

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME**

WELCOME

WELCOMING PRAYER

God Almighty, as we enter this time of worship and praise we do so looking towards you. We lift up our voices of prayers and thanksgiving. We raise our songs. We exclaim your name. We invite you into our spaces so we may worship you this day!

HYMN: *How Great Thou Art*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

All-encompassing God, we recognize that too often life gets in the way of truly seeing. We acknowledge that the rules of this world are applied to you. We accept that we often cannot think big enough to fully understand you. Yet we try. We try to see, we try to acknowledge and we try to understand. Work within us and through us as we live our day in this world for yours.

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM: *A Sure Foundation*

Lucas

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Luke 3:8-13

SECOND READING: Genesis 15:1-6

MESSAGE *Legacy*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Through these offerings, Holy God, we lift up to you our thanksgiving. We acknowledge you working in our life through our joyful gifts of time, talent and money. Use us and these gifts to continue your good works in the world. Amen.

DOXOLOGY AND DEDICATION

*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 the Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth.

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Burke Masterson  
Dawn and John de Sesa  
The James Haefele Family  
The Mastrangelo Family  
The Zarghami Family  
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family  
Emily & Dwight Dyer  
Jonathan Dashiff & Family

Emma Steck  
Eddie Balsamo  
Rev. Stark Jones  
Inesa Murphy  
Kelly Eickenbrock  
Helen Lockman  
Terry Hinton

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

## **First Reading**

### **Luke 3:8-13**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>8</sup> Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” <sup>10</sup> And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup> In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup> Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup> He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.”

## **Second Reading**

### **Genesis 15:1-6**

### **New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup> But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup> But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup> He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he

said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup> And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## **HYMN**

### **“How Great Thou Art”**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

### **Refrain**

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

### **Refrain**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

### **Refrain**

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, “My God, how great Thou art!”

### **Refrain**

**ANTHEM**  
**“Sure Foundation”**

- Lucas

**HYMN**  
**“How Firm a Foundation”**

The only place we stand is on the Sure Foundation,  
The Rock of Jesus, the Almighty King!  
He is our sword and shield, our defense in the battle;  
Our only hope is in the Lord.  
So on this Rock we stand; it is a Sure Foundation,  
The Rock of Jesus, the Almighty King!  
He is our sword and shield, our defense in the battle;  
Our only hope is in the Lord.

Oh, there's a land to claim, filled with milk and honey  
There's a land to claim, we can call our own.  
There is a land to claim. We can take possession  
If we're standing on the Solid Rock.

The only place we stand is on the Sure Foundation,  
The Rock of Jesus, the Almighty King!  
He is our sword and shield, our defense in the battle;  
Our only hope is in the Lord.

So on this Rock we stand; it is a Sure Foundation,  
The Rock of Jesus, the Almighty King!  
He is our sword and shield, our defense in the battle;  
Our only hope, our only hope  
Our only hope is in the Lord,  
Is in the Lord,  
A Sure Foundation!

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am Thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply.  
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design  
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose;  
I will not, I will not desert to his foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

**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.