

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Online on our website at  
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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME**

WELCOME

WELCOMING PRAYER

God of Glory, we enter into this worship time with joyful hearts and open minds. We turn our attention to you for this time and, in our devotion, ask that you work within us and around us filling us with the Holy Spirit this day. We come to worship to praise and acknowledge your glory in our lives. Let us worship. **Amen.**

HYMN: (insert)      *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: God of Glory, God of Love, we accept that we are not perfect and that we fail to fulfill your glory in the world. Yet we trust that you continue to seek us out. We trust that you know our shortcomings and offer forgiveness. Today, we lift up the many moments this week in which we did not see the opportunities to do your will; the times we chose not to show your glory; the moments we let judgments become truths; and the moments in which we aligned our allegiance with someone else instead of you. Walk with us this week as we try to do better.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

Please remain seated throughout the service. **Bold** indicates read in unison.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM      *Household of Faith!*

Lamb/Rosasco

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING:      Ruth 3

SECOND READING:      Matthew 25:1-13

MESSAGE      *Waiting for God's Plan*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN:      630      *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Glory, we lift up to you the gifts of time, talent and money that help this church do your work in the world. As we continue to ask 'what it means to be church' during this pandemic time, help us to understand your will for this community. Continue to use us to let your glory shine. 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*

POSTLUDE

**THE WORSHIP IS OVER, LET THE SERVICE BEGIN**

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

Pastor

Dr. Gary de Sesa

Director, Ministry of Music

Dr. Natalie Naylor

Clerk of Session

Robert Gilmore

Treasurer

Kita de Sesa is our Soprano soloist.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

Emma Steck  
Eddie Balsamo  
The James Haefele Family  
The Mastrangelo Family  
The Zarghami Family  
Joe Terramoccia & Muoio Family  
Emily & Dwight Dyer

Dawn and John de Sesa  
Rev. Stark Jones  
Inesa Murphy  
Kelly Eickenbrock  
Helen Lockman  
Terry Hinton  
Cathy and Jason Nelson

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

## **First Reading**

### **Ruth 3                      New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. <sup>2</sup> Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. <sup>3</sup> Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. <sup>4</sup> When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” <sup>5</sup> She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.” <sup>6</sup> So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had instructed her. <sup>7</sup> When Boaz had eaten and drunk, and he was in a contented mood, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came stealthily and uncovered his feet, and lay down. <sup>8</sup> At midnight the man was startled, and turned over, and there, lying at his feet, was a woman! <sup>9</sup> He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant; spread your cloak over your servant, for you are next-of-kin.” <sup>10</sup> He said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter; this last instance of your loyalty is better than the first; you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. <sup>11</sup> And now, my daughter, do not be afraid, I will do for you all that you ask, for all the assembly of my people know that you are a worthy woman. <sup>12</sup> But now, though it is true that I am a near kinsman, there is another kinsman more closely related than I. <sup>13</sup> Remain this night, and in the morning, if he will act as next-of-kin for you, good; let him do it. If he is not willing to act as next-of-kin for you, then, as the Lord lives, I will act as next-of-kin for you. Lie down until the morning.” <sup>14</sup> So she lay at his feet until morning, but got up before one person could recognize another; for he said, “It must not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” <sup>15</sup> Then he said, “Bring the cloak you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley, and put it on her back;

then he went into the city. <sup>16</sup> She came to her mother-in-law, who said, “How did things go with you, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, <sup>17</sup> saying, “He gave me these six measures of barley, for he said, ‘Do not go back to your mother-in-law empty-handed.’” <sup>18</sup> She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest, but will settle the matter today.”

## **Second Reading**

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

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

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

## **ANTHEM**

**"Household of Faith!"**

**- Lamb/Rosasco**

Here we are at the start, committed to each other  
By His word and from our hearts.  
We will be a family in a house that will be a home,  
And with faith we'll build it strong.

We'll build a household of faith  
That together we can make,  
And when the strong winds blow it won't fall down.  
As one in Him we'll grow and the whole world will know  
We are a household of faith.

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A household of faith.

## 399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986


1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No  
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In

gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You

none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found:  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

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**HYMN****"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"**

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
 All our sins and griefs to bear!  
 What a privilege to carry  
 Everything to God in prayer!  
 O what peace we often forfeit,  
 O what needless pain we bear,  
 All because we do not carry  
 Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?  
 Is there trouble anywhere?  
 We should never be discouraged;  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Can we find a friend so faithful  
 Who will all our sorrows share?  
 Jesus knows our every weakness;  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
 Cumbered with a load of care?  
 Precious Savior, still our Refuge;  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Do thy friends despise forsake thee?  
 Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee;  
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

**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.