

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Three Short Preludes: i. Andante

Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

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

*Almighty God, you pour out your spirit of grace on all who desire it.
Deliver us from cold hearts, wandering thoughts, and joyless obedience,
that with steady minds and child-like wonder we may worship you in spirit and truth;
through Jesus 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

Pastor: In the wilderness, water brings life to all creation.

People: Seek us out, O Lord, and take us to the water.

Pastor: In the Word of God, the good news gives light.

People: Seek us out, O Lord, and fill us with understanding.

Pastor: In the community of faith, we are grafted together.

People: Seek us out, O Lord, and lead us to fruitful living.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN 11

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Aberyswyth

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of truth, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of your Spirit. We have not lived with resurrection joy, nor loved others as you have loved us. We have denied the life-giving promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

God of love, forgive us, restore us, and grant us your joy, that we may abide in your love and reflect your mercy, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Franz Schubert [*Deutsche Messe*], 1826

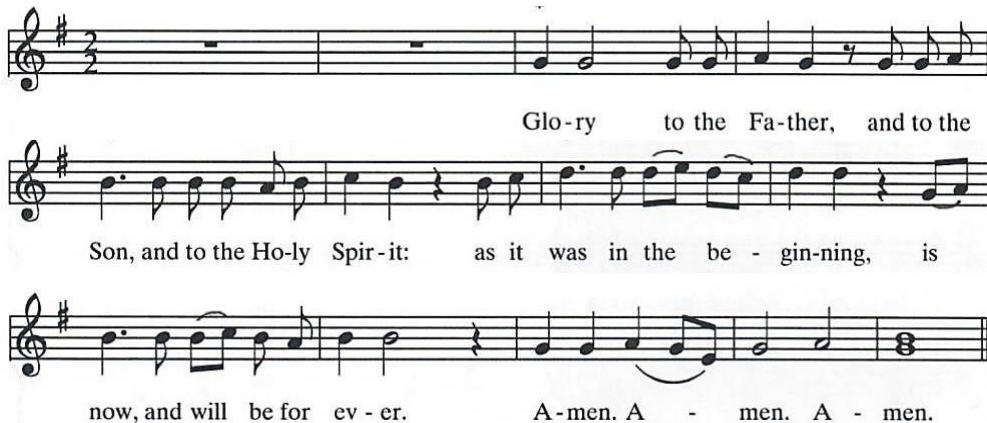
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI *(sung by all)*

John Weaver, 1978



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.

Latin, 3rd/4th centuries; transl.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CAMPBELL DEVON GERRISH AND GRAHAM PAUL NISSI

(Please refrain from taking photographs.)

STATEMENT ON BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS AND GODPARENTS

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

Deacon: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Campbell and Graham by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of his Church?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH *(congregation standing)*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

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

Pastor: Blessed are you, almighty God, creator of the universe, ruler of heaven and earth. You are the source of light and life for all creation. In your goodness you give us the sign of water.

People: At the beginning, your Spirit was at work, brooding over the waters of creation's birth, bringing forth life in all its fullness. Through the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

Pastor: In the time of Noah, you cleansed the earth through the waters of the flood. By the pillar of cloud and fire you led Israel through the waters of the Red Sea out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.

People: In the waters of the river Jordan, Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Holy Spirit. He is the never-failing spring who has promised that all who thirst can come to the living water.

Pastor: By the baptism of his own death and resurrection he set us free from bondage to sin and death and opened to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.

People: We thank you, O God, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. From it we are raised to share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: Send your Spirit to move over this water that it may be a fountain of deliverance and rebirth. Wash away the sin of all who are cleansed by it. Raise them to new life, and graft them to the body of Christ. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon Campbell and Graham, that they may have the power to do your will and continue forever in the risen life of Christ.

People: To you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, be all praise, honor, and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE BAPTISMS

GIVING OF THE LIGHT

Deacon: Receive the light of Christ; you have passed from darkness into light.

People: **You have been enlightened with Christ; walk always as children of the light.**

RESPONSE (*sung by all*)

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

This setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 482, the third stanza.

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children; joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

As we sing the response, children age 4 through 8th grade may leave to go to their Sunday School classes.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Elizabeth Parks, *lay reader*

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 4:7-12

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 241)

after each reading:

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

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 109)

SERMON

"Back to the Garden"

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN (see back cover)

Change Your Church, O God

St. George's Windsor

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Douglas Carey

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

I Sat Down under His Shadow

Edward C. Bairstow, 1925

I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.
He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

-Song of Solomon 2:3-4

How might these words be interpreted in light of being "grafted?"

***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 485**

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Collin Miller

Sonata in E-flat Major: ii. Allegro giocoso {Scherzo}

Edward C. Bairstow, 1937

** 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).

*This morning, the Sacrament of Baptism is being administered to:
Campbell Devon Gerrish, daughter of Hadley and Monty Gerrish;
and Graham Paul Nissi, son of Brittany and Taylor Nissi.*

The Chancel flowers are given by the Gerrish family.

Participating in worship:

Emery Wallach, crucifer

Edward Avery, Sarah Barringer, and Jim and Betsy Gallagher, ushers

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.

TODAY

Coffee Hour will follow worship in the Assembly Room.

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

High School Youth Group, 12:00 noon, Jay Heritage Center

Eddie Zheng Organ Concert, 3:00 p.m., Chapel & Sanctuary

Middle School Connection, 3:30 p.m., Youth Rooms

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

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

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



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](#).

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/>)

THIS WEEK

Monday, April 29

9:15 a.m. Bible Discussion - Zoom

7:30 p.m. Book Study – Library

Tuesday, April 30

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

7:30 p.m. Moms' Bible Study – Library

Wednesday, May 1

7:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach – Library

Thursday, May 2

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

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

Friday, May 3

9:30 a.m. Women's Association Monthly Meeting – Library

7:30 p.m. Collin Miller Organ & Piano concert -- Sanctuary

Saturday, May 4

9:00 a.m. High School Youth Group – Jay Heritage Center

10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

GENERAL NOTICES

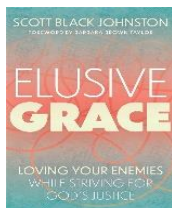


GIVING AT RPC

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 Evening - April, 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.



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

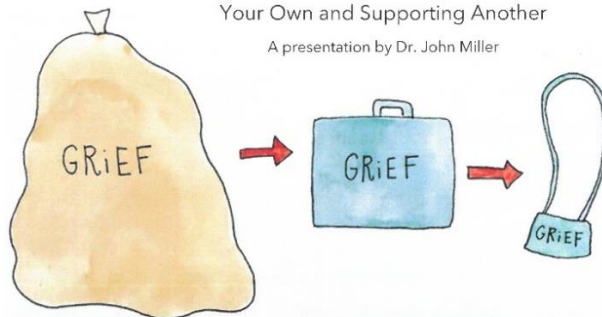
“I WANT TO UNDERSTAND”

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 formerly incarcerated men and women and members from the church and community. The size of the group will be limited. The group will be led by Michael Steedly, a formerly incarcerated individual, and Nancy Steed, long-time 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



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Three Short Preludes

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Hallelujah! Sing Praise to Your Creator

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

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Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud

Text: Thomas H. Troeger

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Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father)

Music: John Weaver

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Change Your Church, O God

Text: John A. Dalles

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We Know That Christ Is Raised

Text: John Brownlow Geyer

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Sonata in E-flat Major: ii. Allegro giocoso

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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

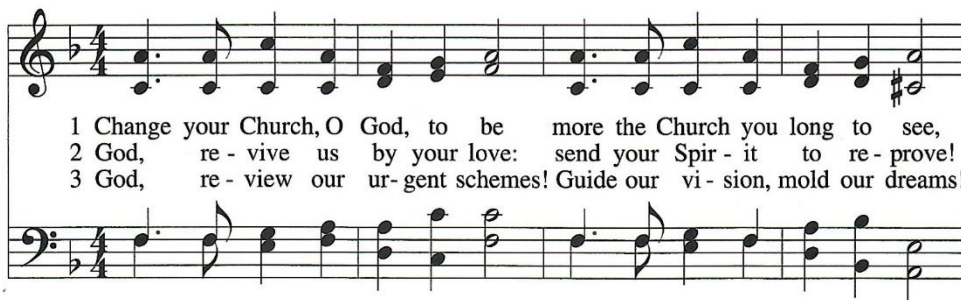
The concert will conclude with the last movement of the
Piano Concerto No. 3, by Sergei Prokofiev,
arranged for organ and piano.

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

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Change Your Church, O God

St. George's Windsor



1 Change your Church, O God, to be more the Church you long to see,
2 God, re - vive us by your love: send your Spir - it to re - prove!
3 God, re - view our ur - gent schemes! Guide our vi - sion, mold our dreams!



more the peo - ple you have claimed, more the chil - dren you have named!
Take a - way sin's aw - ful blight, help us all to do the right!
As we, toward your fu - ture move all our be - ing, God, im - prove!



Change your Church! Re - new us, Lord, till we all re - flect your Word!
Cul - ti - vate us, God, so we, graft - ed to your vine, may be;
May we, by Christ's love, be warmed! Bless your Church, by faith re - formed;



Make of us a shin - ing light e - ver pleas - ing in your sight!
thriv - ing best, with - in your care, blos - som - ing, your love to share.
has - tened by your Spir - it's pace: God, re - new us by your grace!