

CHIMING OF THE HOUR AND WELCOME

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*You watch over your creation,  
a shepherd with whom all living things are safe.  
You know us all and keep us wherever we move.*

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Fantaisie in C [op. 16]: iv. Adagio

César Franck (1822-1890)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 23)

Pastor: The Lord is our shepherd. There is nothing we lack.

**People: God guides us in right paths for the sake of God's good name.**

Pastor: Even though we walk through valleys of darkness, we will not fear.

**People: For you are with us; your rod and staff, they comfort us.**

Pastor: God sets a table before us; our cups are so full they spill over!

**People: Your goodness and faithful love will pursue us all the days of our lives.**

All: Let us worship God.

HYMN

God Is Calling through the Whisper

*W żłobie leży*

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, 2003 Music: Polish carol; harm. Wilbur Lee, 1958

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,

through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.

Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:

God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON

[John 10:1-10](#)

after each reading:

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

HYMN

Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers

*Transformation*

1. Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has  
 2. Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he  
 3. Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer  
 4. Christ has ris - en and for ev - er lives to

ris - en where hope died, as he said and as he  
 died to love and save; Christ has ris - en for the  
 friends who fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i -  
 chal - lenge and to change all whose lives are messed or

prom - ised, as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the  
 wom - en bring - ing flowers to grace his grave. Christ has  
 ta - tion where their faith had once burned bright. They be -  
 man - gled, all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is

moon em - brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the  
 ris - en for dis - ci - ples hud - dled in an - up - stairs  
 moan what is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful  
 ris - en, Christ is pres - ent, mak - ing us what he has

cheer; let the world con - firm the ru - mour: Christ is  
 room. He whose word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be  
 sign till Christ ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing  
 been— ev - i - dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which

ris - en, God is here!  
 si - lenced by the tomb.  
 bread and shar - ing wine.  
 God is known and seen.

Text: John L. Bell and Graham Maule, 1988 Music: John L. Bell, 1988

SECOND LESSON

[Acts 2:42-47](#)

SERMON

“The Business of Joy”

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

## CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for even in these wilderness days creation still sings, Christ is risen from the dead! He has burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death.

**Love is come again.**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing who forever proclaim:

#### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*-Isaiah 6:3b; Psalm 118:25-26; Matthew 21:9b*

All-embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, our shepherd and companion in the wilderness, who is now the risen Lord of life who makes the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed, then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

**Christ is risen from the dead.**

**Love is come again.**

We thank you that on the night before he died for us our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

Take, eat: This is my body, which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said,

Drink this all of you: This is my blood poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

**Christ is risen from the dead.**

**Love is come again.**

Recalling his life, death, and resurrection, we offer you these gifts of your creation, and with them, our lives in thanks and praise. Pour out your Spirit upon them that they may be for us the presence of our Savior Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth, that we may rise together as children of your new creation, our lives proclaiming good news to all the world.

Then bring us to that new heaven here on earth, O God, where death and pain are no more, and where you dwell with us forever, sitting at table at that great feast which is to come. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, O God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

And now, trusting in you the risen Lord and the promise of your coming kingdom, we are bold to pray together...

**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.**

### BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

When we break the bread, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

When we give thanks over the cup, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ?

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*With whatever "elements" you may have where you are, please take part in Communion.*

### MUSIC FOR ORGAN

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Resignation)

American folk melody; adapt.

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ and our Good Shepherd. Amen.**

### HYMN

#### I Come with Joy

*Dove of Peace*

Text: Brian Wren, 1968, rev. 1993 / Music: American folk melody; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1997



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris-tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call, in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com-mu - nion bread, in Christ's com-mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN

Sixty Short Pieces (1955): i. Allegro moderato

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

*Let us "...go with joy..." as we follow the Good Shepherd.*

## TIME FOR GREETING

*All participant microphones will be unmuted for a chance to greet one another.*

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*The chancel flowers are given by  
the extended Brunner family in loving memory of Albert's sister,  
Claudia Kleiber, who died on April 29.*

## TODAY

Men's Bible Study at 8:00 p.m. via Zoom – contact [Dan Love](#)

## THIS WEEK

### Monday, May 4

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion via Zoom – contact [Dan Love](#)

7:30 p.m. Personnel Committee via Zoom

### Tuesday, May 5

9:15 a.m. Christian Education via Zoom

1:00 p.m. Tuesday Afternoon Women's Discipleship Group via Zoom –  
contact [Alicia Baldwin](#) or [Courtney Bennett](#) for the link. A new study on the Book of Esther begins.

6:00 p.m. Stephen Leaders via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Adult Ed: *The Voting Booth* discussion via Zoom

### Wednesday, May 6

10:00 a.m. High School Youth Group Instagram Devotional

3:30 p.m. High School Youth Group Check via Zoom - contact [Rev. JP](#)

5:30 p.m. Middle School Connection via Zoom - contact [Rev. JP](#)

7:30 p.m. Mission & Outreach via Zoom

### Thursday, May 7

8:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship online

### Saturday, May 9

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

## GENERAL NOTICES

Our e-mail prayer group is going strong. Please join us in our ministry of prayer for others. Or if you have a prayer request, please do not hesitate to contact <mailto:rpcprayers@gmail.com>.

### DURING THIS TIME

As this situation develops, if you end up needing assistance of any kind, please do not hesitate to email or call the church to contact with one of your pastors. In addition, our Stephen Ministers and Friendly Visitors stand by ready to give support or just some human connection amid the quiet. Our deacons and others are ready to help as well with a run to the grocery store or pharmacy. Even if the church is closed, together we remain committed to being the church to all in need throughout this time.

### ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page. Click [here](#) to donate. Please contact Maida Robinson at [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com), if you have any questions or need assistance. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!

### NEW RPC PRAYER WALL

As a way to connect to one another and to God throughout this time, you are invited to make prayer requests known on the RPC website Prayer Wall ([click here](#)). Together we continue to pray for all those in need throughout this ordeal. All can share anonymously, but please keep in mind that it is a public forum.



## ***The Voting Booth: A new vision for Christian engagement in a post-Christian culture.***

**Tuesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m. - Via Zoom—contact [John Miller](#) for link**

This brief work is presented as a three-act play and reads somewhat like *The Pilgrim's Progress*, the Christian allegory written by John Bunyan.

How should a Christian relate to the culture? For generations, Christians have been told to either escape the culture to avoid its ungodliness, or to aggressively engage the culture by seeking power and control over it. But are those a Christian's only options? The Voting Booth presents a third path for a new generation of Christians seeking to love both God and their neighbor.

We meet the main character, Christian, on Election Day as he considers his vote. His struggle is an internal one more so than with the candidates themselves. He understands their respective visions for the country, but he doesn't know what future he wants and how he should live and vote in a post-Christian culture.

Dr. Miller will facilitate the discussion via Zoom. Please email him at [jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com) if you would like to participate. He will email you the monograph and the Zoom link.

### **RYE-BASED EFFORTS TO HELP OTHERS - UPDATE**

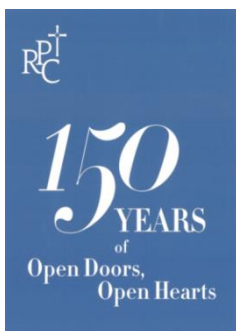
If you're feeling healthy and safe, and are eager to find a way to HELP OTHERS during this unsettling time, we have three simple, Rye-based efforts that could really use your help!

- Sew Happy is making and delivering masks to medical personnel in the area. You need not know how to sew to lend a hand. Please click the link below for detailed instructions on how you can help (kids can get involved, too!). [www.sewhappyusa.net](http://www.sewhappyusa.net)
- As you know, medical personnel are working around the clock while local restaurants/eateries are suffering without business as usual. RPC member, Erika Lee, is coordinating a DOUBLY-BENEFICIAL effort and collecting donations to deliver meals FROM our local restaurants TO our local medical staff members. If you'd like to contribute, no amount is too small! Please Venmo Erika directly at erika-lee-37 and make a note in the comments that this is a "RPC food donation." Any questions, please email Erika directly at [epandoesq@aol.com](mailto:epandoesq@aol.com).
- RPC Church Member, Molly Howson, has started a campaign to raise funds for the purpose of providing much needed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to frontline healthcare workers in New York City, Westchester County, NY and Greenwich, CT. Over the past few weeks Molly has raised over \$37,000 and purchased over 7,000 pieces of PPE, including masks, face shields, goggles, disposable hazmat suits, gowns, gloves and sanitizer. These supplies have gone to more than 15 hospitals and nursing homes as well as local EMS/FD/PD.

While this has been a great start, this is an ongoing issue that is not going away anytime soon and the needs are still significant. Any contribution helps.

If you would like to donate, you can Venmo Molly Howson PPE for Frontline Workers @molly-howson or donate through Go Fund Me at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fundthefrontppe>.

In all these cases, anything you can do will help! All efforts will need to maintain over the long haul, so you're definitely not too late!



## ***The Sesquicentennial Service Challenge***

2020 marks the sesquicentennial of our sanctuary. 150 years of people coming in and going out through the doors of our beautiful sanctuary. People come in to find their faith strengthened and renewed as we worship together. People then go out in service to the world beyond our doors.

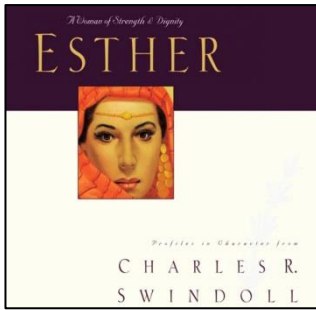
The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join your fellow disciples of Rye Presbyterian Church in the 2020 Sesquicentennial Service Challenge!

**The goal:** at least 150 minutes of service from every member for every month of 2020. With 1052 members, that would mean the total number of services minutes for 2020 would be 1,893,600!

Please know that ANY volunteer service you do either with the church or in the community COUNTS. If you are giving the gift of your time, it counts. When logging your minutes, you can group your minutes together. You don't need to log each activity separately. Simply total your minutes and then list, as briefly as possible, what activities you did. The two things we are tracking are total number of minutes (not hours), and the variety of activities that people are involved in as they give the gift of their time by volunteering.

**Minutes logged thus far: 136,884**

**TO LOG YOUR MINUTES, GO TO: <https://ryepc.com/150>**



**TUESDAY AFTERNOON WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP**  
**1:00 p.m., via Zoom**

Beginning Tuesday, May 5, we will begin a new study on the book  
*Esther: A Woman of Strength and Dignity* by Charles R. Swindoll.

We will meet via Zoom –  
please contact [Alicia Baldwin](#) or [Courtney Bennett](#) for the link.

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(914) 967-0842 and leave a voicemail with one of the pastors.  
Voicemails go directly to our cell phones.  
Dan Love is at ex. 15, John Miller at ex. 14, and JP Marshall at ex. 17.**

