

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

SERVICE OF WORSHIP  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**GATHERING IN THE LORD'S NAME**

WELCOME

**WELCOMING PRAYER**

**God of Wonder, we come to this worship service to praise you. We enter this time, among the chaos of life, to intentionally worship you. Enter our spaces, cross our boundaries and work in us to exclaim, proclaim and praise you this day. Amen.**

HYMN: 294 (Blue) *Wherever I May Wander*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Creator, we proclaim that you are in control and yet we fight for choice. We proclaim that you know and yet we falter in trust. We proclaim that you are the way and yet we pave our own paths. We fail to live into what we say and yet you still offer us options. Continue, God, to offer to us when we lose our way.**

(Please take a moment for silent reflection.)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ANTHEM *The Light, The Love*

Artman

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

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING: Ruth 4:1-13

SECOND READING: Matthew 25:14-30

MESSAGE *Let Go and Let God*

Rev. Dr. Marjory J. Roth

HYMN: 364 (Blue) *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of Wonder, we are awed by the blessings that abound in our life when we open our eyes and look around. Yet that does not stop the worries or the fears of gloom or dismay. We acknowledge how important it is to give back to our community and this world so that blessings may flow out of our community in the name of you. Despite the worries, we lift up to you the many gifts that this congregation brings to you today of time, talent and money. We ask that you continue to work within these gifts and within our hearts so that the worries and fears do not displace the awe of your works. 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  
Joe Terramocchia & Muoio Family  
Emily & Dwight Dyer

Dawn and John de Sesa  
Rev. Stark Jones  
Inesa Murphy  
Kelly Eickenbrock  
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 4:1-13**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

No sooner had Boaz gone up to the gate and sat down there than the next-of-kin, of whom Boaz had spoken, came passing by. So Boaz said, "Come over, friend; sit down here." And he went over and sat down. <sup>2</sup>Then Boaz took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, "Sit down here"; so they sat down. <sup>3</sup>He then said to the next-of-kin, "Naomi, who has come back from the country of Moab, is selling the parcel of land that belonged to our kinsman Elimelech. <sup>4</sup>So I thought I would tell you of it, and say: Buy it in the presence of those sitting here, and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it; but if you will not, tell me, so that I may know; for there is no one prior to you to redeem it, and I come after you." So he said, "I will redeem it." <sup>5</sup>Then Boaz said, "The day you acquire the field from the hand of Naomi, you are also acquiring Ruth the Moabite, the widow of the dead man, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance." <sup>6</sup>At this, the next-of-kin said, "I cannot redeem it for myself without damaging my own inheritance. Take my right of redemption yourself, for I cannot redeem it." <sup>7</sup>Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and exchanging: to confirm a transaction, the one took off a sandal and gave it to the other; this was the manner of attesting in Israel. <sup>8</sup>So when the next-of-kin said to Boaz, "Acquire it for yourself," he took off his sandal. <sup>9</sup>Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. <sup>10</sup>I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." <sup>11</sup>Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who

is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; <sup>12</sup>and, through the children that the Lord will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah." <sup>13</sup>So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son.

**Second Reading**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

**New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)**

<sup>14</sup>"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' <sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**HYMN**

**“Wherever I May Wander”**

Wherever I may wander,  
Wherever I may be,  
I'm certain of my Maker's love;  
God's care is over me.  
God made the great high mountains,  
And made the wide blue sea;  
God made the sky where airplanes fly;  
God made the world, and me.

Throughout the whole creation  
I see God's loving care  
For everyone in every land,  
God's children everywhere.  
Wherever I may wander,  
Wherever I may be,  
I'm certain of my Maker's love;  
God's care is over me.

**ANTHEM**

**“The Light, The Love”**

- Artman

The Light of the Lord surrounds us, ev'ry one;  
The Glory of His presence shines brighter than the sun!  
O, He may shine within us and keep us from sin;  
If we but ask His blessing, and let Him dwell within!  
The Love of the Lord enfolds us day by day;  
His mercy and compassion are with us on our way!  
His love is like a flame, eternal and pure;  
It may bring us blessed joy, and make salvation sure!  
Wherever we may wander, however dark the night,  
Our precious Lord is near us, to guide our steps aright!  
For He is watching o'er us, where'er we may be,  
That we may know His Light and Love, unto eternity!

**HYMN**

**“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”**

I sing a song of the saints of God,  
Patient and brave and true,

Who toiled and fought and lived and died  
For the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
And one was a shepherdess on the green;  
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
And God's love made them strong;  
And they followed the right for Jesus' sake,  
The whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
And there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,  
There are hundreds of thousands still;  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
Who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
Or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
For the saints of God are just folk like me,  
And I mean to be one too.

**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.