

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Rendez à Dieu

Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

### GREETING AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

### PEALING OF THE BELL AND SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being:  
You have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you.  
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that in your light we may see light clearly,  
and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

People: **Let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.**

Pastor: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

People: **Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

Pastor: Let us worship God.

### \*HYMN 307

God of Grace and God of Glory

*Cwm Rhondda*

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

What more can we say, O God, that you don't know already? You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world. You hope that righteousness will walk with us, but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat. You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we shut our mouths and turn away.

*Silent prayers of confession are offered.*

Forgive us, Righteous God. Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could. Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest, may we receive the promises of hope and grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

#### 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.

*-3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> century Latin; transl.*

## THE WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### EPISTLE LESSON

[Hebrews 11:29 – 12:2](#)

Leslie Bradford, *lay reader*

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 226)

*after each reading:*

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

### A PRAYER SET TO MUSIC

Savannah Bisset, soprano

O God of Mercy

Simon Lole (b. 1957)

O God of mercy, God of might, in love and pity infinite,  
teach us, as ever in thy sight, to life our life to thee.

In sickness, sorrow, want or care, whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;  
May we, where help is needed, there give help as unto thee.

And may thy Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love,  
till thou shalt greet in heaven above all those who give to thee.

*-Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)*

### GOSPEL LESSON

[Luke 12:49-56](#)

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 75)

*after each reading:*

### SERMON

"Safe and Soft Jesus"

Dr. Miller

## THE RESPONSE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Hebrews 12:1-2)

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.”

### \*HYMN 432

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

*Repton*

### 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.

### CALL FOR THE OFFERING

### MUSIC FOR ORGAN

Chorale and Trio from Partita on “Duke Street”

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

### \*DOXOLOGY (*sung by all*)

*Old Hundredth*

*The music for this setting is printed in the hymnal at no. 606.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heav’nly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*–Thomas Ken, 1674; alt.*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## THE SENDING FORTH

### \*HYMN 846

Fight the Good Fight

*Duke Street*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN (*all are invited into the chancel to listen to the postlude*)

Tuba Tune in D major

Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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*\*congregation standing*

*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 in the church library.

*The chancel flowers are given to the glory of God.*

*Rev. Love is on vacation through September 4.*

*Mr. Charneski is on vacation through September 4.*

*We welcome Eric Birk as the organist today.*

## TODAY

Coffee is available outside in front of the sanctuary following worship.



### CHILDCARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL

**We are taking a break from Sunday School for the rest of the summer!** We will kick off our 2022-2023 program in September. Registration for infants to 8<sup>th</sup> grade attending childcare and Sunday School is now up on our [website](#).

**Childcare for ages 3 months through 3-years-old is being offered this morning.** Childcare can be found on the first floor of the Education Wing.

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

## GENERAL NOTICES

**8:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION HAS RESUMED IN THE CHAPEL.**



### WEEKDAY SUMMER HOURS

Through end of August, the church will be open  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

### 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](mailto:rpcprays@ryepc.com).

### PASTORAL CARE NOTE

Rev. Dan Love is on vacation through September 4. If you have a pastoral emergency or concern during this time, please contact Dr. John Miller at the office or by email at [jmiller@ryepc.com](mailto:jmiller@ryepc.com), or Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall at the office or by email at [jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com).

## ONLINE GIVING

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

**Zelle** 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 [mrobinson@ryepc.com](mailto:mrobinson@ryepc.com), if you have any questions. *Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

**Here at Rye Presbyterian Church we seek to guide and nurture our children on their journey of faith, engaging their natural sense of wonder and curiosity to help them know and understand God's love!**

We invite you to join in on that journey of wonder and curiosity as a Sunday School leader. It is a wonderful way to connect and engage with the children of our community. Lesson plans are prepared ahead of time, and all materials are provided for you. You are invited to lead based on your own schedule, either on a regular basis, seasonally, or as a substitute. Trainings and mid-year check-ins are offered, and you will be supported by the Sunday School Supervisor and the Associate Pastor all year long.

Please think about it, pray about it, and let Rev. JP ([jmarshall@ryepc.com](mailto:jmarshall@ryepc.com)) know if you are interested.

## CARING CONNECTIONS – *Fall Course*

*"The first duty of love is to listen." – Paul Tillich*

Learn the art of listening, maintaining healthy boundaries, and how to become a more skilled caregiver through Caring Connections, a 12-session course offered at RPC this fall. Based on the well-known Stephen Ministry training, the course will be offered on Tuesday evenings, bookended by two Saturday retreats on September 17th and November 19th. Classes are led by our clergy and RPC Stephen Leaders. The course can lead to participating in one of the many caring ministries within the church.

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Carol Love, [cloveny@optonline.net](mailto:cloveny@optonline.net).



## THRIFT SHOP DONATIONS

**The Thrift Shop is closed for the summer; will reopen on Thursday, September 15.** We will be taking donations on a limited basis. For information on donations, please email the shop at [RyeThrift10580@gmail.com](mailto:RyeThrift10580@gmail.com). Thank you.



The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Dr. John Miller, *Co-Pastor*

The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, *Associate Pastor for Christian Education*

Jason Charneski, *Director of Music and Organist*

Maida Robinson, *Chief Administrative Officer*

Peggy Berretta, *Administrative Assistant*

Denise LeVan, *Pastoral Assistant*

Juan Velasquez, *Head Sexton/Building Manager*

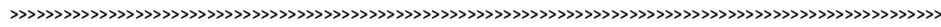
Alonso Osorio, *Sunday Sexton*

*We are a Stephen Ministry church.*

# Helping Hands 2022 Mission Backpack

We need YOU to fill 2,000 + school backpacks with brand new back-to-school supplies for children living in shelters & transitional arrangements.

## Volunteer & Donate now!



### WEDNESDAY, AUG 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00am — 12:00pm

Unload & Set-up

\*Ages 12+ Lifting & unpacking boxes



### WHERE

Rye High School  
Auxiliary Gym  
Rye, NY 10580



### THURSDAY, AUG 18<sup>th</sup>

10:00am — 12:00pm

Fill Empty Backpacks

\*Children 6-10 are welcome with adult



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### Community Service Hours

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*\$26 = One Backpack with 18 NEW supplies!!*

## SIGN UP ONLINE:

[www.HelpingHandsRye.org](http://www.HelpingHandsRye.org)  
HelpingHandsRye@gmail.com



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Gloria Patri (Glory to the Father)

Music: John Weaver

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O God of Mercy

Music: Simon Lole

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How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

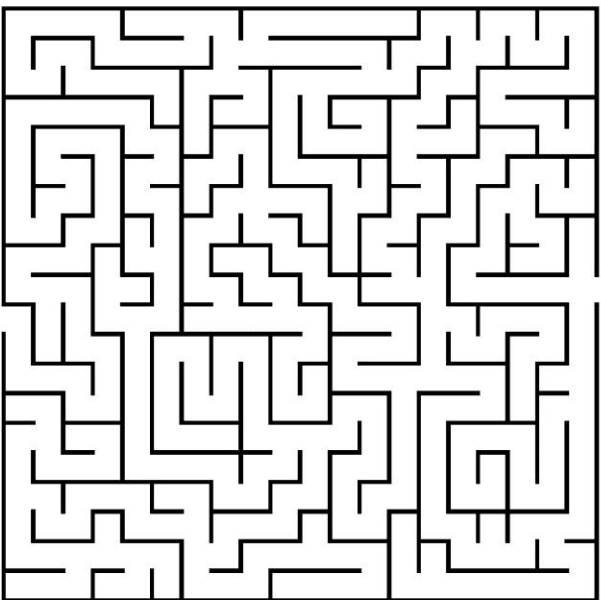
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# SOLVE the MAZE

The life of faith is compared in Hebrews 12 to running a race with perseverance! Make your way through the road race of life!



# WORD SEARCH

Try to find the words from Luke 12 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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 M H F L M A C D T D W K J N V  
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| EARTH      | FATHER   | WIND  |
| BAPTISM    | MOTHER   | HEAT  |
| COMPLETION | SON      | SKY   |
| PEACE      | DAUGHTER | TIME  |
| DIVISION   | CLOUD    | JESUS |