

**RALEIGH COURT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR**



**Sunday, June 22, 2025  
10:00 AM - Sanctuary**



# ON THE WAY

A COVENANTAL GOD AND A TROUBLESOME FAMILY

The Mission of RCPC is:  
To Seek Christ  
To Serve Christ  
To Show Christ  
To Know God through Christ

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## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

### THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

#### OPENING PRAYER

*In the Leaving* by Jan Richardson

#### PRELUDE

*Adagio*

Deanne Vance, organ  
Handel

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Sackett

The journey is never as straightforward as we think it ought to be.

**There are detours, pit stops, traffic jams, and unexpected troubles.**

There's the voice from the backseat asking, "Are we there yet?"

**Yet, on every journey, there is our God, whose promises hold true and whose faithfulness never ends.**

Let us worship the God of all ages together.

#### \*OPENING HYMN 39

FAITHFULNESS

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**When the travels of life get troublesome, we often decide to take our own route. Like Abram we get into messes of our own making. We grow anxious. Rather than waiting for you, we come up with our own plans, often finding ourselves further away from your promises. Yet you O God, love us still. You seek us out on the backroads and the byways and call us to you once more. Help us to trust the route you've placed us on, even when we grow anxious about where we are headed.**

*(Let us silently offer confessions that are individually ours to make.)*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

LEONI

*The God of Abraham Praise* (stanza 4)

**You have eternal life implanted in the soul; your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll. We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name: the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL HUNGER OFFERING

Riley & Maren Newman

God bless these gifts we have received. Give bread to those who hunger.

**And a hunger for charity and justice to us who have bread. Amen.**

## **WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP**

*Please take a moment to find the Friendship Folder in your pew rack and sign so we know who was worshiping with us today. If you are new, please leave an address, email address, or phone number if you'd like to learn more about the life of our congregation.*

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

### **FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Micah 7:16-20

(p.852 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers and the flowers fade but the word of the Lord stands forever. **Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

*Children's Worship follows immediately after the children's sermon. Children ages 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> Grade may leave for Children's Worship, an age-appropriate service.*

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Genesis 12:10-20

(p. 10 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

Traveling Troubles

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

from the *Second Helvetic Confession*

**What is faith? Christian faith is not an opinion or human conviction, but a most firm trust and a clear and steadfast assent of the mind, and then a most certain apprehension of the truth of God presented in the Scriptures and in the Apostles' Creed, and thus also of God himself, the greatest good, and especially of God's promise and of Christ who is the fulfillment of all promises.**

### **\*HYMN OF RESPONSE 169**

REST

*Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

### **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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us. 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**

*Gifts for the offering can be made by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed or by scanning the QR Code on the back of your bulletin with your smartphone. Visit [rcpres.org](http://rcpres.org) and click "Give Now" to learn more.*

## **OFFERTORY**

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

arr. Dan Forrest

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures high and low. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **WORKGROUP UPDATE**

Kirk Martin

Volunteer Opportunities

## **FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

## **\*CLOSING HYMN 450**

SLANE

*Be Thou My Vision*

## **\*CHARGE & BLESSING**

## **\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

THEMBA AMEN

*Themba Amen*

## **\*POSTLUDE**

*Toccata in e minor*

Pachelbel

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:**

Acolyte: Rachel Brockman

Ushers: David Kazner, Katelyn Burton, Mark Currie, and Jim Davis

Children's Worship: Leigh Sackett

Flowers arranged by Linda Brundrett

## **MINISTRY MESSAGES**

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Susan Ard, Marvin & Roena Barbre, Sandy Barksdale (Bev Stroud's sister), Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, Collie Family (friends of Paul Kessel), Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Cameron & Susie Hutto, Cheryl

Gilliland, John Knaus (brother of Clare Arnold), Susan Lindstrom, Geraldine Loving (mother of Bruce Loving), Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Melissa Martin (friend of Lisa Boylan), Rusty McCown, Louise Morris, Amy Starr Redwine, Randy Remington (friend of Betty Remington), Robin Scott, Pat Wade, Niki Yost (daughter of Bill and Judy Snyder), and all caregivers.

**ONLINE GIVING** If you prefer to give online you can either visit [rcpres.org](https://rcpres.org) and press the “Give Now” button on the homepage or scan the QR code with your smartphone to go directly to the donation page. This can be done as a one-time or an ongoing way to support our mission and ministry.



**MISSION PARTNER SUPPORT** Each month, we designate all cash and coin to one of our local mission partners. For the month of June, we are supporting the Presbyterian Community Center (PCC). You can place your money in the offering plate or make an online gift using the QR code, noting that it is for Mission and making a note for PCC in the text box. As of June 8, we have collected \$1,283.49 for the Presbyterian Community Center.

### **BIBLE & MUSIC CAMP: *Once Upon a Parable***

July 23-31, 2025 at RCPC, **registration deadline: June 30**

Jesus was a storyteller! Jesus engaged the crowds with tales meant to teach, amuse, puzzle, inspire, and sometimes even irritate. Two thousand years later, his stories still captivate audiences and draw people close to God. Unlike fairy tales, where the king reigns over the people, Jesus, our King, walks alongside us. He tells us stories of a man who cares for an injured stranger, a father who welcomes his wayward son home, a banquet where everyone is invited and welcomed, and a tiny seed of faith that grows and grows with God’s love! Bible and Music Camp will celebrate these stories of God’s love through music, dance, storytelling, puppetry, and play! The structure of Bible and Music Camp contains half-day & full-day programming schedules to allow for the participation of a variety of age groups. More information, fees, and registration info online at [rcpres.org/biblemusiccamp](https://rcpres.org/biblemusiccamp)

**BIBLE & MUSIC CAMP SHEPHERDS** The job of a Shepherd at Bible and Music Camp is to nurture the group you are shepherding by leading them to their different activities, assisting the leader of that activity, and helping and encouraging the children as they worship, sing, learn, create, and play. You are not alone as a shepherd! Each group has at least 3 shepherds. The beauty of this job is that your essential task is to engage with the wonderful young people of our church! You will be blessed by getting to know these children. We hope you will sign up to shepherd them along in their faith! Sign up online at [tinyurl.com/BMC2025Shepherds](https://tinyurl.com/BMC2025Shepherds)

**WORK GROUP UPDATES AND Q&A SESSIONS** In the summer months, each of our four Work Groups of elders and deacons will offer a brief update on their planning processes for the strategic goals of RCPC. We would love your reflections and thoughts on these presentations from each group. After worship on the Sundays listed below, there will be a time for questions in the Fellowship Hall with the members of that Work Group. They can clarify

matters, answer questions about their process, and hear what helpful insights each person in our church has to offer. **June 22:** Volunteer Opportunities. **July 20:** Strategic Mission. **August 3:** Community Connection

**TWO-CENTS-A-MEAL OFFERING TODAY** We invite you to contribute a few cents for each meal to help alleviate hunger and poverty in the world. Jesus commands, "You give them something to eat." Matthew 14:16

**SUMMER SERMON SERIES - On the Way: A Covenantal God and a Troublesome Family** (June 15 - August 24) In the summer months when people are on the road, we will be "on the way" with Abraham. The Abraham story marks a turning point in scripture, where God chooses to work through a specific family instead of through the creation as a whole (Garden, Flood, Babel, etc). This family, however, meets no standards of righteous behavior. What they do show us how struggling people can still live in trust, repent of wrongdoing, fail terribly, and yet still be precious to God. This journeying story is one of grace where we are reminded of God's radical call, freedom, and mercy.

**ALL CHURCH ORCHESTRA - SUMMER 2025** This summer we are including a new "All Church Orchestra" opportunity on the fourth Sundays of July and August. This pick-up ensemble is for instrumentalists who are 7th graders through adults who play string, woodwind, or brass instruments. Dates: Sunday, July 27th (Rehearsal on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:00 PM) and Sunday, August 24th (Rehearsal on Wednesday, August 20 at 6:00 PM). Contact Dillon Swanson ([dillon@rcpres.org](mailto:dillon@rcpres.org)) if you have any questions.

**LINDA MARSHALL'S RETIREMENT** Join us on Sunday, June 29 as we celebrate Linda Marshall's retirement both in worship and with a reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service. We're grateful for Linda's many faithful years of service to RCPC and hope you'll join us for this celebration.

**MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE FOOD** If you volunteered to provide the youth with food on their upcoming trip and a providing frozen meals/treats or shelf stable snacks, your items need to be in the church kitchen or freezer by noon on Friday, June 27.

## ELDERS

### Class of 2025

Debra Abbott  
Stephanie Danco  
Chuck Gilliland  
Eddie Martin  
Henry Schaefer

### Class of 2026

Matt Arnold  
Hunter Moore  
Jennifer Owen-O'Quill  
Christopher Ptomey

### Class of 2027

Jessi Beckett  
Mark Derbyshire  
Victoria Skinner  
Marty Trussell  
Hugh Wellons

## DEACONS

### Class of 2025

Dawn Long

### Class of 2026

Maggie Jarrett

### Class of 2027

Chris DeFalco

Abby Pierson  
Jane Powell

Will Smith  
Kaitlin Swanner  
Betty Whitehead

Kirk Martin  
Mike Mayo  
Autumn Quinn  
Kathy Sebolt

## **THIS WEEK AT RCPC**

### **Sunday, June 22**

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 AM Workgroup Q&A: Volunteer Opportunities

### **Monday, June 23**

7:00 PM Session

### **Tuesday, June 24**

9:00 AM Staff Meeting

4:00 PM Small Group: Dixon

### **Wednesday, June 25**

3:00 PM Youth Group: Pop-Up Middle School Hang

6:30 PM Summer Book Study

### **Thursday, June 26**

10:00 AM Summer Book Study

### **Friday, June 27**

### **Saturday, June 28**

10:00 AM Living the Word

### **Sunday, June 29**

9:00 AM Summer Pick Up Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

11:00 AM Fellowship Hour

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS**

Centering Prayer at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church: Monday, 10:00 AM

AA-Primary Purpose: Tuesday & Thursday, 10:30 AM

Tai Chi: Tuesday & Thursday, 5:30 PM

Hip Sober Chicks: Thursday, 6:30 PM

Al-Anon: Friday, 11:45 AM