ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
ASCENSION SUNDAY OF EASTER
REMEMBER THIS PAST THURSDAY JESUS WAS LIFTED BACK TO HIS THRONE OF GLORY

MAY 17, 2026 10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Let us be joyful before God!
Many: We will sing praises to God's holy name.
One: Let us lift up a song to the One who rides upon the clouds,
Many: Who protects orphans and widows, and gives the desolate a home.
One: Sing to God, all nations of the earth;
All: We will sing praises to the Lord, our God!

* HYMN: 294 (Blue Hymnal) *Wherever I May Wander*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of Majesty and Mystery, we praise you as Lord of all, maker of the deepest dimensions and delicate details of all that is. You live beyond time and hold all our days in your hands. You still come to us in Jesus as Lord of Mercy, to walk with us wherever we are in the world. You claim us as beloved children, blessed by the Spirit in his name. Receive our prayers and praise this day, and inspire us to live as witnesses to your grace and goodness here and everywhere, now and always. Amen.

("*" invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates read or *sing* in unison.)

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: *Make Them Hear You* Flaherty/Ahrens
("from *Ragtime*" *)*
Gary Lorentzson, Guest Soloist

Go out and tell our story, let it echo far and wide
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
How justice was our battle and how justice was denied
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
And say to those who blame us for the way we chose to fight
That sometimes there are battles which are more than black or white
And I could not put down my sword when justice was my right
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.

My part may lead to Heaven or Hell and God will say what's best
But one thing He will never say is that I went quietly to my rest
Go out and tell our story to your daughters and your sons
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
And tell them, in our struggle we were not the only ones
Make them hear you. Make them hear you.
Broken maybe from your parlment in your classroom with your pen
Teach every child to raise his voice and then my brothers, then
Will justice be demanded by ten million righteous men?
Make them hear you. When they hear you, I'll be near you again.

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord Jesus Christ, you call us to carry the Good News of God's love and forgiveness to the ends of the earth. Yet we often cannot find the words to tell others of our faith and hope. Help us go out and tell our story, let it echo far and wide. Make them hear you for we all tend to be silent when we could speak up. We try to act out your love, and justice, but we confess we usually act in our own best interests. Forgive us all the ways we fail to follow you to bring the good news of love to all our world.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: *Close Every Door* Weber
(from "*Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat")*
Gary Lorentzson, Guest Soloist

Close every door to me, hide all the world from me
Bar all the windows and shut out the light
Do what you want with me, hate me and laugh at me
Darken my daytime and torture my night
If my life were important I would ask will I live or die
But I know the answers lie far from this world

Close every door to me, keep those I love from me
Children of Israel are never alone
For I know I shall find my own peace of mind
For I have been promised a land of my own
Close every door to me, hide all the world from me
Bar all the windows and shut out the light
Just give me a number instead of my name
Forget all about me and let me decay
I do not matter, I'm only one person
Destroy me completely then throw me away

If my life were important I would ask will I live or die
But I know the answers lie far from this world
Close every door to me, keep those I love from me
Children of Israel are never alone
For we know we shall find our own peace of mind
For we have been promised a land of our own.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

* GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal) *Glory Be to the Father*
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end Amen, Amen.

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING
All: God of Wisdom, send your Holy Spirit to give us fresh understanding of your Word in Scripture as in song. Inspire us to respond with renewed commitment to follow Christ Jesus, your Living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 (NRSV)
12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place
among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to
you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so
that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed.
14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because
the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.
6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that
he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because
he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion
your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to
devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your
brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of
suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of
all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself
restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power
forever and ever. Amen.
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING: John 17:1-11 (NRSV)
After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said,
"Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may
glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all people, to
give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal
life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth by finishing the work
that you gave me to do. 5 So now, Father, glorify me in your own
presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world
existed. 6 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me
from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they
have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything you have given
me is from you, 8 for the words that you gave to me I have given to
them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from
you, and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am asking on their
behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those
whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and
yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. 11 And now I am no
longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.
Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so
that they may be one, as we are one.
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *How Do You and I Glorify Christ on Earth?*
Rev. Dr. James Barnum

* HYMN: 364 (Blue Hymnal) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS FOR PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND OUR 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: 419 (Blue Hymnal) *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

CALL TO OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Eternal and ever-present God, we offer you these gifts in thanksgiving for the work of Christ in our lives. Bless them and us with the power of the Spirit, enlisting all our gifts for the work of reconciliation Christ has given us to do in the world you love. Amen.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL *Go Now in Peace*
Go now in peace. Never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day. Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true. Know He will guide you in all you do. Go now in love, and show you believe. Reach out to others so all the world can see. God will be there watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen, Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Rev. Dr. James Barnum	Pastor
Dr. Gary de Sesa	Director, Ministry of Music
Dr. Natalie Naylor	Clerk of Session
Dr. Robert Gilmore	Treasurer

Our guest musician today is Gary Lorentzson, soloist.

Assisting in today's service is Jonathan Parsons.

Refreshments Hosts for today are Mary and Michael Matos.

For Next Sunday's Service wear RED for Pentecost; scriptures are:
Acts 2:1-21; John 20:19-23

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, May 20	12:00 PM	Bible Study In Person

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Steve Kirschman	Dawn and John de Sesa
Gary B. de Sesa	Sam Rizzo
Graziella Girardi	Emmie Shoch
Judy Mastrangelo & Family	Regina Maria
Ray Peres	Gerry Catalanello
Sylvia McAdams	Richie Miranda
Stefania Cecchini	Alex Palumbo
Rick Collins and Family	Family of Steven Panzella
Family of Janine Francolini	Marianne Wagner Rizzo
Chet Scire	William Cornell
Lawrence Topel	Willy Geddish

We pray for PEACE in the world and especially the Middle East and a just resolution between Iran and our country; Ukraine and Russia; along with all victims and their families from the Gaza/Lebanon-Israeli conflict and all nations that are at war. We pray for all families who are in need, and those who are grieving their loved ones.