ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK

SERVICE OF WORSHIP and HOLY COMMUNION
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in that one.
I John 4:16

SEPTEMBER 6, 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: Sing to the Lord a new song.
Many: We will worship God, our Maker!
One: Let us praise God with song and dance,
Many: For God is gracious and loving!
One: Let us bring God glory and honor,
All: For God deserves our praise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY
God of grace and glory, your creative power is beyond imagining. Your love is wider than the whole universe; your mercy reached beyond the highest heavens; your wisdom lies deeper than the fathoms of the sea. Maker of all things, you became one of us in Jesus Christ, walking the roads we take each day. Through your Spirit, you are present with us in every time and place, to comfort and challenge us. We worship you, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, and will live to bring you glory, now and always, Amen.

* HYMN: 648 (Red Hymnal) *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION
All: God of majesty and mercy, although Christ offers us peace, we confess we are a people divided. We harbor fears and jealousy which set neighbor against neighbor, nation against nation. We pursue profit and pleasures which harm creation and the wellbeing of less privileged peoples. Have mercy upon us, O God. Set us free from our old ways to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.
(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 the Wonder of Love, Wisdom, as You sent us the Word of Christ, send us your Holy Spirit, so that by your glorious light, we may see clearly what You call us to be and to do. Engage us by Your Love and truth so we know how best to follow Christ Jesus.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 13:8-14 (NRSV)
8 Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who
loves another has fulfilled the law. 9 The commandments, "You shall
not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you
shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this
word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." 10 Love does no
wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.
11 Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment
for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than
when we became believers; 12 the night is far gone; the day is near. Let
us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;
13 let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness,
not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.
14 Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

* HYMN: 185 (Red Hymnal) *Jesus Loves Me*

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 18:10-22 (NRSV)
10 "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven. 12 What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. 14 So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost. 15 "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." 21 Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.
Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord
People: Glory to You, O God

MESSAGE. *Take Care, Love, Forgive* The Rev. Dr. James Barnum
***Create in me a pure Heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.* Psalm 51:10**

* ANTHEM-HYMN: *Come to the Table of Grace*
Come to the Table of <u>GRACE</u>, Come to the Table of <u>GRACE.</u>
This is God's Table; It's not yours or mine.
Come to the Table of <u>GRACE.</u>

Come to the Table of ... v2 ***<u>PEACE</u>*** *v3* ***<u>LOVE</u>*** *v4* ***<u>HOPE</u>*** *v5* ***<u>JOY</u>***

<u>CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</u>

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING
The Lord be with you
And also with you
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give our thanks and praise
It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
You are holy .... With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS
Because there is one loaf, we, many as we are, are one body; for it is one loaf of which we all partake. The bread of Life for God's people.
Praise be to God!
We are reminded that this cup is the cup of the new covenant; this new relationship God has invited us to partake in. The cup of the new covenant for God's people.
Praise be to God!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
All: Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love by your love, reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.

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
Gracious God, receive these gifts, offered in a spirit of generosity and humility. Bless and use them for the work that you long to do in the world you love for Jesus' sake. Amen.

* HYMN: 654 (Red Hymnal) *Change My Heart, O God*

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 Jonathan Parsons.

Refreshments Host for today is Maya Leibfreid.

Next Sunday's scriptures:
Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Important Dates

Wed, Sept. 9	10:00 AM	Session Meeting
Sun, Sept. 13	11:15 AM	Lunch following Service

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.