ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 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: We give thanks to the Lord with all our hearts,
Many: For God's faithful love endures forever.
One: We sing praises to the Lord, with all our strength,
Many: For God's promises declare God's goodness to all the earth.
One: We place our trust in in God with full confidence,
All: And so we come to worship with hearts full of praise.

* HYMN: 214 (Red Hymnal) *He Has Made Me Glad*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you are the same yesterday, today and tomorrow, and yet you come to us afresh each new day. You breathe new life into what has grown tired and discouraged. You offer healing for what is worn or broken. You restore hope when things seem impossible. You are the source of life and love for all your creatures, and you renew us to put our love for you into action for the wellbeing of your creation. And so we worship you, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, offering our prayers and praise to you, eternal and ever-present God, now and always. Amen.

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

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your purposes. You set a path for us to follow, but we conform to the ways of this world. You give each of us gifts to use for the work of your kingdom, but we wait for others to do what needs doing. Forgive us for taking the easy way out, and renew in us the eagerness and energy to serve.

(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: Source of all wisdom and understanding, amid so many competing voices, let us hear your word for our times. Send your Holy Spirit to help us discern your will and follow the path Jesus sets for us as your Living Word. Amen.

* HYMN: 343 (Red Hymnal) *Amazing Grace*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 12:1-8 (NRSV)

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. [2] Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. [3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4] For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, [5] so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. [6] We have gifts that differ according to the

grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; [7] ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; [8] the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL READING: Luke 10:38–42 (NRSV)
[38] Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. [39] She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. [40] But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me." [41] But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, [42] but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE *One Thing Matters* Rev. Timothy J. Park

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
O God, bless what we offer today as well as the time, talent and concern we will offer you this week. We trust that, with your blessing, your Holy Spirit is able to accomplish more than we can ask or imagine in Christ's name. Amen.

* HYMN: 340 (Red Hymnal) *Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus*

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 thank Rev. Timothy Park for leading us in worship today.

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

Assisting in today's service is Ira Cooper.

Refreshments Host for today is Katie Zarghami.

Next Sunday's scriptures:
Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

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.