ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026 10:00 AM

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)
Pastor: Come, friends, and gather in the presence of God. Like the warmth of a summer morning, God's love welcomes us.
Many: We come with grateful hearts, ready to worship.
Pastor: How very good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity.
Many: We come to be renewed in love and strengthened in hope.
Pastor: Christ calls us beyond fear and prejudice, beyond narrow boundaries and divided hearts.
Many: We come to learn, to listen, and to make room for one another.
Pastor: Let us worship the God whose table is always growing, whose mercy knows no limits, and whose love welcomes all.
Many: Let us worship God!

* HYMN: 56 (Red Hymnal) *To God Be the Glory*

PRAYER OF THE DAY
Pastor: God of every season,
Many: Gather us into your presence today. Open our hearts to listen with humility, to grow in compassion, and to make room for one another, just as you have made room for us. May our worship enlarge our hearts and our lives become signs of your welcoming love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
("*" invites all who are able to stand. **Bold** indicates reading or *singing* in unison.)

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Leader: Gracious God, You created us in your image, yet we confess that we have too often drawn lines where you have drawn circles. Forgive us for judging before listening, for excluding instead of welcoming, and for the ways our words and actions have failed to reflect your love. Give us humble hearts, teachable spirits, and the courage to make room for one another. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Many: Amen.
(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: Hear the good news: God's mercy is wider than our failures, and God's love always makes room for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and called to extend that same grace to others.
Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

* 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
Leader: Living God, your Word has the power to comfort the weary, challenge the comfortable, and transform every willing heart. As we hear the Scriptures read today, give us ears to listen deeply, minds open to new understanding, and hearts ready to follow wherever your Spirit leads.
Many: May your living Word become flesh once again in us. Amen.

* HYMN: 342 (Red Hymnal) *Rock of Ages*

THE PSALTER: Psalm 133:1-3 (NRSV)
Leader: How very good and pleasant it is
All: When the community lives together in unity!
Leader: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron

All: Running down over the collar of his robes.
Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.
All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore. Amen.

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 15:21-28 (NRSV)
21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.
22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *When Summer Makes the Circle Bigger*
The Most Rev. Br. Mark D'Alessio

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
Pastor: Generous God, we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude and our desire to participate in your work of healing the world.
Many: Bless these offerings, and bless our lives as well, that both may become instruments of welcome, justice, and peace. Use what we have given, and who we are, to make your love visible wherever it is needed. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN: 572 (Red Hymnal) *Blessed Assurance*

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL
Pastor: Thank you, dear friends. As our service comes to a close, may we go into this week inspired by today's scripture: may we listen with humility, welcome with grace, and make room for others, just as Christ has made room for us. And may the blessing of the God of all our Understandings, our Loving Creator, Living Christ, and Holy Spirit, be with you, now and always.
Many: Amen.
Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Many: We will make room at the table, welcome the stranger, and share God's love with all. Thanks be to God!

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 to the pulpit today The Most Rev. Br. Mark D'Alessio.

We welcome Grace Huang as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Assisting in today's service is Natalie Naylor.

Refreshments Host for today is Cathy Shimmel.

Next Sunday's scriptures:
Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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
Dr. Klaus Dittmar
Cynthia Randall
Dawn and John de Sesa
Sam Rizzo
Regina Maria
Gerry Catalanello
Stefania Cecchini
Family of Janine Francolini
William Cornell
Willy Geddish
Paula Liscio

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.