retreat – Westminster Room

GENERAL NOTICES

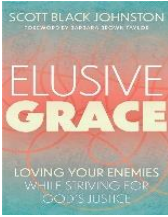
GIVING AT RPC



Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page (ryepc.com/give/), or you may scan the QR Code to the left with your cell phone. You may also use Zelle from your mobile banking app. Please contact the church office to register with us first. Contact Maida Robinson at 914-967-0842 or email mrobinson@ryepc.com, if you have any questions. *Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!*



Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date on the weekly happenings at RPC as well as to share all the great things happening within our community. Let's stay connected and grow in faith together!
Instagram: @ryepres10580, Facebook: Rye Presbyterian Church



SPRING BOOK STUDY

Monday Evenings - April, 22, 29
7:30 p.m., in the Library & Zoom

Participants are asked to purchase and read the book in advance. Contact John Miller (jmiller@ryepc.com) or 914-967-0842, ex. 14, to let him know if you plan to attend. We look forward to you joining us.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID CERTIFICATION COURSE

Saturday, April 27, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Assembly Room

All adults who work with and care for youth (staff, volunteers, parents, and other caregivers) are invited to come learn how to recognize and respond to mental health and substance use challenges, disorders, and crises among adolescents and young adults. The certification course includes 2 hours of online pre-work and a 6-hour, in-person, instructor-led session. Lunch will be provided for all participants. Registration fees are underwritten by Christ's Church Rye, Church of the Resurrection, Community Synagogue of Rye, and Rye Presbyterian Church. Please register [here](#).



May 5, following Worship, in the Assembly Room

The Fellowship & Formation Committee and the Deacons will host a special spring coffee hour in the Assembly Room following worship on May 5. A light brunch will be served, with opportunities for fun, engagement and fellowship. We hope you will join for conversation and activities for all ages!

A New Prison Ministry Opportunity

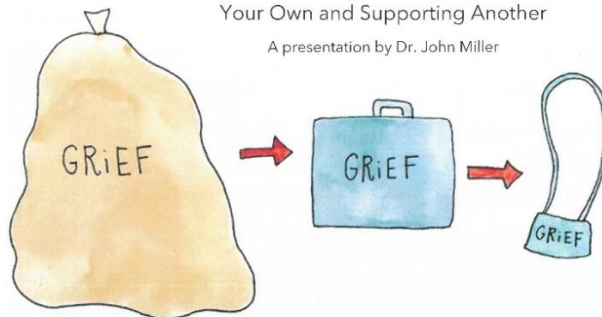
“I WANT TO UNDERSTAND”

This is an opportunity for two different groups to share in meaningful dialogue. This will be an interactive discussion group on Zoom, held the FIRST Sunday of every month starting Sunday, May 5, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. The group will consist of half formerly incarcerated men and women and half members from the church and community. The size of the group will be limited to facilitate more discussion. The group will be led by Michael Steedly, a formerly incarcerated individual, and Nancy Steed, longtime church member. For more information or to participate, contact Nancy Steed at (914) 588-8952, or at rpc.iwant2understand@gmail.com.

Carrying the Weight of Grief

Your Own and Supporting Another

A presentation by Dr. John Miller



Tuesday, May 14th from 7-8 PM

Rye Presbyterian Church - The Chapel

Let us know if you plan to attend by emailing jmiller@ryepc.com

Presented by The Stephen Ministry Leadership Team and

The Fellowship and Formation Committee

CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, *Associate Pastor*

Jason Charneski, *Director of Music and Organist*

Collin Miller, *Knock Intern in Sacred Music*

Maida Robinson, *Chief Administrative Officer*

Peggy Berretta, *Administrative Assistant*

Tangy Linzy, *Interim Pastoral Assistant*

Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*

Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*

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.



Permission to reprint music in this Order of Worship and to livestream it obtained
from ONE LICENSE License #A-725535.

Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

Text transl. David Diephouse Music arr. H. A. Pandopo

Text © 2009 Faith Alive Christian Resources. Used by permission.

Music arr. © 1999 H. A. Pandopo (Harry van Dop). Used by permission.

Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father)

Music: John Weaver

Music © 1978 John Weaver. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Shepherd Me, O God (Shepherd Me)

Text and Music: Marty Haugen

Text and Music © 1986 GIA Publications, Inc.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Touch the Hem of His Garment

Text: Janice Lovoos Music: Margaret Bonds

Published edition © 2021 Hildegard Publishing,

with permission from the heirs of Margaret A. Bonds.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

O God in Whom All Life Begins (Noel)

Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. Music harm. (st. 3): Noel Rawsthorne

Text © 1990 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

Music harm. (st. 3) © 1991 Kevin Mayhew, Ltd.

All rights reserved. Used by permission.

Rye Presbyterian Church

presents

Eddie Zheng, organ

*Eddie served as the church's first
Knock Intern in Sacred Music
(the 2018-2019 program year)*



**Sunday, April 28, 2024
3:00 p.m.**

**Music by Bach, Dupré, Escaich,
Guilmant, Howells, and Vierne**

Rye Presbyterian Church 882 Boston Post Rd. Rye, NY 10580

Rye Presbyterian Church

presents

Collin Miller, organ & piano

*Collin has served as the church's
Knock Intern in Sacred Music
since September of 2022*



Friday, May 3, 2024

7:30 p.m.

Music by Eben, Franck, Howells, Ives, and Laurin

The concert will conclude with the last movement of the
Piano Concerto No. 3, by Sergei Prokofiev,
arranged for organ and piano.

Guest organist Alexander Straus-Fausto
will play a transcription of the orchestra part.

Rye Presbyterian Church 882 Boston Post Rd. Rye, NY 10580

(worship time)

{worship text(s)}

VERBS:

ADJECTIVES:

NOUNS:

favorite PHRASE:

THIS TEXT MADE ME THINK OF:

BRAIN DUMP & connections

KEY words
WHAT STANDS OUT?

SE&MOR
NOTES:

sermon take away:

