

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Collin Miller

Prière avant la communion [Livre du Saint-Sacrement, 1984-85]

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992)

Messiaen wrote his 18-movement Livre du Saint-Sacrement (Book of the Blessed Sacrament) for the 1986 National Convention of the American Guild of Organists. This movement, the "Prayer before Communion" juxtaposes snippets of the plainsong melody associated with Lauda Sion (a lengthy Communion hymn written in 1294 by Thomas Aquinas) with Messiaen's compositional tonal language, known as "Modes of Limited Transposition." Messiaen was organist of La Trinité in Paris from 1931 until his death.

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

*Eternal God, you have called us to be members of the one body.
Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name,
that with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church,
and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

INTROIT (sung by the choir)

The Invited

Hubert Bird, 1995

O thou who clotheth the lilies and feedeth the birds of the sky,
who leadest the lambs to the pasture and the hart to the waterside,
who multiplied the loaves and fishes and converted the water to wine,
O do thou, come to our table as Guest, and Giver, to dine.

-anonymous

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139)

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

**People: Sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful,
for the Lord takes pleasure in the people.**

Pastor: What shall we return to the Lord for all the good things God has done for us?

People: We will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Pastor: Let us worship God.

*HYMN 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

Abbot's Leigh

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Grace, we grieve that the church which shares one Spirit, one faith, one hope, and one calling, has become a broken community in a broken world. The one body spans all time, place, race, and language, but in our fear we have fled from and fought one another, and in our pride, we have mistaken our part for the whole.

Silent prayers of confession are offered.

Yet we marvel that you gather the pieces to do your work, that you bless us with joy, with growth, and with signs of unity. Forgive our sin as we commit ourselves to seeking and showing the unity of the body of Christ. In his name, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON (*sung by the choir*)

plainsong; arr. Janet Hall (1923-2004)

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison.

Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.

-5th/6th century Greek

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI (*sung by all*)

John Weaver, 1978

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest for two measures, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, and an eighth note B. The second staff continues with a quarter note C, a half note D, and a quarter note E. The third staff continues with a quarter note F, a half note G, and a quarter note A. The lyrics are: "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 5th grade will now be dismissed to the chapel for Children's Chapel.

They will return to their parents before communion, while the choir sings its anthem.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 37:1-8 (*read responsively*)

Leslie Bradford, *lay reader*

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, who will bring it to pass.

The Lord will make your righteousness as clear as the light and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord; wait patiently for the Lord.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

after each reading:

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

GOSPEL LESSON

[Luke 17:1-10](#)

(Pew Bible, New Testament, page 80)

SERMON

“Doing Faith”

Rev. Love

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *The Belhar Confession*)

We believe that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ, that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker, that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells. To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

ANTHEM FOR CHOIR

I Come with Joy

Peter Niedmann, 2018

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

Together met, together bound by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy to give the world the love that makes us one.

-Brian Wren, 1971, rev. 1995

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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.

It is indeed right, for you made us, and before us, you made the world we inhabit, and before the world, you made the eternal home in which, through Christ, we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfillment.

And grateful as we are for the world we know, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time to seek, to save and to make visible your grace and truth in Jesus Christ.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here, too, our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness.

Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS (*sung by all*)

Robert Powell, 1976

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and

earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is

he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Triplet markings (three dots over a bracket) are used above the first and third measures of each line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across measures. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

-Isaiah 6:3b, Revelation 4:8, and Psalm 118:25-26

For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed the way to heaven; for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again. Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and for all that you have promised, what have we to offer?

Our hands too readily take, and our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. But as best we can, we trust in your welcoming grace; we come into your holy and loving presence, and find our place at your table. For with you alone is mercy and the power to change us.

Send down your Holy Spirit on us, on this table you have prepared for us, and on these gifts of bread and wine, that they might become for us your body - healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes.

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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Please come forward to receive communion by intinction: take a piece of bread and dip it in a cup.

Wine is in the ceramic cups and grape juice is in the silver chalices;

Gluten-free wafers are available at the station in front of the lectern.

MUSIC FOR SOLO VOICE AND ORGAN

The Mystery of God

Abigail Kurth, mezzo-soprano

Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

As sunlight is to growing plant,
as earth is to the living tree,
as water to the land in want,
O life of all you are to me.

As vital as the air I need,
as infinite as endless space,
the life within the smallest seed,
your presence everywhere I trace.

Beyond the range of mortal speech, in vain my prayers I try to frame;
yet still my spirit yearns to reach the Mystery it cannot name.

—John Andrew Storey (1935-1997)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

In gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Send us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much of us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. May we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of this earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

THE SENDING FORTH

*HYMN 536

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Surge Ecclesia

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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

Collin Miller

Sonata in D Major [op. 65, no. 5]: iii. Allegro

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

**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 by Dolores Eyler & Van Siler
in celebration their two new grandchildren,
John (Jack) Daniel Eyler and Henry (Hank) Rush Siler, for a blessed total of 12.*

*Crucifer
Aidan Walker*

TODAY

Following worship, coffee will be available outside the sanctuary, near the walkway to the Columbarium.

*Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Chapel
Confirmation Class, 5:00 p.m., Westminster Room
Men's Bible Study, 8:00 p.m., Library and Zoom option*

CHILDCARE & SUNDAY SCHOOL



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.

As for ages 4-5th grade, we are introducing Children's Chapel as part of our Sunday School program this Sunday! On a quarterly basis, on the first Sunday of the month, our children will gather in the chapel following the Children's Message to wonder about God's love through the rhythm and practices of worship by singing, praying, and engaging God's Word together. We will finish in time for the children to return to worship in the sanctuary and join the congregation as we all celebrate communion together.

There is no middle school Sunday School class this Sunday. We encourage our youth to join us for worship as we celebrate communion together!

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

THIS WEEK

Monday, October 3

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

6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, Study Hall, Youth Rooms

Tuesday, October 4

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

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Caring Connections, Westminster Room

Wednesday, October 5

5:30 p.m. Connection, Youth Rooms

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

Thursday, October 6

10:00 a.m. Thrift Shop, Assembly Room

Friday, October 7

9:30 a.m. Women's Association Monthly Meeting, Library

GENERAL NOTICES

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.

ONLINE GIVING

Online donation options are available on the RPC Website Giving page (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, if you have any questions. *Many thanks for your continued generosity and support of the church!*



CONNECTION & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

With the start of the school year, both our middle school Connection and High School Youth Group are meeting regularly again! Please visit the “**Youth Ministry**” page of the [website](#) to get a glimpse of what our youth are up to this fall.

Our youth are also invited to fill out the **get-to-know-you form** on the website. This form will help us stay connected as much as possible throughout the year, so please encourage your youth to fill it out soon!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



On the Great Lawn

(weather permitting)

Sunday, October 16, at 2:00 p.m.

**Special offering to benefit
Pet Rescue, Larchmont**

PUMPKIN CARVING

**Sunday, October 30, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
on the Great Lawn**



**Join us for our annual Pumpkin Carving event and enjoy a fun time filled with
delicious pizza, the carving of pumpkins, and great company!**

Each family will gather out on the Great Lawn on provided and socially-distanced
table cloths with their pumpkins and carving tools.

Comfortable pumpkin-carving clothing is welcome during worship!

Please register ([click here](#)) starting Monday, October 3, so that we can
be sure to have enough food and pumpkins.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME DISCUSSIONS

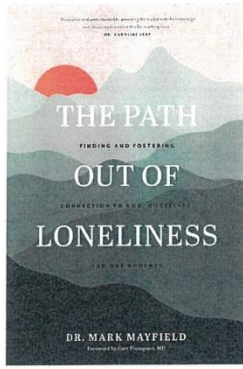
Perhaps you've been coming to RPC a long time, or perhaps you are brand new to the area or the church. Either way, if you've thought about taking a further step into the life, community, and mission of RPC, this is a great time to explore it. All those who are interested in finding out more about what it means to be a member of the Rye Presbyterian Church are invited to take part in the New Member classes. The classes are Sundays, October 16 and 23 immediately following worship in the church library. Childcare will be available if needed.

In these classes, we will explore what it means to be a Presbyterian in general, and what it means to actively live out our faith together as a part of this particular church. In addition to the Sunday classes, for those choosing to join the church, there will a meeting with the leadership of the church Sunday evening, November 6 at 7:00 p.m. This is a time to meet the officers of the church and for the Session to meet briefly to approve the new class for church membership. Public welcome and recognition of the new members will take place during worship on Sunday, November 13.

Anyone wishing to find out more about joining the church should contact Peggy Berretta in the church office – pberretta@ryepc.com or 967-0842 x11.

**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

BOOK STUDY



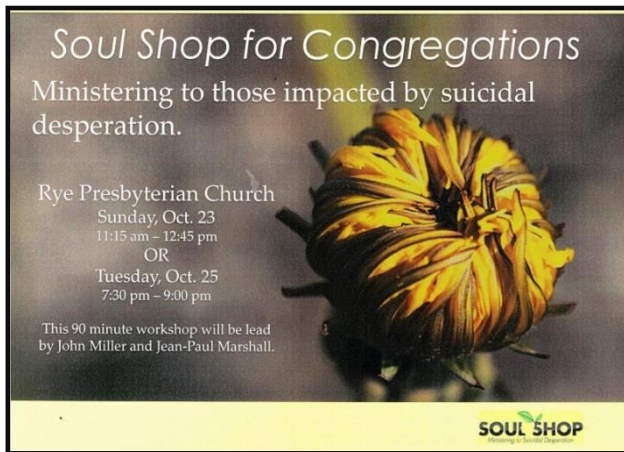
THE PATH OUT OF LONELINESS

**FINDING AND FOSTERING CONNECTION TO
GOD, OURSELVES,
AND ONE ANOTHER**

Monday evenings, Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31
7:30pm, Church Library

We have lost the art of connection, especially over the past several years. This study will encourage you to develop healthy habits that will move you from isolation to connection; learning the importance of attachment, the power of relationships, the gift of vulnerability, and the vision of a God who knew from the beginning that we are created to be in community. John Miller will facilitate this book study. Please contact him at jmiller@ryepc.com to let him know you plan to attend. Please purchase and read the book *in advance*.

Rye Presbyterian Church Adult Education



In recent years our congregation and community has experienced several suicides. We have offered a variety of programming in response to these heartbreaking events. We encourage you to attend the 1½ hour *Soul Shop for Congregations* workshop this fall. The workshop will be offered twice, on Sunday, Oct. 23, and on Tuesday evening, Oct. 25, but you only attend one of the sessions. This workshop will be led by John Miller and Jean-Paul Marshall.

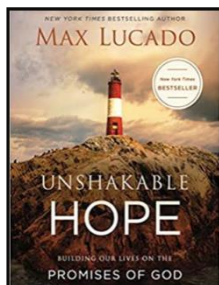
Soul Shop for Congregations has three objectives:

1) Familiarize participants with the incidence and impact of suicidal desperation on the adults and youth in their faith communities; 2) Train participants in a simple, conversational method for saving the life of someone considering suicide or companioning those impacted by suicidal desperation; and 3) Provide participants with an experience that models good relational skills and fosters confidence in their ability to make a difference.

Advance registration is highly encouraged. There is no cost.

Please contact either John Miller at jmiller@ryepc.com or Jean-Paul Marshall at jmarshall@ryepc.com to register.

(Note that while this workshop is designed to be done in person, a hybrid session may be offered for Sunday only, if requested.)



Women's Discipleship Group

**Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.,
in the RPC Library and via Zoom**

Please e-mail questions to:

Alicia Baldwin (alicia.baldwin@verizon.net) or
Courtney Bennett (Courtneybennett910@gmail.com)



SUNDAY CHANCEL FLOWERS

Each week beautiful flowers adorn our sanctuary and provide an uplifting reminder of the goodness of God. Please consider honoring the memory of a loved one or recognizing a special occasion for a \$70 donation.

The flowers are a blessing to worshippers attending the service live in the sanctuary as well as those attending via ZOOM.

Your donation will be noted in the church bulletin and the weekly email.

To make arrangements, contact Denise LeVan (dlevan@ryepc.com).

THRIFT SHOP



The Thrift Shop is open on Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room.

Donations: For information on donations, please check the church website ([click here](#)).

You can also email the shop at RyeThrift10580@gmail.com.

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

We could use a few more volunteers to help with both our Thursday sale and three evening programs throughout the year. No experience necessary! Join us in fellowship and help us to help others. Last year, shop proceeds of \$51,500 were donated to local non-profits. For more information, please contact Suzanne Davies at Suzannebd1@aol.com. Thank you.



The Rev. Daniel Love, *Co-Pastor*

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

The Rev. Jean-Paul Marshall, *Associate Pastor*

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Collin Miller, *Knock Intern in Sacred Music*

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and you'll connect with mental health professionals.*

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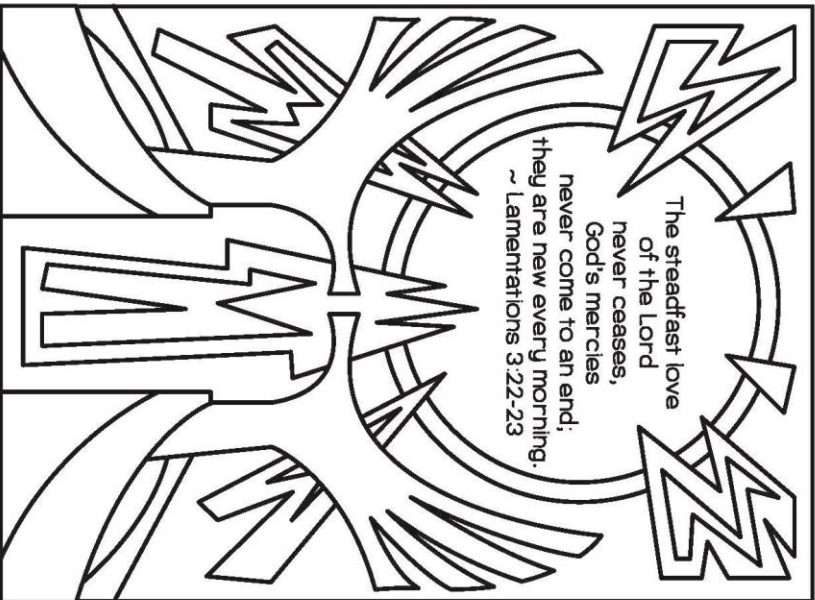
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Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen (*Surge Ecclesia*)

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CHILDREN'S WORSHIP • BULLETIN

Activities based on Lamentations 3:19-26 and 2 Timothy 1:1-14.

