

**ROSLYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
140 EAST BROADWAY
ROSLYN, NEW YORK**

SERVICE OF WORSHIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME

WELCOME

WELCOME PRAYER

Holy Sustainer, we come to worship in our individual spaces inviting you and our community in. In the midst of life, we take a moment to worship. As we get ourselves prepared for this worship today, we acknowledge the distractions around us. We choose now to worship you. Amen.

HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Holy God, we lift up to you the many moments this week we let fear take over us. The moments we let ourselves get distracted. The moments that we let ourselves label someone else an "other." Holy God, even at home we are having unholy moments in which we fail our relationship with you. Grant us the strength to listen to you in our lives. We lift up to you in this moment of silence the times we didn't hear your voice this week. (Please take time for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends believe the good news. Jesus offers us forgiveness and grace. Trust and believe that your sins are forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM: *Be Still*

McDonald

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Psalm 66:8-20
SECOND READING: Acts 17:22-31

HYMN: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

MESSAGE *Unknown God* Rev. Marjory Roth

OFFERTORY AND DEDICATION

We lift up to you today the gifts we have received Holy Lord. We thank you for the blessings you bring to this congregation and our lives. We ask that you continue to work within us and through us as we make decisions as to how to use these gifts. Allow your wisdom to move within and through this church so that we may offer your love to the community. Amen.

DOXOLOGY AND THANKSGIVING

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

CHARGE AND BLESSING

DISMISSAL *Go Now In Peace*

THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN

Dr. Gary de Sesa
Dr. Natalie Naylor
Robert Gilmore
Helen Lockman
Dwight Dyer

Director, Ministry of Music
Clerk of Session
Treasurer
Asst. Treasurer
Financial Secretary

We welcome again to the pulpit Rev. Marjory J. Roth.

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Burke Masterson	Cindy Thompson
Dawn and John de Sesa	Emma Steck
The James Haefele Family	Eddie Balsamo
Sarah & Ralph Mastrangelo	Rev. Stark Jones
The Zarghami Family	Inesa Murphy
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family	Rev. John Krahn
Kelly Eickenbrock	Emily & Dwight Dyer
The Trupin Family	

All who are struggling due to the Coronavirus outbreak
And those who are on the front lines helping

First Reading

Psalm 66:8-20 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

8 Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, 9 who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. 10 For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. 11 You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; 12 you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. 13 I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, 14 those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. 15 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. 16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. 17 I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. 18 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. 19 But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me.

Second Reading

Acts 17:22-31 **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

22 Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' 29 Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

HYMN
“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Fairest Lord Jesus,
Ruler of all nature,
O thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
Fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels heaven can boast.

ANTHEM
"Be Still"

- McDonald

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you
When you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am here for you
And I will wipe your tears;
You will be renewed.

Come unto Me, My child be still.
And know that I will give you rest.
I am present in your pain
And I always will remain
Your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you
When you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am here for you;
And I will wipe your tears;
You will be renewed.

Peace I leave with you;
My peace, I give unto you
Peace. Peace. Peace.

Be still and know that I am God.
Be still and know that I am God.
Be still. Be still. Be still.

Go Now In Peace

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

Amen, Amen, Amen.