ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP/FATHER'S DAY
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 21, 2026 10:00 AM

Imagine what the Father did that actually takes hold. Someone who has spent years hiding their anxiety finally says it out loud in a room full of people and nobody is surprised. A family breaks a pattern that has run through three generations and the kids grow up without it. A church stops using grace as a carrot and shame as a stick and people start showing up as themselves, wounded and honest and still in the room. A community forms around the conviction that sin lost its claim, and they actually live like that's true, with each other, in real time, through real failures. That is new creation. Beloved people learn to walk differently than the powers taught them to walk, learning to treat each other the way people do when they actually believe they are loved, learning that the old master doesn't get a vote anymore.

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: May the mercy and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
Many: And with you also and with all who put their trust in God
One: Our God is merciful and loving and seeks only what is best for us.
Many: Even when we were yet in sin, Jesus died that we might experience God's amazing love for ourselves and others.
One: Then let our hearts be joined in praise for God's loving grace.
All: Blessed be the name of the Father who gave His Son.

* HYMN: 43 (Red Hymnal) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, merciful God, soul saving God, life giving God, You are the source of all that is good and perfect. You are Jehovah Shammah, the God who is always there; Jehovah Shalom, the God of peace, well-being, and prosperity for Your people. We are grateful to be gathered here this morning with You and with each other. Precious Lord, take our hands as we walk with You through this worship service, giving You praise and honor for all You do. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, and love to listen as we sing and speak Your Word this day. In the Name of the One who is and was and will ever be, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Open My Eyes That I May See* Scott

Open my eyes that I may see Glimpses of truth Thou hast for me; Place in my hands the wonderful key That shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear Voices of truth Thou sendest clear; And while the wave-notes fall on my ear, Everything false will disappear. Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my mouth and let me bear Gladly the warm truth everywhere; Open my heart and let me prepare Love with Thy children, thus to share. Silently now I wait for Thee, Ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine.

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, as we have grown in wisdom and understanding about the Universe You created, too often we have allowed ourselves to become smug and complacent in the little we comprehend. We cannot calm the wind or still the sea, but we think we are in control of life. Forgive us, Lord. As we humble ourselves before You, let us not be ashamed. In Christ we pray. Amen.
(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: Open our eyes that we may see glimpses of Your truth. Open our ears so that we may hear the Word You have prepared for us. Open our mouths with words of praise and adulation to You, the One True God, the Yes and Amen of our lives. And may we carry what we hear and experience in Your presence today out into the world as we live in the joy and grace of being Your beloved children. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 6:1b-11 (NRSV)
Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? [2] By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? [3] Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? [4] Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. [5] For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. [6] We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. [7] For whoever has died is freed from sin. [8] But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. [9] We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. [10] The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. [11] So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

* HYMN: 11 (Red Hymnal) *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 10:24-39 (NRSV)
[24] "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master;
[25] it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! [26] "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. [27] What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. [28] Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
[29] Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. [30] And even the hairs of your head are all counted. [31] So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. [32] "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, [33] but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. [34] "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. [35] For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, [36] and one's foes will be members of one's own household. [37] "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, [38] and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. [39] Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *Sin Was Never Your Identity:*
Sin, the old master, doesn't get a vote anymore
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
Generous God, You lavish us with Your love and with the bounty of Your provisions. We need not because You are the God who supplies our needs. You are the Good Shepherd who leads us by still waters and replenishes us with good things so that our youth is renewed like the eagle. We thank You for being the God You are. And we offer to You a portion of the blessings You have bestowed on us in order to further Your kingdom here on earth. Bless these gifts so that they are used to magnify Your name and bring comfort, peace, and hope to those who are in need. We thank You for loving us so much that You gave Your only Son and as a result, we are indebted to You and joyfully return a small portion of Your gracious bounty. In the Name of Your Son and our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN: 92 (Red Hymnal) *O How I Love Jesus*

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 10:24-39:
1. Where have you experienced resistance from within your own "faith family" when trying to speak or live a new truth?
2. How can we honor our own fathers, parents, and elders and inherited traditions without allowing them to become more authoritative than Christ?
3. What might it mean, this week, to take up the cross not as needless suffering, but as costly faithfulness to love, justice and truth?

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 Cathy Shimmel.

Refreshments Host for today is Soraya Gage.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Jun 24	12:00 PM	Bible Study

Next Sunday's scriptures:
Isaiah 46:3–4; Matthew 10:40-42

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.