

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Prelude in G Major [op. 37, no. 2/i]

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*This piece is a pastorale: a Romantic-period form in which lyrical motifs seek to evoke the outdoors.  
One might envision a shepherd playing these tunes; thus, the tie into the overall theme of the day.*

### 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

*God of all light and life, in all of our running, we often miss the very life for which we long.  
In this time, slow us down so that your mercy and goodness can catch up with us.  
Be our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.*

### CHORAL INTROIT

In Christ We Live

John L. Bell (b. 1949)

In Christ we live and in Christ we die and in Christ we rise up again.

Let heaven be glad and let earth rejoice and sing, "Alleluia, amen!"

This is God's house, holy ground for God's people, hallowed by singing and silence and prayer;

Blessed by the presence and power of the Spirit, founded on faith in the Savior we share.

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.**

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is the Lord that made us, and we are God's.

**People: We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Pastor: Enter the Lord's gates with thanksgiving, and the Lord's courts with praise.

**People: Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.**

Pastor: For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us worship God!**

### ✦ HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

✦ *please stand as you are able*

## ✦ PRAYER OF THE DAY

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have strayed from your paths of right relationships and peace; we have dishonored you, ourselves, and your creation. We repent of these hurtful ways.

*Silent prayers of confession are offered.*

Good Shepherd, forgive us, we pray, as we learn to forgive others. Guide our feet into the way of peace and into your joyful service. Amen.

**KYRIE ELEISON** *(sung by the choir)*

Paul Halley, 2001

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

*-Greek, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> centuries; transl.*

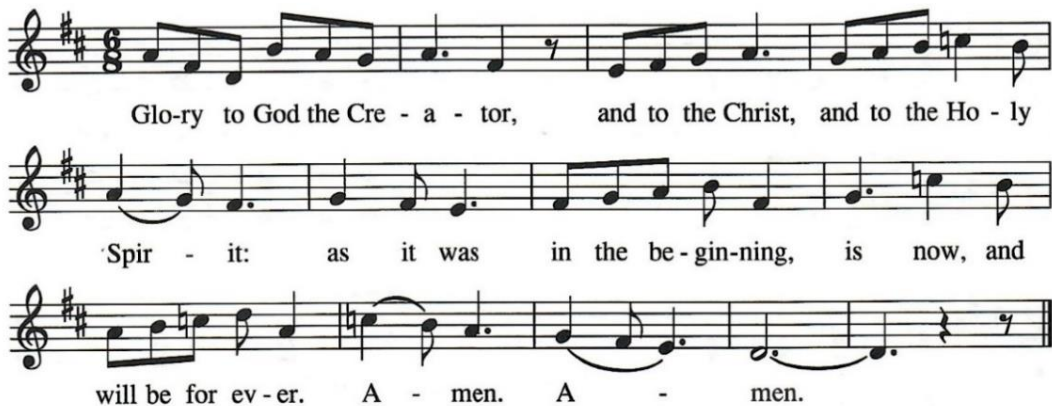
#### DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Hear the good news: God leads us into places of hope; God gives us the waters of life to strengthen us; God is with us in every moment, in every place of our lives.

People: Filled with grace, fed with joy and wonder, we offer our thanks to the One who forgives us, now and forever. Thanks be to God. Amen.

✦ **GLORIA PATRI** *(sung by all)*

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.

*Latin, 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> centuries; transl.*

#### PRESENTATION OF FIRST GRADE BIBLES

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

## THE WORD

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ann McNeel, lay reader

## PSALM 23 (*read responsively*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,**

**I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

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

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:22-30

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 104)

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

## SERMON

"A Sheepish Heart?"

Rev. Love

## THE RESPONSE

### ✦ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from *The Study Catechism*

What do you understand by God's providence?

**That God not only preserves the world, but also continually attends to it, ruling and sustaining it with wise and benevolent care. God is concerned for every creature. In particular, God provides for the world by bringing good out of evil, so that nothing evil is permitted to occur that God does not bend finally to the good.**

What comfort do you receive by trusting in God's providence?

**The eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ watches over us each day of our lives, blessing and guiding us wherever we may be. God strengthens us when we are faithful, comforts us when discouraged or sorrowful, raises us up if we fall, and brings us at last to eternal life. Entrusting ourselves wholly to God's care, we receive the grace to be patient in adversity, thankful in the midst of blessing, courageous against injustice, and confident that no evil afflicts us that God will not turn to our good.**

### ✦ HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

*Munich*

## PRESENTATION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR BIBLES

## MINUTE FOR MISSION – PENTECOST OFFERING

## 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

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

American folk melody; arr. Virgil Thomson, 1938

My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways.  
He leads me, for his mercies' sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;  
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows; thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may thy house be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

-Psalm 23; para. Isaac Watts, 1719

## ✦ 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 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.

## THE SENDING FORTH

### ✦ HYMN 182

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Kingsfold*

### ✦ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Fugue in E Minor [BWV 533/ii]

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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# *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. You may go to [ryepc.com/im-new/](http://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 Halloin at [ahalloin@ryepc.com](mailto: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 free full-color monthly church newsletters, available at every sanctuary entrance: includes photos, updates, articles, and devotions from pastors. It is also available online and via email subscription.

## *Participants in Today's Service*

Emma Pedone, *Crucifer*

Sam Altenberger, Amanda Askew, Carl Friedrich, and Lindsey Furnary, *Ushers*

## **DEDICATIONS**

### *The chancel flowers are given by*

Katrin Naelapaa, in loving memory of her mother Edith Naelapaa, on the occasion of her 100th birthday and the first anniversary of her passing.

## **TODAY**

*Coffee Hour will be held in the Assembly Room following worship. All are welcome!*

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

## THIS WEEK

### **Monday, May 12**

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- 9:00 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Study – Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Education Committee Meeting – Conference Room / Zoom

### **Tuesday, May 13**

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- 1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship – Library / Hybrid
- 7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision – Westminster Room / Conference Room
- 7:30 p.m. Spring Book Study – Library

### **Wednesday, May 14**

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- 3:45 p.m. Stories and Songs for Children – Westminster Room
- 7:30 p.m. Deacons' Meeting – Library

### **Thursday, May 15**

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- 10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop
- 7:00 p.m. Coming Home Dinner – Library / Westminster Room
- 7:00 p.m. Beginner West Coast Swing Dance Class – Assembly Room
- 8:00 p.m. Intermediate West Coast Swing Dance Class – Assembly Room

### **Sunday, May 18**

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- 8:45 a.m. Moms' Bible Study – Youth Rooms
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Service Trip Information Session – Westminster Room
- 8:00 p.m. Men's Sunday Evening Bible Study – Library / Zoom

## GENERAL NOTICES

**The Stephen Leader Team and Fellowship & Formation**  
are teaming up to host Laura Newby, LMHC from the  
Redeemer Counseling Services to address

## **CARING FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING ANXIETY**

**Please join us in the RPC Assembly Room  
Tuesday, May 13, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

There will be a chance to ask questions and  
connect with others immediately following the talk

Let us know if you plan to attend by emailing  
[elizabethlukes@mac.com](mailto:elizabethlukes@mac.com)



**SPRING BOOK STUDY**  
**Tuesday evenings at 7:30, through June 10**

Led by Rev. Love, together we will read and discuss the profound changes and challenges of living with our embrace of technology through *The Extinction of Experience: Being Human in a Disembodied World* by Christine Rosen. More than just a lament and a yearning for a simpler time, Rosen explores the effects on our sense of self, our relationships, and the choices we face daily, challenging us to “reclaim serendipity, community, patience, and risk.” If you are interested in being a part of this study, please contact Rev. Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com).

**BABY BUNDLE PROJECT**

**Mother’s Day, Sunday, May 11, through Father’s Day, Sunday, June 15**



Please join RPNS and RPNS as we launch the 8th annual Baby Bundle Project with Open Door Family Medical Center to support new parents in giving babies a healthy and safe start. Each year, Open Door helps to deliver close to 500 newborns in Westchester County.

Between Mother’s Day and Father’s Day, we will be collecting all the essentials for creating a Baby Bundle. Baby Bundles include diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, an infant thermometer, health and grooming kits, sleep sacks, sleep and play pajamas, onesies and other clothing, board books, and small infant toys. Pack’n Plays are in the hall outside the Westminster Room and the entrance to RPNS. During our month-long drive, please feel free to place your donations in the Pack’n Play or you can order items to be sent directly to Open Door through the Amazon Open Door Baby Registry. You may either follow the adjacent link or the QR Code above. <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>.

**MONDAY MORNING BIBLE DISCUSSION**

**May 5, 12, and 19 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom**

All are welcome to join in as we continue touring through the letters of the Apostle Paul. Contact Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com) for more information and to join the email reminder list.

**WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY**

**May 17 and 31, 10:00 a.m., in the Library**

Women’s Bible Study meets Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. We are reading the whole of the Bible. Please join us! For more information, please contact Cynthia Wells at [cynthiawells@gmail.com](mailto:cynthiawells@gmail.com).

**MEN’S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

**Sunday, May 18, 8:00 p.m., in-person in the Library with a Zoom option**

Join in the ongoing highlight tour and discussion of the familiar yet surprising book of Genesis. Please contact Dan Love at [dlove@ryepc.com](mailto:dlove@ryepc.com) to be on the email reminder list.





## SPECIAL OFFERING – PENTECOST 2025

The four seasonal Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) offer the whole Church a way to embody Jesus' words in Matthew 25 through the Spirit-inspired stories and gifts that place us in partnership with those who have least. For the church to be the Church it must be actively engaged in relationship with those in need – an understanding that can readily be drawn from Matthew 25. Through gifts to the Special Offerings, we support ministries of compassion, justice, alleviation of hunger, Christian formation, education, peace-making and global witness.

The period from April 21 – June 8 is the Pentecost Special Offering. The Pentecost Special Offering unites us in a church-wide effort to support young people in Christ and inspire them to share their faith, ideas, and unique gifts with the church and the world. Investing in our greatest resource – help youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith.

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The patterns and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. By receiving the Pentecost Special Offering, you are nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come - children, youth, and young adults.

Your gifts to the Pentecost Special Offering support ministries with children, youth and young adults in our community, across the nation and around the world. As we continue to receive the Pentecost Special Offering, please remember that 40% of the offering remains with the RPC community. The Mission & Outreach Committee will use the 40% to support the Open Door Medical Clinic's Baby Bundle program and the NAACP's ACT-SO ([naacpconnect.org](http://naacpconnect.org)) achievement program. The NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics is a year-long achievement program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

For more information, please visit [pcusa.org](http://pcusa.org). Envelopes are in the pews on Sunday or checks may be sent to the church office. Please note "Pentecost Offering" on the memo line. You may also donate through RPC with PayPal by scanning the QR Code, or visiting our website at [ryepc.com/pentecost-special-offering/](http://ryepc.com/pentecost-special-offering/).

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# JOIN THE RPC PRAYER TEAM!



"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

Matthew 18:19-20

The RPC Prayer Team is a dedicated group of individuals who provide prayer support to those in need of comfort and healing during times of difficulty in their lives. To become a part of this ministry, all you need is a desire to help those in need by praying for them. Needs are communicated via email.

If you have any questions, or would like to be on the Prayer Team, please email coordinator Tony Savarese at [rpcprays@ryepc.com](mailto:rpcprays@ryepc.com). Visit [ryepc.com/ministries/prayer-ministry/](http://ryepc.com/ministries/prayer-ministry/) to learn more.

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE



Are you, or is someone you know: good with people, knowledgeable about business affairs or physical infrastructure, a good leader, friendly with a variety of RPC members, and interested in putting faith in action?

Serving the church is a fulfilling responsibility that helps build a strong faith community. As an active member of RPC, you are eligible to serve in one of these valuable and enriching roles. As a part of the leadership team at Rye Presbyterian Church, you can grow in your faith and help shape the future direction of our community.

We are currently seeking individuals interested in serving as deacons, trustees, elders (Members of Session), or Nominating Committee members. Deacon, trustee, and elder positions require a three-year commitment, while Nominating Committee members are asked to serve for two years. Youth Elders and Deacons are selected for a one-year term.

If you are interested in contributing to our community in this way, we encourage you to apply. If you know of someone who would be a good candidate, please submit their names (with their permission.)

Our recommendation form can be completed as either a printout and an online submission by visiting [ryepc.com/article/recommendations-for-church-officers-and-nominating-committee/](http://ryepc.com/article/recommendations-for-church-officers-and-nominating-committee/).

Please return the form to the church office or via email to [nominations@ryepc.com](mailto:nominations@ryepc.com) by the morning of June 8.

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP

**Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., in the Library**

Please join the Women's Discipleship Group on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m., in the library, for our study of *An Unhurried Life*, by Alan Fadling. For more information, please contact Alicia Baldwin at [alicia.baldwin@verizon.net](mailto:alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) or Courtney Bennett at [courtneybennett910@gmail.com](mailto:courtneybennett910@gmail.com) with any questions. All are welcome to jump in at any time!

## **MOMS' BIBLE STUDY**

**First and Third Sundays, 8:45 - 9:45 a.m., in the Youth Rooms**

The RPC Moms' Bible Study has a different format this Spring! The group will meet from 8:45-9:45 a.m. the first and third Sundays of each month, before worship. Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 18. 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 to learn more, please contact Madison Walsh at [madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:madisonlichliterwalsh@gmail.com).

## **THRIFT SHOP**

**Thursdays, 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](mailto:RyeThrift10580@gmail.com).

Regular Drop-Off Times: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

## **COMING HOME DINNER**

**Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

Stop by any Thursday to join us for dinner and check out the meaningful work and community of this re-entry ministry. Coming Home seeks to empower those who are returning to the community from incarceration. The 18-week program offers several volunteer opportunities, including serving as mentors who are paired with participants, as well as cooks who prepare and serve the evening meal. If you are interested in serving, contact Program Coordinator, Kevin Bunch, at 914-473-2221 or [savedmedic2001@yahoo.com](mailto:savedmedic2001@yahoo.com); or Mission and Outreach Committee Liaison, Douglas Carey, at 914-565-6748 or [poningoeearthcare@gmail.com](mailto:poningoeearthcare@gmail.com).

## **WEST COAST SWING DANCE CLASSES**

**Thursdays in the RPC Assembly Room**

**7:00 - 8:00 p.m. - Beginner Class**

**8:00 - 9:00 p.m. - Intermediate Class**

Classes are \$20 per person, per session. Please RSVP each week to instructor Christopher Bledsoe at (484) 393-5955 (text/call.) For more information, visit [www.westie-night-out.com/](http://www.westie-night-out.com/).

Brought to RPC by the Fellowship and Formation Committee.

## **RPC RUNS**

**Join us for a run! Friday mornings at 6:00 a.m.**

We start running at 6:00 a.m. from the RPC parking lot, making a 3-mile loop to Rye Town Park that finishes back at RPC. Please show up 5-10 minutes early if you would like to stretch and warm up. This will be very relaxed, so run at your own pace and do what works for you. All are welcome!

Organized by Jordy Winslow. For more information, email [jordywinslow@gmail.com](mailto:jordywinslow@gmail.com), or call 203-246-5690.



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In Christ We Live

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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/](https://ryepc.com/give/) and through the QR code.  
Contact Maida Robinson at [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com) with any questions.  
*Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the church.*

