ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2026 10:00 AM

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden, a merchant in search of pearls; a net thrown into the sea…

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
One: We gather in the presence of God;
Many: We have come to worship and praise God's name.
One: We gather in joy and expectancy;
Many: We have come to encounter God in beauty and wonder.
One: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening;
All: Speak your Word of life to us, O God.

* HYMN: 138 (Blue Hymnal) *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Creator God, in you we live and move and have our being. You have been with us through good times and hard ones. You give us strength to face the challenges around us. You offer us rest for our bodies and souls when life seems too demanding. We turn to you for wisdom this day, trusting we will find the peace and comfort we long for in your presence. Fill us with your Spirit in this time of worship. Open our minds and hearts so that we may see, as you see us, and follow your ways. Amen.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: Ever present God, you know our inmost thoughts and see our thoughtless actions. We confess our impulsive reactions, when we spoke before we thought, and ask forgiveness if we have hurt others. We confess our stubborn attitudes, and ask forgiveness for refusing others mercy. In your kindness, O God, forgive who we have been, amend who we are, and direct who we shall be through the grace of Christ, our Lord.
(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: God of wisdom, your thoughts are not our thoughts, your ways are not our ways. As we listen to the Scriptures, send your Holy Spirit to grant us understanding of what you desire and fresh resolve to do your will, in Jesus' name. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 44:6-8 (NRSV)
6 Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of
hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let them proclaim it; let them declare and set it forth
before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let
them tell us what is yet to be. 8 Do not fear or be afraid; have I not told
you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any
god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NRSV)
24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may
be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, 25 but

while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. [26] So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. [27] And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' [28] He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' [29] But he replied, 'No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. [30] Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' [36] Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37] He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; [38] the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, [39] and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40] Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. [41] The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, [42] and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43] Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

MESSAGE *Let Anyone with Ears Listen! Put away your shovel. Let them both grow together until harvest.* Rev. Dr. James Barnum

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Questions to those who have ears to hear)

- Where are you currently holding a shovel, ready to pull something up that might still be in the process of becoming wheat?
- What does it change to know that the field is the whole world, not just the community you can see?
- Where might God be waiting patiently for your own harvest date to arrive?

* HYMN: 170 (Red Hymnal) *Give Thanks*

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
Gift-giving God, we are so grateful for all that we enjoy in the world around us, and in the assurance you love us all. Bless the gifts we offer today, that they may express your love for the world itself and to all who need to know you care, through Christ Jesus, your greatest gift. Amen.

* HYMN: 347 (Red Hymnal) *And Can It Be?*

BENEDICTION

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

We welcome Yaling Lin (Betty) as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Assisting in today's service is Mary Matos.

Refreshments Host for today is Katie Zarghami.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Important Dates

Wed, Jul 22	12:00 PM	Bible Study Zoom & In Person
Wed, Jul 22	1:00 PM	Session Meeting

Next Sunday's scriptures:
Psalm 119:105-112, 129-136; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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.