ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2026 10:00 AM

"For anger to fuel hope, it needs a fire that burns but doesn't consume."
Rev. Melissa Earley

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GATHERING IN COMMUNITY BEFORE GOD

PRELUDE/WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE PRAISE OUR GOD

* CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.
Many: We will sing praises for all that God has done.
One: Let your hearts be joyful!
Many: We will seek God's presence continually.
One: Call to mind God's wonderful works.
All: We will always remember the blessings of God and glorify God forever!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy, Mysterious, Eternal and Ever-loving God, in you we live and move and have our being. You are the beginning and end of all things. In your depth, we find mystery. In your breadth, we know your tender embrace. We can only wonder at your love for us, so small a part of your whole creation are we. Enter this worship today and move through us so we may know you better. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Faithful and forgiving God, we confess we do not live out your love and mercy. We cling to old hurts and familiar habits. We nurse anger and envy. We are often so self-absorbed that we turn our backs on those in need. Forgive what we have been, amend who we are, and guide us toward who we may become according to your generous grace.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

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

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, you teach us with love, you touch us with mercy, and you challenge us with truth. Send your Holy Spirit to help us grasp your love, mercy and truth in the Scriptures as we encounter your living Word today. Amen.

* HYMN: 444 (Red Hymnal) *I Love to Tell the Story*

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 3:1-15 (NRSV)

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of
Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount
Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to
him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was
blazing, yet it was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I must turn
aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned
up." 4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to
him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."
5 Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet,
for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." 6 He said
further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of
Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was
afraid to look at God. 7 Then the Lord said, "I have observed the
misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on

account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, [8] and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. [9] The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. [10] Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." [11] But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" [12] He said, "I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." [13] But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" [14] God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" [15] God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 16:21-28 (NRSV)
[21] From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. [22] And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." [23] But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." [24] Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. [25] For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. [26] For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? [27] "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. [28] Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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

MESSAGE *To Pause and Behold: When God speaks, we are on holy ground* 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
O God, we offer these gifts to you in hope and thanksgiving. Use them to transform the world you love with the mercy and compassion we celebrate in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* HYMN: 630 (Red Hymnal) *What a Friend We Have in 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 welcome Grace Huang as pianist, filling in for Dr. Gary de Sesa.

Assisting in today's service is Cathy Shimmel.

Refreshments Hosts for today are Mary & Michael Matos.

Next Sunday's scriptures:
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

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.