

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Improvisation-Introduction to *Tokyo*

The tune upon which this improvised setting is based is that to which we will sing the hymn, Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather, following the Affirmation of Faith. It likely will be new to many; thus, this offering serves as a way to become familiar with it.

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

*To your name, Lord Jesus, help me to bow the knee and all its worshipping,
bow the head and all its thinking, bow the will and all its choosing,
bow the heart and all its loving. Amen.*

INTROIT *(sung by the choir)*

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: This is the Good News – the grave is empty, Christ is risen.

People: Let all creation sing with joy.

Pastor: This is the Good News – the light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never put it out.

People: Let all creation sing with joy.

Pastor: This is the Good News – once we were no people, now we are God's people.

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen; let us worship God!

*HYMN 246

Christ Is Alive!

Truro
st. 5 harm. Noel Rawsthorne (1929-2019)

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, your love for us is beyond measure. You have given us new life in Christ; you have called us together as people of loving purpose; you have called us to find our true selves in you and among your people. Yet we lose our focus, and we live life scattered, divided, and anxious – our ways too often hindering your work.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Forgive us, O God, and make of us a new and holy creation. Settle our spirits, and guide our steps. By your grace, help us to bring new life to all of creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON *(sung by the choir)*

Richard Warner, 1958

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

-5th/6th century Greek; 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.

-3rd/4th century Latin; transl.

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Children age 4 through 8th grade are now dismissed to their Sunday School classes.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

[Leviticus 19:9-18](#)

Dolores Eyler, *layreader*

(Pew Bible, Old Testament, page 106)

after each reading:

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

SECOND LESSON

[Acts 11:1-18](#)

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 130)

SERMON

"Living on Slippery Slope"

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

*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!

*HYMN 311

Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather

Tokyo

Stanza 1: Choir only; stanzas 2-4: All

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 (*sung by the choir*)

Carl Maultsby (b. 1956); adapt.

MINUTE FOR MISSION – PENTECOST OFFERING & OPEN DOOR BABY BUNDLE

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee

Jean Berger (1909-2002)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. *-Psalm 145:15-16*

The choice of this anthem for offering in worship this day stems from the words found in Acts 11:9b:

"What God has made clean you must not call profane." What are the meats God gives us in due season?

*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 317**

In Christ There Is No East or West

McKee

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN (*all are invited into the chancel to listen to the postlude*)
The 94th Psalm: iii. Allegro (Fugue)

Mr. Cheng
Julius Reubke (1834-1858)

** 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.

The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God.

In Memoriam

Scott Pierce II, May 7,
husband of Janice Pierce, father of Kent, Kim, Brett, and Derek.

TODAY

Coffee Hour

In the Assembly Room following worship!

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

High School Youth Group, 12:00 p.m., Jay Heritage Center

Storytime with Music (Chamber Music program), 3:00 p.m., Chapel

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

High School Youth Group, 6:00 p.m., Vespers, Chapel

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



CHILDCARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

Childcare for ages 3 months through 3-years-old and Sunday School for ages 4-8th grade are being offered this morning! Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing. Sunday School 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.

Please make sure to sign your children up for childcare and Sunday School each week using the form on our [website](#).

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 rpcprays@ryepc.com.

TODAY

Chamber Music at Rye Presbyterian Church

Ronald Arron, artistic director

presents

Storytime

a 45-minute program of stories with music,
offered to children and families...of all ages!



Jeewon Park, piano; Susan Rotholz, flute;
Eliot Bailen, cello; Benjamin Luxon, narrator

Sunday, May 15, 2022

3:00 p.m.

Admission: \$5

to reserve your seats, please email Jason Charneski (Rye Presbyterian Church's Director of Music and Organist) at jcharneski@ryepc.com.

CDC "Community Level" COVID standards will apply.

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, May 16

9:30 a.m. Monday Morning Bible Discussion, via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Nominating Committee, Westminster Room

Tuesday, May 17

9:50 a.m. 3 Ts, via Zoom

7:30 p.m. Spring Book Study - *The Spiritual Child*, Library

Wednesday, May 18

1:00 p.m. Women's Discipleship, Library

5:30 p.m. Connection, Youth Rooms

7:30 p.m. Trustees, Library/Hybrid

Thursday, May 19

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop

Saturday, May 21

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

GENERAL NOTICES

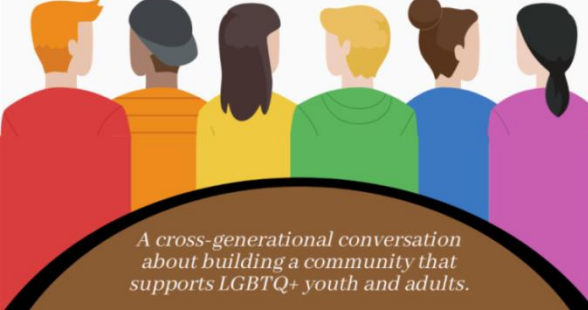


SPRING BOOK STUDY FINALE . . .

Tuesday – May 17, 7:30 PM in the Church Library

**THE POWER OF
COMMUNITY**
Strengthening Support for LGBTQ+ People


5/18 @ 7pm | Village Green




*A cross-generational conversation
about building a community that
supports LGBTQ+ youth and adults.*

*Led by pRYEde, Student Leaders,
and Rye resident Dr. Genevieve Weber,
PhD, LMHC*

Rain Date: 5/19 @7pm



 scan me to register

EMPTY BOWLS IS BACK – May 22!

At long last, this much-enjoyed, team-effort fundraiser is back on the calendar! This year, for our 18th time, potters from the Clay Art Center in Port Chester will be working with the middle school youth of our church to bring **Empty Bowls** to RPC.

Following worship on May 22, all are invited to the RPC Assembly Room. There 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. A great gift or addition to any home, the bowls remain as a reminder that amid all that we have, there is always someone with an empty bowl.

With all food, bowls, and help donated by local talent, the entire proceeds will be donated to food relief efforts in Port Chester through Meals on Main Street and the Carver Center. Since its inception in 2000, the Empty Bowls event has raised nearly \$70,000!

Come be a part of this great event!





PENTECOST
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

I know the plans
I have for you,
says the Lord,
... to give you a future
with *hope.*

— JEREMIAH 29:11.

Building a Life of Faith



At Pentecost, we celebrate
that God offers more than we can plan.

Our gifts to the Pentecost Offering connect with God's hope and future, supporting ministries with children, youth and young adults by building a life of faith. With our gifts, we join in ministries that connect young people with one another and with caring communities, helping them shape a life and a future beyond even the one we could plan.

40%

STAYS WITH OUR
CONGREGATION
to support local ministries
with children, youth,
and young adults.

25%

SUPPORTS YOUNG
ADULT VOLUNTEERS
(YAV), serving in communities
around the world, and growing as
leaders through transformative
Christian service.

25%

SUPPORTS MINISTRIES
WITH YOUTH
especially the
Presbyterian Youth
Triennium.

10%

IS DEVOTED TO
CHILDREN AT-RISK
and supports to
improve education and
provide safe havens.

The gifts we share will help young people learn important lessons about life and faith. And children, youth, and young adults can teach us new things and help us shape our faith, too.

Please give generously...for if we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.

To donate online, go to: <https://ryepc.com/article/the-pentecost-offering-2022/>.

At Pentecost, we celebrate God's pouring out of the Holy Spirit so that everyone may hear and know a word of welcome. We are all connected in God's household — living, learning and celebrating as the church ... together.

In this season of new awakening, we look particularly to children, youth and young adults for their new thoughts, approaches and questions. The psalmist reminds us that faith is established in our earliest years, saying, "For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth." These youngest members of the household of faith need our support to reach their full potential in faith and life. We all have important roles to play in their journey. And while we teach and lead, we often find that these younger ones give us new insights into our own faith **and** in how the Holy Spirit is moving in our world. Your gifts to the Pentecost Offering, one of the four special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that we receive at Rye Presbyterian, support ministries with children, youth and young adults in our community, across the nation and around the world.

As we prepare to receive the Pentecost Offering, remember that 40% of the offering remains in our community. As we did last year, our 40% will be used to support the Open Door Medical Clinic's Baby Bundle program. The remainder of the offering is forwarded to the denomination so that young adults can form a foundation for their lives through a year of service in the Young Adult Volunteer Program; youth can be among the 5,000-plus having mountaintop experiences in worship, play and faith formation at events like the Presbyterian Youth Triennium; and children can receive educational support through the Educate a Child, Transform the World initiative.

During this Pentecost season, as we celebrate God's gift to the church of Spirit-led energy, intelligence, imagination and love, you are invited to join us in celebrating our part in building lives of faith among our children, youth and young adults. These younger members of the household of faith are not just the future of the church — they ARE the church. Please give generously.

BABY BUNDLE PROJECT

Mission and Outreach Invites you to Make a Difference this Spring with Open Door Medical Center

Please join us as we launch our 5th annual month-long program to support new parents in giving babies a healthy and safe start in life.

Help us collect baby items to fill the Baby Bassinets located in the hall outside the first floor Welcome Area and in the RPNS entrance from the church.

Or you can order items to be sent directly to Open Door through the Amazon Open Door Baby Registry at: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

Want to contribute beyond the bundle? Please feel free to make a contribution to "Beyond the Bundle" to help support prenatal care, education, and wellness classes. Please make your check out to RPC and indicate "M&O Open Door" on the memo line. You may also donate online at: <http://ryepc.com/article/baby-bundle-project-donations/>

For more details, please visit the RPC "[Latest News](#)" page and click on Baby Bundle Project.

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.

What's in the Baby Bundle?

BABY WIPES

BABY WIPES

DIAPERS
SIZE 1 UNOPENED SLEEVES

SLEEP SACKS

HEALTH AND GROOMING KITS

SLEEP & PLAY PAJAMAS
3 TO 6 MONTHS

INFANT THERMOMETER

ONE VERY HAPPY BABY
(NOT INCLUDED)

SMALL INFANT TOYS

DIAPER RASH CREAM

BOARD BOOKS
BILINGUAL
ENGLISH/SPANISH

ONESIES AND CLOTHING
3 TO 6 MONTHS

amazon wish list

Many of these newborn items can be purchased via the Open Door Amazon Wishlist: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

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.



BIG PROBLEM SIMPLE SOLUTION HUGE IMPACT

Open Door midwives deliver over 400 babies a year. The majority of our patients live at or below the federal poverty level. They struggle with inadequate housing, food insecurity, low health literacy and cultural/language barriers.

Even under the best circumstances, the birth of a new baby can be overwhelming. Then consider the stress of living in poverty and not being able to provide the most basic necessities for your child.

The Baby Bundle provides Open Door prenatal patients with basic newborn essentials: diapers, wipes, onesies, hats, mittens, socks, bib, thermometer, and seasonal clothes.

Addressing systemic health problems takes more than a simple bundle. All women who deliver their babies with Open Door are supported by a Patient Advocate who provides prenatal information, postnatal support, nutrition and wellness guidance, and access to insurance benefits.

The Baby Bundle is supported only through donations. Help our patients keep their lives on track and give their babies a healthy and safe start in life.

BABY BUNDLE WISH LIST ESSENTIALS

Sleep Sacks

Wearable non-swaddle blanket, sizes newborn/small

Infant Rapid - Read Rectal Thermometers

Diaper Rash Cream

Baby Body Wash

Newborn Hats, Mittens, and Socks

Bibs & Burp Cloths

Infant Washcloths and Towels

Onesie and Bodysuits

(3 - 6 months)

Sleep and Play Pajamas

(3 - 9 months)

Baby Outfits

(3 - 9 months)

Small Infant Toys

Bilingual English - Spanish Books

Diapers (size 1) & Baby Wipes

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

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AND GET INVOLVED

★ HOST A DRIVE

Start an in-kind campaign to collect newborn essentials with your family, friends, coworkers, social groups, and community-based organizations. For more information contact Jane Levy, Senior Manager of Volunteer Programs, jlevy@odfmc.org.

★ LEND YOUR SUPPORT

The cost of the Baby Bundle program is \$200 per patient. Your financial support ensures that Open Door can provide infant necessities to our families. <https://opendoormedical.org/foundation/donate>

★ SHOP ON AMAZON

SAVE TIME AND SHOP ONLINE. Select from our Open Door Wish List of Baby Bundle items on our Amazon registry: <https://rebrand.ly/Baby-Bundle-Wishes>

ABOUT OPEN DOOR

Founded in 1972, Open Door Family Medical Center provides health care and wellness programs to individuals and families in need throughout Westchester, Putnam, and Ulster Counties. Our integrated medical services and holistic approach achieves clinical results that consistently surpass national benchmarks for patient outcomes. Visit our website: www.opendoormedical.org for additional information.



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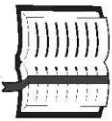
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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Acts 11:1-8, Psalm 118, Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:1-35.

