ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 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: Holy and generous is God, the Creator of all things.
Many: Loving and gracious is Christ, the Bearer of healing and hope.
One: Gentle and wise is the Holy Spirit, the Breath of new life.
Many: Trinity of grace, we call on you today.
One: Come and worship the God who made us and loves us all!
All: We come with joyful praise and hopeful hearts!

* HYMN: 461 (Blue Hymnal) *God Is Here!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Creator God, you have made a world of such amazing diversity – with unique living things we cannot number! We praise you for such wonder. You have created such amazing diversity in humankind – through culture and language, custom and community, expressed in so much creativity and compassion. We praise you for such wonder; give us new eyes to behold the wonders you have made and ears to hear Your Spirit deep within us, and teach us how to love your creation with humble, grateful hearts. Amen.

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

ANTHEM: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Rutter
Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

The purple-headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky; (Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one; (Refrain)

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: Creator God, the diversity in your creation amazes us, but we confess we often prefer what seems familiar. We'd like everyone to speak our language. We wish others held our values and shared our customs. We fail to see how our own preferences affect others and the earth itself in harmful ways. Forgive our easy assumptions and teach us to listen to the stories others tell with open minds and hearts.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

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: Amid the distractions of our times, give us undivided hearts and attentive minds, O God. Help us discern your wisdom in the scriptures, so that we may follow Christ, your living Word. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READINGS: Romans 5:1-8 (NRSV)
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, [2] through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. [3] And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. [6] For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. [7] Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. [8] But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

* HYMN: 426 (Blue Hymnal) *Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:35-10:8 (NRSV)
[35] Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. [36] When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. [37] Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; [38] therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." 10 Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. [2] These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; [3] Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; [4] Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. [5] These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, [6] but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. [7] As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' [8] Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *Would you Die for a Righteous or a Good Person?*
The Apostle Paul poses such a question today in Romans 5, as Matthew, a tax collector, is added as the 12th of Jesus
Rev. Dr. James Barnum

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.

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
God of grace and goodness, your world is full of gifts that sustain our lives. We offer our gifts in gratitude. Bless them and make them signs of your presence at work in the world, touching lives in need with your love and strength in Jesus' name. Amen.

* HYMN: 139 (Red Hymnal) *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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

Questions for reflection on Matthew 9:35-10:8

1. Who are the harassed and helpless in today's society? How do we move out of our church communities and into those communities to proclaim the good news and bring them into a reconciled community? How does this type of healing ministry help bring about the kingdom?
2. What is the hardest or most frightening part about sharing the gospel? Do you find it easy to talk about your faith with others outside the church? Are there places where you try not to let people know about your church affiliation? Why?
3. Consider those who might have (or do) push back against the teachings of Jesus from a religious viewpoint. How do we proclaim the good news of the gospel in a world that hears a much different message from political and church leaders in the media?

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

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

Assisting in today's service is Ira Cooper.

Refreshments Host for today is Katie Zarghami and Rachel Wolf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Jun 17 12:00 PM Bible Study

Next Sunday's scriptures:
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Helen Lockman
Steve Kirschman
Gary B. de Sesa
Emmie Shoch
Ray Peres
Sylvia McAdams
Family of Steven Panzella
Chet Scire
Lawrence Topel
Jasmina & Jaiden Allen
Cynthia Randall
Dawn and John de Sesa
Sam Rizzo
Regina Maria
Gerry Catalanello
Stefania Cecchini
Family of Janine Francolini
William Cornell
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.