

May 23, 2021 The Day of Pentecost Worship at 10:00 a.m.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Veni, Creator Spiritus (Come, Holy Ghost)

Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

The plainchant upon which this setting is based is printed in the hymnal at no. 278.

WELCOME

Pastor: May the peace of the Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

-Ephesians 3:20-21

* CALL TO WORSHIP

- Pastor: When the Day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- People: And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of wind,
- **Pastor:** and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
- People: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Pastor: In this house, and in all our houses, come, Holy Spirit, come!
- People: Together let us worship God.
- * **HYMN** (see page 8) Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow Aberystwyth (Note: Those fully vaccinated are invited to sing the hymns, but we request that you continue to wear a mask.)

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 806) *after each reading*:

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

MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND PIANO

Five Creek-Freedmen Spirituals (1946): i. Dry Bones

These old bones of mine shall rise together in the morning. From the toe bone to the foot bone,...to the ankle bone,...to the leg bone,...to the knee bone,... to the thigh bone,...to the hip bone,...to the back bone,...to the finger bone,...to the hand bone,... to the arm bone,...to the shoulder bone,...to the neck bone,...to the head bone.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 119) "To Life!"

Rev. Love

David Walker

Savannah Bisset, mezzo soprano

Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

SERMON

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

What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge, and service of Christ are all inseparably related. *How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?*

By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.

Acts 2:1-13

CALL FOR THE OFFERING (Go to website <u>https://ryepc.com/give/</u> or see below to give online.)

* DOXOLOGY

This setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 606. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

–Thomas Ken, 1674

Old Hundredth

LITANY FOR PENTECOST

Holy Spirit, Creator, in the beginning you moved over the waters. From your breath all creation drew life. Without you, life turns to dust.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Counselor, by your inspiration the prophets spoke and acted in faith. You clothed them in power to be bearers of your Word.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Power, you came as fire to Jesus' disciples; you gave them voice before the rulers of this world. **Come, Holy Spirit!**

Holy Spirit, Sanctifier, you created us children of God; you make us the living temple of your presence; you intercede within us with sighs too deep for words.

Come, Holy Spirit!

Holy Spirit, Giver of life, you guide and make holy the church you create; you give gifts—the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and grace, the spirit of the fear of the Lord – that the whole creation may become what you want it to be.

Come, Holy Spirit!

(After a brief silence, the Pastor concludes the litany.)

True and only Light, from whom comes every good gift: Send your Spirit into our lives with the power of a mighty wind. Open the horizons of our minds by the flame of your wisdom. Loosen our tongues to show your praise, for only in your Spirit can we voice your words of peace and acclaim Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

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.

* HYMN 280 (or see pages 9-10)	Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us	Ebenezer
* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN		
Aberystwyth		Ashley Grote (b. 1982)

The tune upon which this exuberant setting is based is that to which we sang the opening hymn, Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow.

**indicates standing for those who are able.*

Following the conclusion of the postlude, online participants will be given the opportunity to unmute themselves and to greet one another.

Coffee will be available in front of the church following the service.

Welcome to Rye Presbyterian Church

If you are new to Rye Presbyterian Church, we welcome you and hope you are enriched and inspired by this time of worship. So that we may get to know you better, or if you would like more information, please go to: <u>https://ryepc.com/im-new/</u> and fill out the Welcome Form.

The chancel flowers, from yesterday's memorial service for Owen Dawes Nee, Jr., are given in loving memory by his family.

To families with young children:

Welcome! We are glad you're here! Jesus not only welcomed children, he also blessed them. Know that your children's presence in worship is both welcomed and a blessing to us all!

- Here are some ideas to help make the most out of worship as a family:Please make sure to register to attend worship each week so we know how many from your family will be attending.
- Explain what is happening during worship and what is coming next. Let children cross things off in the bulletin as they happen. Whispering is okay!
- When it's time to stand, allow children to kneel on the pews if they would like.
- Allow children to participate in the offering by putting in your envelope or putting in their own gift in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. A picture drawn for God is appropriate! Most importantly, relax and be at peace. We know that God made children to be full of energy and excitement!

TODAY

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Vespers, Love manse, 900 Boston Post Road Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., via Zoom



PENTECOST OFFERING - LAST DAY!

Psalm 71 testifies that a foundation of faith established during childhood helps ensure lifelong faith and service. The pattern and lessons established during these formative years continue to bear fruit throughout a person's life. A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people around the world and address the needs of at-risk children in our own community. 40% of the offering received will enhance our own community by supporting the Baby Box project through Open Door Medical Clinic and 60% will be used for children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please consider making a donation to the Pentecost Offering. *To donate, click <u>ryepc.com/article/the-pentecost-offering/</u>*



VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

This Sunday, May 23, we will talk about how rest is of deep importance to God. We will also reflect on how rest offers us time to reflect and restore our bodies and spirits, preparing us for the newness and growth in store for us ahead!

Each Sunday we will start off together at 9:00 a.m. to introduce the theme. Then we will split into two breakout rooms based on age (PreK-2nd and 3rd-5th) for discussion and activities. If you would like your child(ren) to participate via Zoom, please fill out the registration form on our website <u>https://ryepc.com/ministries/children/</u>.

Families are also invited to join us in reflecting on God's creation at home! This curriculum comes with its own Family Devotions, consisting of wondering questions, coloring sheets & story cards, a family activity, and a prayer. If you would like to receive these materials and are not already signed up for our weekly Christian Ed newsletter, please contact <u>Rev. IP</u>.

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 24

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion, via Zoom – contact Dan Love (dlove@ryepc.com)

Wednesday, May 26

8:30 a.m. Women's Discipleship, via Zoom – contact Alicia Baldwin (<u>alicia.baldwin@verizon.net</u>) or Courtney Bennett (<u>courtneybennett91@gmail.com</u>) for the link.

7:30 p.m. Session, via Zoom

Thursday, May 27

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Thrift Shop, outdoors, weather permitting

5:30 p.m. Stephen Leaders - Prime Ministers, via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Adult Education Discussion Group, via Zoom – contact John Miller (jmiller@ryepc.com)

GENERAL NOTICES

WEEKDAY HOURS



The church is open 10-3, Monday through Friday. Only one door will be open - the door facing Parsons Street near the Assembly Room. If you need access to the building at some other time during the day, please contact the church office at 967-0842, or at <u>rpc@ryepc.com</u>. If you do come to the church, please take careful note of the guidelines that are in place so that we may all safely use the church building together:

(https://ryepc.com/article/weekday-reopening-of-rye-presbyterian/).

E-MAIL PRAYER GROUP

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 <u>rpcprayers@gmail.com</u>.

ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page (<u>ryepc.com/give/</u>), or you may scan the QR Code to the right with your cell phone.

Żelle We can also accept your donations with 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 <u>mrobinson@ryepc.com</u>, if you have any questions. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!

CONNECTION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Both our middle school Connection and High School Youth Group are meeting with a mix of Zoom and in-person gatherings! Please visit the **"Youth Ministry**" page of the website – <u>https://ryepc.com/ministries/youth/</u> - to get a glimpse of what our youth are up to this year.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee is compiling a list of church members interested in serving as church officers or as members of the Nominating Committee. Please feel free to suggest yourself or someone you know for consideration. The Nominating Committee values and encourages self-nominations. Before nominating someone, please review the brief description of each Board found following the Recommendation Form found on the link below. Each elder, trustee, and deacon serves a three year term. Members of the Nominating Committee serve a two year term. Terms begin in January 2022.

The Nominating Committee would appreciate receiving your ideas and expressions of interest now.

The Recommendations Form can be accessed at

<u>https://ryepc.com/article/call-for-recommendations-for-church-officers-and-nominating-committee/</u> Please return the form to the church office or via email: <u>nominations@ryepc.com</u>. Note that there is also an option on the site to submit your recommendations directly online.

VIDEO REFLECTIONS ON OUR JOURNEY

It has been a long journey since we began the pandemic over a year ago. Now, as we begin to regather as a community, here's an idea to help us catch up and reconnect. We would love for you to tell us about your experience during this last year.

- Any takeaways you would like to share?
- What was the hardest part for you?
- What things from this year would you like to hold onto in the days ahead?

• What are you most looking forward to as the world opens up, and as you come back to church?

We would like to invite members of the congregation to share your answers to these questions and others in an informal sit down conversation as we talk about the experience of navigating this past year. These "interviews" will be videoed so that they can be shared with others in the church. Through the process of sharing our stories with one another, our congregation will have the opportunity to acknowledge and share with one another the good, and the not-so-good of this time apart. To learn more about this project contact Megan Darrell at megdarrell@gmail.com.



ADULT EDUCATION THURSDAY NIGHT DISCUSSION Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom – through May 27

We are using The Wired Word adult Bible study curriculum as our final course of study this spring. This new and unique curriculum takes current events from today's news and relates them to Scripture, as we seek to apply God's word to everyday life. Each week participants will be emailed a news article and related scriptures along with discussion questions in advance of our Thursday evening gathering. To participate and to receive the emails along with the zoom link, please contact John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com.



 Wednesday Mornings Women's Discipleship Group 8:30-10:00 a.m., Via Zoom
We are currently exploring: In All Things, a study of Paul's letter to the Philippians. Please join us at any time!
For details, email either Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) or Courtney Bennett (Courtneybennett910@gmail.com)



THRIFT SHOP

THE **RPC** THRIFT SHOP IS **OPEN** (weather permitting)

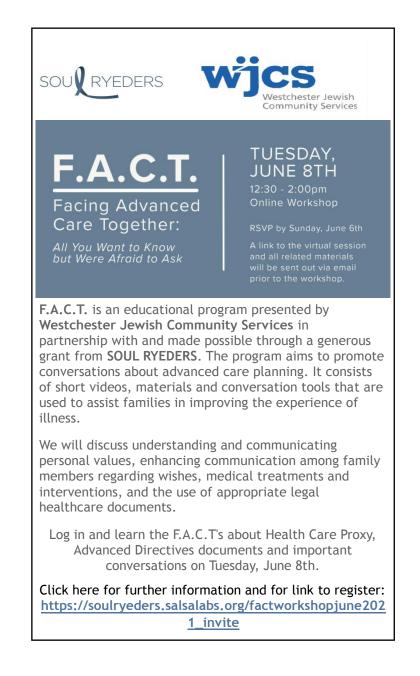
We will finish our year with outdoor sales in the parking lot on Parsons Street side of the church.

The shop will be open in good weather, Thursdays through June 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be open to take donations on Wednesdays (10:00-11:30 am) and Thursdays (10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Our list of acceptable donations has changed and we ask that you be very patient with us as we have storage limitations at this time.

We will take the following: Household goods, china and dinnerware in sets of at least four (we can no longer take single plates and glasses), fine china, all flatware, jewelry, artwork, silver

We currently cannot take any of the following: *Toys, single glasses, plates, etc., clothes, draperies, electronics, small picture frames, furniture (except very small items.)*

If you are uncertain about a donation, or have other questions, please email <u>ryethrift10580@gmail.com</u> and we will be happy to answer your questions. As our list of acceptable donations changes, we will be updating on our website.



MISSION AND OUTREACH INVITES YOU TO MAKE AN IMPACTFUL DIFFERENCE IN LOCAL FAMILIES' LIVES

Please join **Mission and Outreach** between Mother's Day and Father's Day to honor mothers, fathers, and babies everywhere by donating to our **Fifth Annual Baby Bundle In-kind Campaign with Open Door**.

Open Door makes donating easy – just click on the Open Door Amazon Wishlist link and select from the baby items needed– and please make sure to include your name and contact information so they know who to thank.

https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes

Or, leave your items in one of the Donation boxes located in the hallway of the Church by the main office.

Why We Partner with Open Door

Health inequities in our communities have never been more evident than this past year. Throughout the COVID-19 health crisis, we have witnessed the disproportionate impact of the pandemic on those most vulnerable in our communities.

Open Door has been at the forefront of COVID-19 testing and treatment, and as a Federally Qualified Health Center, they are making sure vaccinations are accessible to those most in need.

At the height of the pandemic, Open Door quickly transitioned to providing telehealth and virtual visits and altered their programs to make sure that their patients still were provided with comprehensive health and wellness care. Health Centers were reconfigured to maintain safety. Fresh Food Markets pivoted into an Emergency Food Delivery program enabling 4,000 bags of fresh food to be delivered to those isolated at home. Santa Day became a toy distribution ensuring that every child would have a special gift during the holiday season.

Despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, Open Door remained committed to addressing the needs of prenatal patients, by modifying its signature Baby Box prenatal program. Now called the Open Door "Baby Bundle" Program, patients continue to have access to essential newborn and educational resources while social distancing and keeping everyone safe.

To learn more about the Baby Bundle program, please contact Jane Levy, Senior Manager of Volunteer Programs at <u>jlevy@odfmc.org</u>.

Open Door Baby Bundle

The Baby Bundle provides Open Door prenatal patients with newborn necessities and information about resources available at Open Door and in the community. Each Bundle is packed with essential baby items. Please help us fill the bundles and ensure that our mothers can give their babies a healthy and safe start in life.



The Entire Baby Bundle Costs \$200 Per Patient.

The support of the community helps ensure that Open Door can provide this essential program for our prenatal patients.

If you are interested in learning more, please contact Jane Levy, Senior Manager of Volunteer Programs, at 914-502-1468, jlevy@odfmc.org.



Ways You Can HELP and GET INVOLVED

HOST A DRIVE Start a collection of Baby Bundle items with your family, friends,

coworkers, social groups, and community-based organizations.

★ HELP ASSEMBLE Come to Open Door and assemble Baby Bundles. Organize the essential items, personalize a Bundle, and help to ready the Bundles for delivery.

*** LEND YOUR SUPPORT**

The cost of the Baby Bundle program is \$200 per patient. The financial support of the community helps ensure that Open Door can provide these essential items.

*** SHOP ON AMAZON**

Select from a number of Open Door Baby Bundle items on our Amazon registry: https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes

ABOUT OPEN DOOR

dental care, integrated behavioral health

Open Door provides health care and wellness programs to individuals and families in need throughout Westchester, Putnam and Ulster Counties. A pioneer Federally Qualified Health Center, Open Door provides more than 300,000 patient visits annually and serves nearly 60,000 individual patients who might not otherwise have access. Open Door offers integrated services and a holistic approach to building healthier communities. Primary medical care,

care, clinical nutrition, wellness programs, and chronic disease management are the foundation of its clinical programs. Founded as a free clinic in 1972, Open Door's mission of building healthier communities through accessible, equitable, culturally competent health care has led to site and service expansions. Today, Open Door operates centers in Brewster, Mamaroneck, Mount Kisco, Ossining, Port Chester,

Open Door Baby Bundle Wish List Essentials

Sleep Sacks

Wearable blanket, non-swaddle type; sizes newborn or small; microfleece for colder weather and cotton for warmer weather.

Infant Rapid-Read Rectal Thermometers

Sleep & Play Pajamas (3 - 6 months)

Diaper Rash Cream

Baby Body Wash

Burp Cloths Onesie or Bodysuits

(3 - 6 months) Small Infant Toys

Baby Wipes

Newborn Hats, Mittens, and Socks Baby Washcloths and Towels Bilingual English-Spanish Board Books

> Newborn & Size One Diapers Seasonal Newborn Outfits

We need 40 of each items every month. The more we items collect, the more we can put inside the bundle.

and Sleepy Hollow, in addition to seven School-Based Health Centers in the Port Chester and Ossiming School Districts, a mobile dental van in Mount Kisco, and a dental practice in Saugerties, NY. Open Door achieves clinical results that consistently surpass national benchmarks for patient outcomes, and is recognized as the number one New York State Health Disparity Reducer and a leading Access Enhancer by the Health Resources Service

Administration (HRSA).



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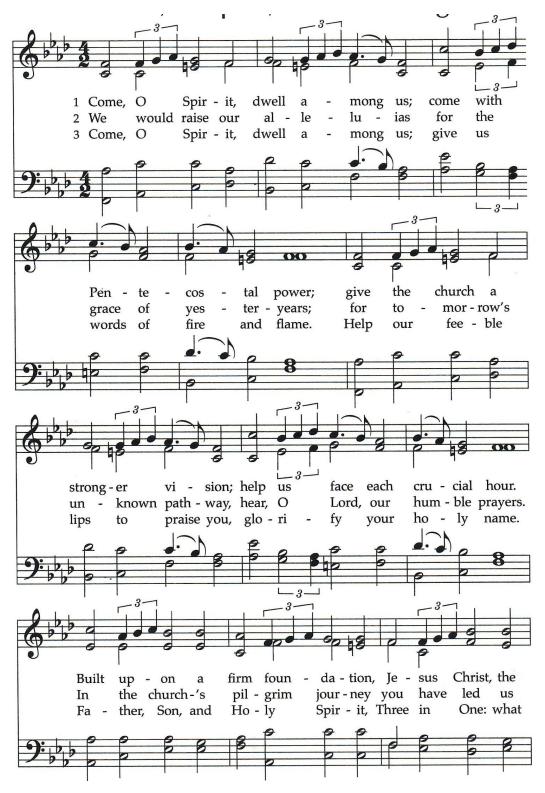
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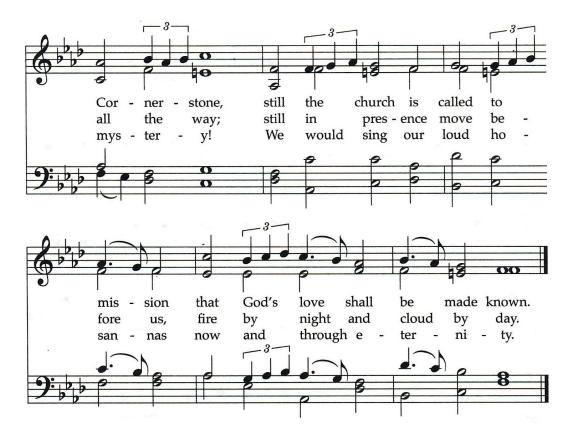
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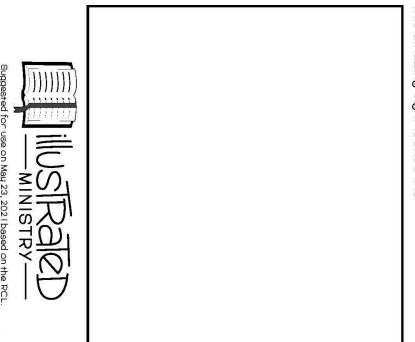
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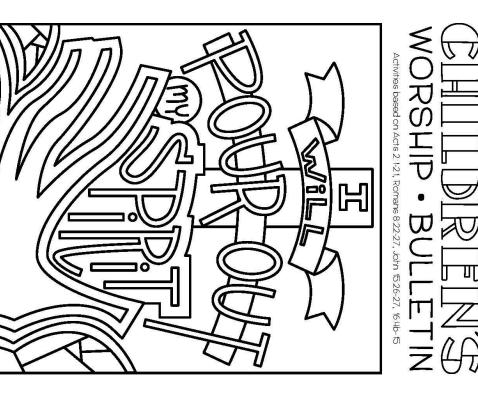


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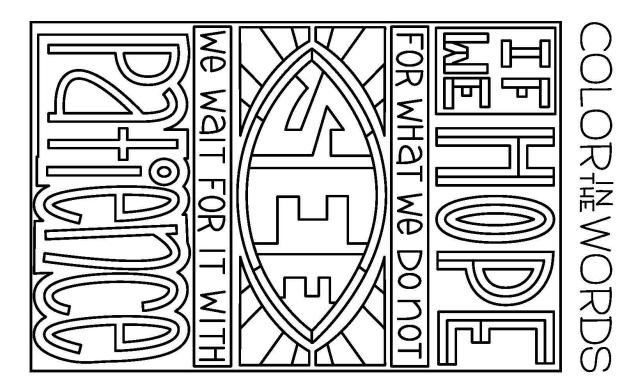


In Acts 2, we learn the story of Pentecost - a true miracle! The Holy Spirit came down like a dove on a large crowd of people, and little flames rested on each person without burning them! Everyone was praying and worshipping God. Draw what you imagine this amazing sight looked like!





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What is another name Jesus gives for the Holy Spirit? Follow the path of letters, and each time you come to a capital letter, write that letter down at the bottom of the page. When you get to the end of the path, see what's spelled out below.

